Minutes of the Proceedings of
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado
December 5, 2024

In attendance:
Bob Campbell, County Commissioner/Chair
Dan Williams, County Commissioner/Vice-Chair
Erik Stone, County Commissioner
Ross Herzog, County Administrator
Paul Hurcomb, County Attorney
Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder

1. **9:18 a.m. Convene in Regular Session:**
   The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County convened in regular session in the Teller County Centennial Building in Cripple Creek, CO.
   Mr. Campbell presided.
   Mr. Williams gave the invocation.
   Mrs. Krystal Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, to **approve** the minutes of the meeting of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners on October 10, 2024, as presented. All Commissioners voted yes.

Action: Mr. Stone moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to **approve** the minutes of the meeting of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners on October 31, 2024, as presented. All Commissioners voted yes.

Accounts Payable:

Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of December 3, 2024, in the amount of $1,065,301.69. All Commissioners voted yes.

Board Reports:

Mr. Stone:

- Attended the 3-day Colorado Counties Inc. (CCI) Winter Conference in Westminster, including a useful seminar on public lands conservation trust funds.
- Reported on the Region 16 Opioid Abatement Council meeting last week and that additional funding will be available.

Mr. Williams:

- Congratulated Tamara Pogue, Summit County Commissioner, for being recognized

as Colorado County Commissioner of the Year at the CCI conference.
- Governor Polis also attended CCI conference and addressed a lot of questions from Commissioners about budget issues.
- Reports that this concerns with futile water rights in Colorado has been resolved.
- Commented on the upcoming legislative session. He expects 2-3 bills to be introduced at the legislature concerning fire insurance and building code changes to address Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) issues.
- CCI now includes all 64 counties with the return of Denver and Broomfield.
- Reported on a recent meeting with outdoor recreation groups and stakeholders concerning the Ring the Peak project and that additional meetings will be held.
- Thanked the Aspen Mine Center for providing a Thanksgiving meal to the community.
- Attended a Veterans event at Little Chapel of the Hills.

Mr. Campbell:
- Attended the CCI conference and reported on information about presented at the conference on social services programs. Commissioners discussed funding for Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) with members of the Joint Budget Committee because this funding has stayed flat, but cases are increasing.
- The conference is a great opportunity to network with other County Commissioners and exchange ideas.
- Attended the soft opening of the Florissant Park on November 23. There were many in attendance. The Park is 90% complete.
- The Board recently met with the regional director of Emergency Management.
- He has been busy with many charitable events in the community and will be at the Kiwanis Breakfast with Santa this Saturday.

Elected Officials Report:

Krystal Brown, Treasurer
- Expressed her condolences for the Rio Grande Treasurer and Public Trustee Rhonda Richardson who was killed in a car accident.

Administrator's Report:
Ross Herzog, County Administrator
- Commented on the CCI conference and the opportunity to discuss mutual concerns with other County officials from across the State.
- Attended the Florissant Park event and thanked the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) for the grant money made available for this project.
- Thanked the snowplow drivers for their work in clearing the roads just before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Commissioner Williams thanked Ross and Vicki for sharing information with other

County officials at the CCI Conference on the budget scooping process used by Teller County. He also supplemented his Board report by stating that the fire suppression ponds regulations are still an issue.

2. Time Reserved for Department Heads:

Dan Swallow, Director of Community Development

- Reported on his work on the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code Board and their monthly meetings across the State to discuss and review code changes. He will update the Commissioners on this progress at an upcoming work session.

Commissioner Williams commented on potential code changes.
Commissioner Stone expressed his concern with some of the possible code changes.

3. Time Reserved for the Public without an Appointment: None.

4. Commissioners Executive Matters

Finance: Consider Resolution to adopt the budget for 2025.

Presenting: Violet Watt, Finance

Commissioners Campbell, Williams and Stone made comments concerning the annual budget amount, including the increase in employee salaries and benefits, increases in cost for vehicles, equipment, and fuel, law enforcement body armor and equipment for the Office of Emergency Management, the new command center in the jail, communications, cyber security, fire mitigation and the plans for the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant in Divide.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Stone moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to **approve Resolution No. 12-05-2024 (41)** a Resolution summarizing expenditures and revenues for each fund and adopting a budget for Teller County, Colorado, for the calendar year beginning on the first day of January 2025, and ending on the last day of December 2025 and have it attached to the written minutes to show the details. All Commissioners voted yes.

Finance: Consider Resolution to appropriate funds for 2025.

Presenting: Violet Watt, Finance

Public Comment: None.

Board discussion and comments.

Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, to **approve Resolution No. 12-05-2024 (42)** a Resolution appropriating sums of money to the various funds and spending agencies, in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below, for Teller County, Colorado, for the 2025 budget year and have it attached to the written minutes to show the details. All Commissioners voted yes.

Finance: Consider a Resolution to Reserve 2024 Ending Fund Balances and Establish the Level of the 2025 Emergency Reserve as Required by TABOR.

Presenting: Vicki Caldwell, Finance Director

Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Stone moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to **approve Resolution No. 12-05-2024 (43)** a Resolution to reserve 2024 ending fund balances and maintain the level of the 2025 Emergency Reserve as Required by TABOR. All Commissioners voted yes.

CDD: Consider approval of a request from the Hindmans and Ms. Stone for an Unplatted Boundary Adjustment.

Presenting: Lucy Caillouet, Planner

Commissioner Williams asked questions and made comments.

Commissioner Stone commented.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Campbell requested the word "Plat" be added to the end of paragraph 4 of the proposed Resolution.

Action: Mr. Wiliams moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, to **approve Resolution No. 12-05-2024 (44)** a Resolution approving unplatted boundary adjustment to adjust the interior lot lines with the requested revision to the wording of the Resolution. All Commissioners voted yes.

10:49 – Board in recess.
11:03 – Board reconvened.

CDD: Consider a request for approval by Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. obo Thunder Ridge Haven, LLC for a Combined Sketch and Preliminary Plans for the Alpine Vista Subdivision located in Divide.

Presenting: Justin McBryde, Planning Manager

Commissioner Williams stated his belief that the plan meets the criteria of the County's Growth Management Plan (GMP).

Craig Nelson, owner, and Jim Houk, Kimley-Horn, engineering planning and design consultant, gave a presentation and answered questions from the Board.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, to **approve Resolution No. 12-05-2024 (45)** a Resolution approving a combined sketch and preliminary plans for the Alpine Vista Subdivision as presented. All Commissioners voted yes.

5. RECESS AS THE TELLER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

6. CONVENE AS THE TELLER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Consider approval of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Teller County Medical Officer.

Presenting: Paul Hurcomb, County Attorney

Action: Mr. Stone moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to **approve** the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Teller County Medical Officer as presented. All Commissioners voted yes.

7. ADJOURN AS THE TELLER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

8. RECONVENE AS THE TELLER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner's Business Items: Ross Herzog, County Administrator

The Board duly approved the following business agenda items:

1. Agreement with Summit Food Service, LLC, effective January 1, 2025.

2. Agreement with GovEase for an online auction portal.

3. Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Engineering Construction Solutions, LLC as presented, and including any modifications requested by the contractor and approved by the County Attorney.

4. Other administrative matters received after agenda deadlines. None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

APPROVED: ____
Robert Campbell, Chair, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: ____
Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder