Chaffee County Commissioners Meeting
June 16, 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 June 16, 2026, at the Chaffee County Public Safety Complex, 200 Steele Dr., Buena Vista. Board members present were Chair Gina Lucrezi, Commissioner Dave Armstrong, and Commissioner P. T. Wood.

Others present in person were County Administrator Beth Helmke and Director of Finance Dan Short.

Others present remotely were Contracted Legal Counsel Karl Hanlon, Community Planning & Natural Resources Director Miles Cottom, Planner Brandon Wolff, Detention Commander Tracy Jackson (item E.2. only), and Deputy County Clerk Barbara Tidd.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
   Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Lucrezi called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

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

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

4. 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.

   There was no public comment.

5. Proclamation commemorating America 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and Colorado 150 years of statehood - Commissioners

   Chair Lucrezi introduced the Proclamation commemorating America 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and Colorado 150 years of statehood and read it into the record.

   The Proclamation includes an Attestation that it was adopted by the Board of Commissioners at its June 16, 2026 regular meeting.

   No motion was made.

B. Minutes for Approval

1. Consider for Approval the Minutes of the June 9, 2026 Regular Meeting

   Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2026 Commissioners' regular meeting. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Wood moved to approve the Consent Agenda and requested a status update from the Central Colorado Conservancy regarding the Common Ground grant. Administrator Helmke stated that regarding item C.6., the amount allocated to license Placer.ai was changed from $50,000 to $37,000 since the Agenda was published. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Pay the Bills

2. Approval of lease amendment with GARNA for the Valley View School House - Beth Helmke

3. Consider Resolution 2026-27 addressing BOCC decision related to Ramble Campground at Pine Creek Conditional Use Permit - Brandon Wolff

4. Approve Central Colorado Conservancy Common Ground Grant No-Cost Extension - Gabe Hobson

5. Approve Letter of Support for Town of Buena Vista's application to the Colorado Water Conservation Board's Water Plan Grant program - Commissioners

6. Authorize an additional $50,000 allocation for Destination Management and Marketing budget from Lodging Tax Fund, specifically to license Placer.ai - Helmke

7. Acknowledge the Treasurer's Monthly Report for May 2026

D. Contracts/Grant Consideration

1. Discuss Approval of Renewal Contract with Turn Key Health Clinics LLC (TK Health) Contract for Chaffee County Sheriff's Office - Tracy Jackson

   Administrator Helmke addressed the Board to open discussion and consider approval of the Renewal Contract with Turn Key Health Clinics LLC (TK Health) for the Chaffee County Sheriff's Office.

   Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Wood moved to approve the CHAFFEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CONTRACT FOR HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION FOURTH AMENDMENT AND RENEWAL with Turn Key Health Clinics LLC (TK Health) for the Chaffee County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consider Intergovernmental Agreement with Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District in lieu of 1041 permit for Cottonwood Dam improvement and safety project - Miles Cottom

Director Cottom addressed the Board to consider an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District (UAWCD) in lieu of a 1041 permit for the Cottonwood Dam improvement and safety project.

Discussion ensued during which Director Cottom and UAWCD Projects Manager & Assistant to the General Manager Gracy Goodwin responded to Commissioners' questions, including Director Cottom giving the reason for a public hearing.

The public comment portion of the hearing opened at 9:26 a.m. There were no comments, and the public comment portion of the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Wood moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District (UAWCD) in lieu of a 1041 permit for the Cottonwood Dam improvement and safety project as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider Intergovernmental Agreement with Pueblo Water in lieu of 1041 permit for Clear Creek Dam safety project - Miles Cottom

Director Cottom addressed the Board to consider an Intergovernmental Agreement with Pueblo Water in lieu of a 1041 permit for the Clear Creek Dam safety project.

Director Cottom responded to Commissioner's question.

Attorney Hanlon spoke.

Director Cottom shared his screen to show the changes made to the IGA since the packet was published.

Discussion ensued during which Director Cottom responded to Commissioner's question.

Commissioner Wood moved to continue to the July 7, 2026 meeting, the Intergovernmental Agreement with Pueblo Water in lieu of a 1041 permit for the Clear Creek Dam safety project.
Administrator Helmke and Attorney Hanlon spoke clarifying that if this matter is continued, the public hearing would be held on the date to which this matter is continued.
Director Cottom responded to commissioners' questions.
Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discuss Approval of Connect for Health Colorado Agreement with Chaffee County Public Health - Andrea Carlstrom

Administrator Helmke addressed the Board to open discussion and consider approval of the Connect for Health Colorado Assistance Network Service Agreement with Chaffee County on behalf of Chaffee County Public Health.

Commissioner Wood moved to approve the Connect for Health Colorado Assistance Network Service Agreement with Chaffee County on behalf of Chaffee County Public Health in the amount of $89,800 as presented. Discussion ensued during which Administrator Helmke responded to Commissioner's question.

Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Discuss and consider action on MOU with Salida School District for proposed real estate transaction - Helmke

Administrator Helmke addressed the Board to open discussion and consider action on the MOU with the Salida School District for a proposed real estate transaction.

Salida School District Superintendent David Blackburn addressed the Board, including directing questions to Commissioners to which they and Administrator Helmke responded.

Salida School District Director Karen Lundberg spoke.

Commissioners and Lundberg responded to Blackburn's comments and questions.

Discussion ensued during which Director Short spoke.

Commissioner Wood moved to approve the MOU with the Salida School District for a proposed real estate transaction. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Regular Agenda Items

1. Discuss for Approval Resolution 2026-26 Appointing a new member to the Chaffee County North Library Board - Commisioner Lucrezi & Commissioner Armstrong

Chair Lucrezi addressed the Board to open discussion and consider for approval **RESOLUTION 2026-26 FILLING A VACANCY FOR THE NORTHERN CHAFFEE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT** appointing a new member to the Northern Chaffee County Library District Board.

Chair Lucrezi stated that Commissioner Wood does *not* vote as to this Item E.1. because he is not a representative to the North Library Board; rather, he is a representative only to the Chaffee County South Library Board.

Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve **RESOLUTION 2026-26 FILLING A VACANCY FOR THE NORTHERN CHAFFEE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT** appointing Stacey Will

Toevs to the Northern Chaffee County Library District Board with a term expiring December 31, 2028. Commissioner Lucrezi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Armstrong and Lucrezi voting FOR the motion. Commissioner Wood did not vote because he is not a representative to the North Library Board; rather, he is a representative only to the Chaffee County South Library Board.

F. Commissioners Comments

E. Regular Agenda Items

2. Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) for a conference with the Interim County Attorney to receive legal advice on specific legal questions regarding possible agreements with Sheriff's Office - County Administrator Beth Helmke, Finance Director Dan Short, Planning Director Miles Cottom, Detention Commander Tracy Jacksons, and Interim County Attorney Karl Hanlon may attend.

   Chair Lucrezi addressed the Board to enter into executive session pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S. to receive legal advice on specific legal questions regarding possible agreements with the Sheriff's Office.

   Commissioner Wood moved to go into executive session pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S. to receive legal advice on specific legal questions regarding possible agreements with the Sheriff's Office. He stated that Commissioners Armstrong, Lucrezi, and Wood and Contracted Legal Counsel Karl Hanlon will attend, County Administrator Beth Helmke, Director of Finance Dan Short, and Detention Commander Tracy Jackson may attend.
   Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

   At 10:13 a.m. the meeting recessed for a short break.
   At 10:20 a.m. the meeting resumed for Executive Session.

   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: Commissioners Armstrong, Lucrezi, and Wood and Contracted Legal Counsel Karl Hanlon, County Administrator Beth Helmke, Director of Finance Dan Short, and Detention Commander Tracy Jackson.

   The Commissioners moved into executive session at 10:20 a.m.
   The Commissioners came out of executive session at 11:10 a.m. with no decisions being made.

   I, Karl Hanlon, Contracted Legal Counsel, do hereby attest that the unrecorded statements and discussions that took place during the executive session held on June 16, 2026 constituted privileged attorney-client communication.

   Karl Hanlon

   Karl Hanlon, Contracted Legal Counsel

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 June 16, 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.

G. Adjourn

There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Attest:

Lori Mitchell, County Clerk