



**Minutes of the Proceedings of
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado
January 14, 2025**

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. 9:25 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.

Mr. Paul Hurcomb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: None.

Accounts Payable:

Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of December 18, 2024 in the amount of \$139,477.09 and accounts payable run date of January 3, 2025 in the amount of \$1,522,169.07. All Commissioners voted yes.

Board Reports:

Mr. Stone:

- Attended a Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) meeting.
- Provide an update on the Central Front Range Transportation Planning Region (CFRTPR)
 - It met yesterday to review its 2050 plans.
 - The bid for resurfacing Highway 24 from Edlowe Rd to Florissant and North Highway 67 to Evergreen has been awarded.
 - Safety projects were also awarded to implement passing and pull-out lanes.
- Region 16 Opioid Abatement Council meeting updated, including that Teller County Public Health is seeking grants from the State Abatement Council for a regional program that includes Park and Chafee County for the opioid crisis.
- The Colorado Legislature has introduced 150 bills in the first week of the session.
- Commented on his opposition to Senate Bill 25-003 that prohibits knowingly manufacturing, distributing, transferring, selling or purchasing a specified semiautomatic firearm.



- There is a bipartisan effort to pass a Construction Defect Reform bill.

Mr. Williams

- Commented on the legislative session and his commitment to continue to fight for rural life.
- Acknowledged that he, Commissioner Erik Stone and Treasurer Krystal Brown were officially sworn into their offices by District Court Judge Moller on January 2nd.
- Thanked the Sheriff, Search and Rescue and EMS for their effort in locating a missing person.
- Attended the Sheriff's quarterly HOA/POA meeting.
- Expressed support for the firefighters in California including some of Teller's local firefighters.
- Announced that the Board will issue a press release today to announce the plans for the Teller County Service Center in Divide.
- Introduced Allison Baker as the engineer for the Service Center project.
- The Board will look into the Short Term Rentals (STR) in the County this year with studies, and town hall meetings. He noted that during last year's snowstorm it was discovered that hundreds of people were staying in STRs in the County and many were stranded.
- The Board is also considering regulating shipping containers in the County's Land Use Regulations (LUR).
- Reported that the State has proposed a statewide Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) map that includes rural Colorado but not the Front Range. This proposal will cause fire insurance issues.
- Discussed the Outdoor Recreation Initiative and the Ring the Peak project that would allow Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) to patrol and enforce this area.

Mr. Campbell

- Attended meetings with County Technical Services, Inc (CTSI), the Pikes Peak Workforce Center (PPWFC), the Sheriff's HOA/POA quarterly meeting, and the County Board of Health.
- Attended the swearing in ceremony for Commissioners Williams and Stone and Treasurer/Public Trustee Brown.
- Commented on the legislation that will need to address State funding and budget shortfalls, including a proposed initiative to allow online gaming which would allow the State to use revenue to offset their deficiencies. He opposes this bill because it will directly and negatively impact businesses in the three gaming communities.
- Thanked Commissioners Williams and Stone for their support of him as the Board Chairman in 2024.

Commissioners Williams and Stone thanked Commissioner Campbell for his leadership as Chairman during 2024.



- Noted that the planned Service Center in Divide will eliminate rent and gain an asset for the County.

Elected Officials Report:

Krystal Brown, Treasurer/Public Trustee

- Tax rolls are completed and tax notices will be mailed Friday.

Administrator's Report:

Ross Herzog, County Administrator

- Looking forward to the projects in 2025, including:
 - The Service Center in Divide
 - Upgrades to Teller County Wastewater Utility
 - Local parks
 - Fairground renovations.

2. Election of Board of County Commissioners Chair and Vice-Chair

Action: Mr. Campbell nominated Mr. Williams to serve as the Chair of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners. All Commissioners voted yes.

Action: Mr. Campbell nominated Mr. Stone to serve as the Vice-Chair of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners. All Commissioners voted yes.

3. 10:08 am Recessed for Reception

4. 10:30 am Reconvened

5. SHERIFF AWARDS PRESENTATION

Sheriff Jason Mikesell presented awards to Deputy Davis Power, Deputy Kyle Perkins, Deputy Colton Sherraden and Lead Dispatcher Tim McMillan.

6. Time Reserved for Department Heads:

Public Health presentation on cervical cancer awareness.

Presenting: Michelle Wolff, Director of Teller County Public Health and Environment, Suzanne Thorp, Nurse Practitioner, and Christina Lesea, Registered Nurse

Board comments.

Ms. Wolff read the Proclamation to declare January 2025 as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month.

Action: Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, to **approve** a Proclamation designating January to be recognized as Cervical Cancer Awareness month. All Commissioners voted yes.

7. Time reserved for public without an appointment: None

8. 2025 Teller County Organizational Meeting

Recognition of Teller County Elected Officials – 2025

Assessor - Carol Kittelson
Clerk and Recorder - Stephanie Kees
Coroner - Steve Tomskey
Sheriff - Jason Mikesell
Surveyor - Eric Simonson
Treasurer/Public Trustee - Krystal Brown

Recognition of Department Officials - 2025

County Administrator - Ross Herzog
Director of Community Development - Dan Swallow
Director of Finance and Budget - Vicki Caldwell
Director of Human Resources – Ivy Morris
Director of Human Services - Kim Mauthe
Director of Information Technology - Kyle Crawford
Director of Public Health - Michelle Wolff
Director of Public Works - Fred Clifford
Veterans Service Officer - Cindy Meyer
Interim OEM Manager – Jessica Flohrs
Engineer – Allison Baker

Recognition of City and School Elected Officials

City of Cripple Creek

Mayor - Annie Durham
Mayor Pro Tem - Bruce Brown
Council - Cody Schwab
Council - Jared Bowman
Council - Missie Trenary
City Administrator - Frank Salvato

City of Victor

Mayor - Barbara Manning
Council - Josh Mestas
Council - Byron L. Hakes
Council – Connie Dodrill
Council - Frankie Ashton
City Administrator - Bobby Tech

City of Woodland Park

Mayor - Kellie Case
Mayor Pro Tem - Catherine Nakai
Council – Steve Smith



Council – George Jones
Council – Teri Baldwin
Council – Jeffrey Geer
City Manager - Aaron Vassalotti

Cripple Creek/Victor School District RE-1

Board President - Mary Bielz
Vice President - Donna Brazil
Treasurer - Stanley Conley
Secretary - Mark Green
Director-At-Large - Stephanie Stokes

Woodland Park School District RE-2

Board President/Director District A - Mick Bates
Secretary/Director District B - David Rusterholtz
Director District C - Keegan Barkley
Vice-President/Director District D - Cassie Kimbrell
Director District E - Suzanne Patterson

Recognize Volunteer Boards

Historic Preservation Advisory Board

David Martinek
Scott Adams
Linda Johnson
Scott Blosser
John Gatlin

Planning Commission

Wendy Dillenschneider
Jeff Smith
Michael Haase
Bryan Johnson

Board of Review

Bert West
Jeff Smith
Carl Andersen
Jared Bischoff
Steven McCann
Lee Chapin

Teller County Regional Animal Shelter

Angela Davis, Executive Director



9. Organizational Actions:

Consider a Resolution adopting a schedule of regular meetings for the Teller County Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado for 2025 and the first meetings in 2026.

Presenting: Ross Herzog, Administrator

Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Stone moved, and Mr. Campbell seconded, to **approve Resolution 01-14-2025 (02)**, a Resolution adopting a schedule of regular meetings for the Teller County Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado for 2025 and the first meetings of 2026. All Commissioners voted yes.

Consider a Resolution designating paid holidays for county employees for the year 2025 and the beginning of 2026.

Presenting: Ross Herzog, Administrator

Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, to **approve Resolution 01-14-2025 (03)**, a Resolution designating paid holidays for County employees for the year 2025 and the beginning of 2026. All Commissioners voted yes.

Designation of employee to prepare and submit proposed budget under CRS 29-1-104

Presenting: Ross Herzog, Administrator

Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, to designate Violet Watt as the employee assigned to prepare and submit proposed budget under CRS 29-1-104. All Commissioners voted yes.

Designation of Official Newspaper (Pikes Peak Courier) – by Motion

Presenting: Ross Herzog, County Administrator

Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Stone moved, and Mr. Campbell seconded, to designate the Pikes Peak Courier View as the official newspaper. All Commissioners voted yes.

10. 12:02 PM RECESS AS THE TELLER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

11. 12:02 PM CONVENE AS THE TELLER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Consider a Resolution adopting a schedule of regular meetings for the Teller County Board of County Commissioners acting as the Board of Health of Teller County, Colorado for the year 2025 and the first meeting of 2026.

Presenting: Ross Herzog, County Administrator.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, to **approve Resolution 01-14-2025 (04)**, a Resolution adopting a schedule of regular meetings for the Teller County Board of County Commissioners acting as the Board of Health of Teller County, Colorado for the year 2025 and the first meeting of 2026. All Commissioners voted yes.

12. **12:07 PM ADJOURN AS THE TELLER COUNTY BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES.**

13. **12:07 PM RECONVENE AS THE TELLER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.**

Consider a Resolution adopting a schedule of regular meetings for the Teller County Board of County Commissioners acting as the Board of Human Services of Teller County, Colorado for the year 2025 and the first meeting of 2026.

Presenting: Ross Herzog, County Administrator

Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Stone moved, and Mr. Campbell seconded, to **approve Resolution 01-14-2025 (05)**, a Resolution adopting a schedule of regular meetings for the Teller County Board of County Commissioners acting as the Board of Human Services of Teller County, Colorado for the year 2025 and the first meeting of 2026. All Commissioners voted yes.

14. **12:11 PM ADJOURN AS THE TELLER COUNTY BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES**

15. **12:11 PM RECONVENE AS THE TELLER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.**

16. **Commissioners Executive Matters.**

Consider ratification of Resolution 01-14-2025 (01), a Resolution adopting the 2025-2027 Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for Teller County, Colorado.

Presenting: Commissioner Williams and Jessica Flohrs, Interim OEM

Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, to **approve Resolution 01-14-2025 (01)**, a Resolution adopting the 2025-2027 Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for Teller County, Colorado. All Commissioners voted yes.

Commissioner's Business Items: Ross Herzog, County Administrator

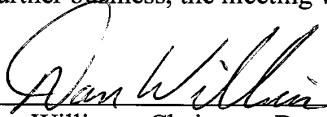
The Board considered and approved the following business agenda items:

1. Professional Services Agreement with Forward Communications, Inc, as presented, and including any modifications requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.

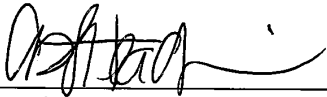
2. Authorize Michelle Wolff the Public Health Director to apply for a grant with the Colorado Opioid Abatement Council.
3. First amendment to the Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Agreement with UCHealth Pike Peak Regional Hospital.
4. Professional Services Agreement with Steve C. Zentz, Attorney at Law as presented, and including any modifications of language requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
5. Professional Services Agreement with YoungWilliams, P.C., as presented, and including any modifications of language requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
6. Professional Services Agreement with Master's Touch, LLC, as presented, and including any modifications of language requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
7. Professional Services Agreement with Collegiate Construction Management Services, LLC, as presented, and including any modifications of language requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
8. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Teller County Public Health and Gorman Medical, P.C. as presented, and including any modifications of language requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
9. Additional administrative matters received after agenda deadlines.
 - a. IGA with the City of Victor for Law Enforcement Services.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:28 PM

APPROVED: _____


Dan Williams, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: _____


Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder

