

**Minutes of the Proceedings of
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado
March 6, 2025**

In attendance:

Chairman Williams, Vice-Chairman Stone, Commissioner Campbell
Ross Herzog, County Administrator
Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder

Agenda

1. 9:15 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. Williams presided.

Invocation

Mr. Williams

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Roger Coker

Minutes of Previous Meetings

January 23, 2025 Minutes

Action: Commissioner Campbell moved, and Vice-Chairman Stone seconded, to **approve** the minutes of the meeting of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners on January 23, 2025 with corrections. All Commissioners voted yes.

February 6, 2025 Minutes

Action: Vice-Chairman Stone moved, and Commissioner Campbell seconded, to **approve** the minutes of the meeting of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners on February 6, 2025 as presented. All Commissioners voted yes.

Accounts Payable

Action: Vice-Chairman Stone moved, and Commissioner Campbell seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of March 4, 2025, in the amount of \$944,368.43. All Commissioners voted yes.

Commissioner Campbell provided an explanation of the large amount.

Board Reports

Commissioner Campbell

- Assisting with and testifying against a bill that would impact County Treasurers.
- Updated the status of the

Pikes Peak Workforce (PPWFC) continuing audit and details and that PPWFC has hired an outside lawyer.

- Working with WAC which streamlines financial services and funds to Temporary Aide to Needy Families (TANF). JVC reached out for next year's recommendations.
- Attended a Kiwanis fundraising.

Commissioner Stone

- Has been diagnosed with RSV. Measles are on the rise. There are vaccinations for these. Encourages everyone to visit their family doctor concerning vaccinations.
- Testified in support of House Bill 25-1141. Enhance penalties for retail theft to include gift card fraud.
- Update on SB 25-003. Passed in the senate on the way to the house and finally for the governor to sign.
- Testifying against HB25-1133 Ammunition Bill. Encourages others to testify.
- Opposed to House Bill 25-1258 Scientific management of game animals.

Commissioner Williams

- Noted that Colorado is currently facing a \$1.1 billion deficit.
- Testified multiple times in favor of Senate Bill 25-047 concerning Immigration but the bill failed in committee. Believes that this could impact federal funding in Colorado because Colorado is a sanctuary state.
- As a representative of the Colorado Wildlife Council (CWC) he testified against HB25-1258 Scientific Wildlife Management Bill. Encourages other to testify against this bill.
- Update on Wildland Urban Interface (WUI).
- Attended the National Association of Counties (NACO) conference in Washington, D.C. . He represents Colorado on the Public Land and Land Use Energy and Environment Committee.
Joined with Colorado Counties Inc. (CCI) and met with Senator Hickenlooper and Senator Bennett.
- Discussed funding that may become unavailable Public lands at large; payment in lieu of taxes, and the Secure Rural Schools program (SRS).
- Joined over 200 County Commissioners on a call with Governor Polis concerning federal grant money. They expressed how the grant funding impacts counties. CCI is developing assistance. Programs that are vulnerable include
Supplemental Nutrition Program (SNAP), TANF, Colorado Childcare program.

- Federal funds for transportation may go directly to counties in lieu of CDOT.
- Disappointed at the condition of Washington, D.C. He noticed a lot of law enforcement present in the city.
- Announced Keep Colorado Wild Pass proceeds may be directed to the Outdoor Equity fund.
- Encourages everyone to be kind to each other.

Elected Official's Reports

Krystal Brown, Treasurer

- Update on House Bill 25-1199 Property Tax Payment Schedule.
- Announced foreclosures are now live online.

Stephanie Kees, Clerk and Recorder

- Fraud Notify - Announced 2 upcoming events to assist property owners to create accounts to monitor property ownership changes.

Jason Mikesell, Sheriff

- Provided update on legislation

The Commissioners thanked the Sheriff for his efforts and testimony to try to protect our gun rights.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Herzog

- Hayden Divide Park parcel Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is complete. Request for Proposal (RFP) process is beginning in early April.
- SSR Mining Company has acquired Newmont Mine. Met with the new General Manager who has local commitment.

Commissioner Williams reiterated the service center will be funded with cash. Commissioner Stone assured the public that Cripple Creek would remain the county seat.

2. 9:35 Time reserved for Department Heads

None.

3. 9:40 Sheriff's Office

Service Awards

Holly Erickson, Dispatcher 5 years of service.
Shea Williams, Corporal for 5 years of service.
Angela Bueno, Detention Deputy for 5 years of service.
Colton Sherraden, Deputy for 5 years of service
Conrad Stoll, Sergeant for 15 years of service.
Hilda Ezard, Deputy for 25 years of service

4. 9:55 Update from Regional Director & Outreach Coordinator for the Office of U.S. Representative Brittany Pettersen

Justin Kurth

Regional Director for Brittany Pettersen, United States Representative, provided an update on Rep. Pettersen's activities as Teller County's Congressional Representative.

5. 10:10 Time reserved for the public without an appointment

None.

6. 10:15 Commissioners Administrative Matters

No matters to consider.

10:20 Commissioners Business Items:

Consider approval of the Public Contract for Services with KP, LLC. dba KP Election Services.

Approved as presented, with any modifications requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.

Consider approval of the Agreement for Professional Services between Justice Benefits, Incorporated, and Teller County, Colorado.

Approved as presented, with any modifications requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.

Consider approval of the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Mule Creek Gravel.

Approved as presented, with any modifications requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.

Consider approval of the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Snare Construction, Inc.

Approved as presented, with any modifications requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.

Consider approval of the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.

Approved as presented, with any modifications requested by the Contractor

and approved by the County Attorney.

Adjournment

10:54 a.m.

APPROVED:

Dan Williams, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder