



Chaffee County Commissioners Meeting
April 6, 2026

These minutes have been taken remotely via Zoom. Some County staff, representatives from other governments and government agencies, and others from the public may attend, including participating in the public hearing portion of the meeting, remotely via Zoom.

A. Call to Order

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on April 6, 2026, at the Chaffee County Courthouse, 104 Crestone Ave., Salida. Board members present in person were Commissioners Dave Armstrong and P. T. Wood. Commissioner Chair Gina Lucrezi was present remotely.

Others present in person were County Administrator Beth Helmke, Director of Finance Dan Short, Interim County Attorney Karl Hanlon, Community Planning & Natural Resources Director Miles Cottom, and Road & Bridge Superintendent Mark Stacy.

Others present remotely were Special Land Use Counsel Todd Messenger and Kylie Lovell and Deputy County Clerk Barbara Tidd.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Lucrezi called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

2. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Wood moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Executive Session

1. Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) for a conference with Special Land Use Counsel to receive legal advice on specific legal questions regarding *Dungan v. Chaffee County*, Case No. 2025CV12. County Administrator Beth Helmke, Finance Director Dan Short, Planning & Natural Resources Director Miles Cottom, Road & Bridge Superintendent Mark Stacy, Interim County Attorney Karl Hanlon, and Special Land Use Counsel Todd Messenger and Kylie Lovell may attend.

Commissioner Wood moved to go into executive session pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S. for a conference with Special Land Use Counsel to receive legal advice on specific legal questions regarding *Dungan v. Chaffee County*, Case No. 2025CV12. County Administrator Beth Helmke, Finance Director Dan Short, Planning & Natural Resources Director Miles Cottom, Road & Bridge Superintendent Mark Stacy, Interim County Attorney Karl Hanlon, and Special Land Use Counsel Todd Messenger and Kylie Lovell may attend.

Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Hanlon stated that this executive session would constitute privileged attorney-client communications and no further recording of the executive session would be necessary.

The following persons are in attendance for executive session either in person or via zoom: Commissioners Armstrong, Lucrezi, and Wood and County Administrator Beth Helmke, Finance Director Dan Short, Planning & Natural Resources Director Miles Cottom, Road & Bridge Superintendent Mark Stacy, Interim County Attorney Karl Hanlon, and Special Land Use Counsel Todd Messenger and Kylie Lovell.

The Commissioners moved into executive session at 3:05 p.m.

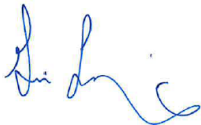
The Commissioners came out of executive session at 3:46 p.m. with no decisions being made.

I, Karl Hanlon, Interim Chaffee County Attorney, do hereby attest that the unrecorded statements and discussions that took place during the executive session held on April 6, 2026 constituted privileged attorney-client communication.

Karl Hanlon

Karl Hanlon, Interim Chaffee County Attorney

I, Gina Lucrezi, Chair of the Chaffee County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby attest that the unrecorded statements and discussions that took place during the executive session held on April 6, 2026 were confined to the topic described in the announcement of such session and authorized by the provisions of § 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S.



Gina Lucrezi, Chair

Chair Lucrezi stated that if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to enter the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, she asked that you state your concerns for the record.

Hearing none, Chair Lucrezi stated that there was no more business to come before the Board and if there were no objections, the meeting is adjourned.

C. Adjourn

There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Attest:



Lori Mitchell, County Clerk