

**Minutes of the Proceedings of
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado
March 18, 2025**

In attendance:

Chairman Williams, Vice-Chairman Stone

Ross Herzog, County Administrator

Paul Hurcomb, County Attorney

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.

Mr. Williams excused Mr. Campbell from the meeting.

Invocation

Mr. Erik Stone

Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Michelle Boley

Minutes of Previous Meetings

None.

Accounts Payable

Action: Vice-Chairman Stone moved, and Chairman Williams seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of March 14, 2025, in the amount of \$611,069.77. Both Commissioners voted yes.

The Board moved to Agenda Item #2.

2. 9:35 SSR Mining, Inc.

Introduction of General Manager: Bjorn Meyer, introduced himself as SSR's General Manager. He shared his background in mining and expressed his intention of continuing the partnership with the County and the local community.

Commissioner Stone welcomed Mr. Meyer to the community and stated the Board looked forward to working with him and SSR as the new owners of the mine.

Commissioner Williams congratulated Katlynn Blake for receiving the local Chamber of Commerce's Award for Employee of the Year. He welcomed Mr. Meyer to the area and is looking forward to working with the Mine in the future and appreciates their continued investment in the community.

Board Reports

Commissioner Campbell - Absent

Commissioner Stone

- Attended a work session with the Teller County Fair Board last week to discuss improvements and dirt removal for the new steer barn.
- Reported on the recent Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) meeting and provided updates on transportation projects for North Highway 67 with widening and resurfacing and the resurfacing of Highway 24 west of Edlowe Rd to the Teller County line.
- He testified last Friday against Senate Bill 25-003 Firearms bill and opposes any fee to buy back 2nd Amendment rights.

Commissioner Williams

- Stated that he also opposes Senate Bill 25-003.
- Commented on Colorado's \$1.2 billion dollars in debt.
- Attended a Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) meeting last week to review bills with other Colorado Commissioners who share the Board's opposition to many of the bills introduced in this session.
- Update on Senate Bill 25-125, Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). He is working on a rewrite to try to prevent all of rural Colorado being classified as WUI.
- Attended a Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) meeting last week that was very contentious.
- Assured veterans in Teller County that benefits will still be available. Federal budget cuts will have no impact.
- Participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Woodland Park last Saturday.
- Reminder that March 29 is Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day and an event will be held at Judge's at 6:30 p.m.
- The El Pomar Foundation recognizes the negative impacts on local food banks and, as a board member, he helped secure \$40,000 dollars in grants for two food banks in Teller County.
- Provided an update on Undersheriff Stan Bishop and Commander Wes Walter after an on duty motor vehicle accident where another driver turned into them; thankfully, they had minimal injuries and are recovering.

Elected Official's Reports

Stephanie Kees, Clerk and Recorder

- Reminder of Fraud Notify service. In-person training events are scheduled for April 23 at the Woodland Park library and May 28 at the Florissant library to assist property owners who want to sign up for this

free service. Both events are scheduled from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Assistance is also available at the Cripple Creek Clerk's office Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Herzog

Gave an update on the Divide Service Center project. Requests for Proposal (RFP) were issued to four contractors. The deadline for the contractors to submit their proposals is March 28.

2. 9:35 SSR Mining, Inc.

Introduction of General Manager: Bjorn Meyer

3. 9:45 Time reserved for Department Heads

None.

4. 9:50 Time reserved for the public without an appointment

None.

5. 9:55 Commissioners Administrative Matters

Consider a Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License ownership transfer request from The Lost Dutchman Creek to C&C Event Coordinating.

Presenting: Ashley Headrick, Chief Deputy Clerk

Applicants: Dawn Caludio and Cortney Wilkins

Public moment: None.

Action: Vice-Chairman Stone moved, and Chairman Williams seconded, to **approve** the transfer of a Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License from the Lost Dutchman Creek to C&C Event Coordinating. Both Commissioners voted yes.

Consider a Brew Pub Liquor License ownership transfer request from Paradox Beer Co, Inc.

Presenting: Ashley Headrick, Chief Deputy Clerk

Applicants: Brian Horton and Jeff Aragon

Public moment: None.

Action: Vice-Chairman Stone moved, and Chairman Williams seconded, to **approve** the transfer of ownership of a Brew Pub Liquor License from the Paradox Beer Co. to Paradox Beer Co. Inc. Both Commissioners voted yes.

10:05 Commissioners Business Items:

Consider approval of the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Ellison Trucking, Inc.

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

Consider approval of the Electronic Recycling Service Agreement with E-Tech Recyclers & Asset Solutions, LLC.

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

Additional matters received after the agenda deadline:

Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Dr. George Drake, RPH

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

Adjournment

10:42 a.m.

APPROVED:

Dan Williams, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder