Chaffee County Commissioners Meeting
April 7, 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 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on April 7, 2026, at the Chaffee County Courthouse, 104 Crestone Ave., Salida. Board members present were Chair Gina Lucrezi, Commissioner Dave Armstrong, and Commissioner P. T. Wood.

Others present in person were County Administrator Beth Helmke, Director of Finance Dan Short, Interim County Attorney Karl Hanlon, Human Services Director Monica Haskell (item A.5. only), Jill Lewis with FYI (item A.5. only), and Planning Manager Garry Baker.

Others present remotely were Planner Brandon Wolff, Public Health Director Andrea Carlstrom (item A.4. only), and Deputy County Clerks Kit Kuester, Julia Rivera, and Barbara Tidd.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
   Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Lucrezi called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. Approve Agenda
   Commissioner Lucrezi requested to move Consent Agenda item C.7. to the Regular Agenda item E.2.

   Commissioner Wood moved to approve the Agenda as amended per the above request. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Review Public Meeting List
   The Board reviewed the public meeting list.

4. Proclamation Declaring April 6-12, 2026 National Public Health Week

   Chair Lucrezi addressed the Board to read into the record the Proclamation Declaring April 6-12, 2026 National Public Health Week.

   No formal action was taken.

5. Proclamation Declaring April 2026 Child Abuse Prevention Month

Chair Lucrezi addressed the Board to read into the record the Proclamation Declaring April 2026 Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Director Haskell addressed the Board followed by Jill Lewis who is with FYI.

No formal action was taken.

6. Public Comment

Chair Lucrezi asked for public comment. She stated that you'll have up to 3 minutes to speak, and please give your name and address for the record.

Public Comment was given by:

Jan Wondra, 16693 County Rd. 162, Nathrop.

B. Minutes for Approval

1. Consider for Approval the Minutes of the March 17, 2026 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Wood moved to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2026 Commissioners' regular meeting. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Wood moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended having removed item C.7 to the Regular Agenda item E.2. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion.

Commissioners Wood and Armstrong spoke.

The motion carried unanimously.

1. Pay the Bills

2. Approve Resolution 2026-17 for Appointing a member to the Airport Board

3. Acknowledge the Treasurer's Monthly Report for February 2026

4. Approve Co-Response Intergovernmental Agreements with Municipalities - Helmke; Sheriff Rohrich
    - Town of Buena Vista
    - Town of Poncha Springs
    - City of Salida

5. Apporove No Cost Extension of NFF All Lands Camping Grant for Common Ground

6. Review and Approve planned disbursement of Common Ground funds for multi-year grants to:

   - National Forest Foundation, Upper Arkansas Forest Fund: Year 5 of 5 - $450,000
   - Colorado Open Lands, Multi-Benefit Wetland Restoration Projects Phase 2: Final installment for project - $12,546
   - Colorado Firecamp, Firecamp Community Forestry: Year 2 of 3 - $76,095
   - South Arkansas Fire Protection, District South Arkansas FPD Wildfire Mitigation & Community Resilience Education Initiative: Year 2 of 3 - $66,500

D. Contracts/Grant Consideration

1. Discuss scope of work for elevator repair and modernization with KONE - Helmke; Bayless

   Administrator Helmke addressed the Board to consider and open discussion regarding the scope of work for elevator repair and modernization with KONE.

   Discussion ensued during which Administrator Helmke and Director Short responded to Commissioner's question.

   Commissioner Wood moved to approve the contract with KONE in the amount of $355,000. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion.

   Discussion ensued.

   The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consider Approval of Transfer of Entitlements of Airport Improvement Program Funds for Fiscal Year 2026 to Fort Morgan Municipal Airport - Zech Papp

   Manager Papp addressed the Board to consider approval of Transfer of Entitlements of Airport Improvement Program Funds for Fiscal Year 2026 to Fort Morgan Municipal Airport.

   Commissioner Wood moved to approve the Transfer of Entitlements of Airport Improvement Program Funds for Fiscal Year 2026 to Fort Morgan Municipal Airport. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider Airport Board recommendation for Approval of new Ground Lease for Site V at the Salida Airport for Cascade ANK Hangar, LLC - Zech Papp

   Manager Papp addressed the Board to consider the Airport Board recommendation for Approval of a new Ground Lease for Site V at the Salida Airport for Cascade ANK Hangar, LLC.

   Discussion ensued during which Manager Papp and Attorney Hanlon responded to Commissioner's questions and comments.

Commissioner Wood moved to approve a new Ground Lease for Site V at the Salida Airport for Cascade ANK Hangar, LLC.

Discussion ensued during which Manager Papp responded to Commissioner's question.

Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

E. Regular Agenda Items

1. Airport Update - Zech Papp

   Manager Papp gave the Board an update on the Harriet Alexander Field Airport.

   Discussion ensued during which Manager Papp responded to Commissioners' questions and comments.

   No formal action was taken.

2. Approve proposed comment to the Town of Buena Vista regarding issues of concern with the proposed annexation and development of the Amazon Distribution Facility as discussed at the April 6, 2026 Work Session

   Chair Lucrezi addressed the Board to open discussion to consider approval of the proposed comment to the Town of Buena Vista regarding issues of concern with the proposed annexation and development of the Amazon Distribution Facility.

   Discussion ensued.

   Commissioner Wood moved to forward the letter as written to the Town of Buena Vista addressing our concerns about the proposed annexation and development of the Amazon Distribution Facility and the impacts on our local roads. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion.

   Commissioner Lucrezi read her comments regarding this matter.

   Commissioner Wood spoke.

   The motion carried with Commissioners Wood and Armstrong voting FOR the motion and Commissioner Lucrezi voting AGAINST the motion.

   Chair Lucrezi clarified that she must sign the letter as Chair, although she voted against the motion.

F. Commissioners Comments

G. Adjourn

There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Attest:

Lori Mitchell

Lori Mitchell, County Clerk