



**Minutes of the Proceedings of
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado
April 8, 2025**

In attendance:

Chairman Williams, Vice-Chairman Stone, Commissioner Campbell
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.

Invocation

Mr. Erik Stone

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Carl Andersen

Minutes of Previous Meetings

None.

Accounts Payable

Action: Vice-Chairman Stone moved, and Commissioner Campbell seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of April 4, 2025, in the amount of \$1,220,477.69. All Commissioners voted yes.

Board Reports

Commissioner Campbell

- Update on the Pikes Peak Workforce Center (PPWFC) audit, still objecting to Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) position.
- Annual meeting with Colorado Technical Service, Inc. (CTSI) insurance company. Had a successful audit.
- Spent last Thursday and Friday in Denver working with Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) on bills and meeting with legislators.
- Kiwanis' annual Crabby Tax night will be held on April 14th.

Commissioner Stone

- Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) update. \$185 million in reductions to transportation projects. No impact on local projects for Highway 24 and Highway 67 because these projects were already funded. Multi Model Opportunity Funds (MMOF) could be affected by the budget cuts.
- Announced that he will be stepping up as the Chair of PPACG for 2-3 months because El Paso County Commissioner Holly Williams needs to attend to other matters.
- Update on HB 25-1272, Construction Defect Reform Act. The House amendments added new fees which defeat the purpose of the bill so PPACG changed its position on this bill from support to amend.
- Announced that last week, at a special meeting, the Board selected Taylor Kohrs as the general contractor for the County Service Center project.

Commissioner Williams

- Provided an update on the legislative session.
- He will attend the Veterans Task Force meeting next Monday at 9:00 a.m. and expects a lot of questions from veterans and their families about budget cuts.
- Commented on the State budget showing \$1.3 billion in debt and anticipated budget cuts, including cuts for local food banks. He is working with the El Pomar Foundation for potential funding for the food banks in Teller County.
- He is a board member for the Southern Focus Group and they have already lost two grants because of the budget cuts.
- The Teller County Fairgrounds renovation continues. The dirt work will be starting soon and construction will begin this summer.
- Provided an update on three land use bills. Senate Bill 25-142, Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), draft is under review. He testified on SB 25-002 dealing with factory built modular structures, which are moving in the right direction. He opposes HB 25-1169 that would allow housing on church properties.

Elected Official's Reports

Stephanie Kees, Clerk and Recorder

- Her office will hold an event on April 23 at the Woodland Park library from 10-11 a.m. to help individuals sign up for the free Fraud Guard service.

Krystal Brown, Treasurer and Public Trustee

- Property taxes are due by the end of April. To date, 88% of taxes have



been collected.

Carol Kittelson, Assessor

- Update on property reevaluations. No big changes are expected so residential and vacant land valuations are about the same overall. Commercial property values may be up roughly 15%. Cripple Creek residential properties are up 7%, vacant land is up 13%, and Cripple Creek Mountain Estates properties are roughly down 18%.
- Her office has three upcoming public meetings to answer questions on property valuations: April 29, 5:30 at the Centennial building; May 6, 5:30 at the Ute Pass Cultural Center; and May 8, 5:30 at the Centennial building.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Herzog

Road repairs and maintenance are underway. If you see a safety concern please contact the County.

2. 9:35 Time reserved for Department Heads

None.

3. 9:40 Time reserved for the public without an appointment

None.

4. 9:45 Commissioners Board Actions

BoCC: Consider the reappointment of Jeffrey A. Smith to the Teller County Board of Review.

Public Comment: Carl Andersen, resident of Teller County expressed his support for the reappointment of Mr. Smith.

Action: Vice-Chairman Stone moved, and Commissioner Campbell seconded, to **reappoint** Jeffrey A. Smith to a 3-year term on the Board of Review. All Commissioners voted yes.

BoCC: Consider a proclamation proclaiming April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Presenting: Kim Mauthe, Director of Teller County Department of Human Services, and Jody Mijares, Executive Director Community Partnership Family Resource Center

Santos Perez, Parent Advisory Committee Member, provided personal testimony.

Board commented and expressed their continued appreciation of their efforts.

Action: Commissioner Campbell moved, and Vice-Chairman Stone seconded, to **recognize** April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. All Commissioners



voted yes.

BoCC: Consider a Resolution Opposing Colorado Senate Bill 25-003.

Commissioner Williams explained why he opposes SB 25-003.

Commissioner Stone read a statement explaining his opposition to this bill and his belief that it is unconstitutional.

Commissioner Campbell explained his opposition to the bill.

Public Comment:

Carl Andersen, resident, commented on his efforts at the Capital testifying against the bill.

Aaron Helstrom, resident, testified against the bill, believes it is unconstitutional, and requested that the County challenge the bill if it passes.

Board discussion on the estimated annual costs of \$300,000 -\$500,000 to the County to administer the unfunded mandates in SB 25-003.

Mr. Stone read the proposed Resolution.

Action: Vice-Chairman Stone moved, and Commissioner Campbell seconded, to **approve Resolution No. 04-08-2025 (7)** a Resolution opposing Senate Bill 25-003. All Commissioners voted yes.

Finance: Consider a resolution to amend the General, Road and Bridge, Jail Enterprise, Fleet Management, Conservation Trust Fund, and Social Services Fund Budgets.

Presenting: Caitlyn Lombardo, Finance Department

Public Comment: Aaron Helstrom, resident, inquired about what he believes to be County deficit as shown in the County's budget posted online.

Each of the Commissioners responded to Mr. Helstrom to explain the budget and that there is not a deficit.

Action: Commissioner Campbell moved, and Vice-Chairman Stone seconded, to **approve Resolution No. 4-08-2025 (8)**, a Resolution to amend the General, Road and Bridge, Jail Enterprise, Fleet Management, Conservation Trust Fund, and Social Services Fund Budgets and to have it attached to the written minutes in order to show the detail of the budget amendments. All Commissioners voted yes.

Community Development: Consider a Resolution approving an Amended Final Plat and Vacation Plat for Smith's Addition to the Town of Divide, Lots 12-43, Tracts A & B.



Presenting Dan Swallow, CDD Director

Board comments and discussion.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Commissioner Campbell moved, and Vice-Chairman Stone seconded, to **approve Resolution No. 04-08-2025 (09)** a Resolution to amend the final plat and vacation plat for Smith's Addition to the Town of Divide, Lots 12-43, Tracts A&B. All Commissioners voted yes.

Community Development: Consider a Resolution approving the vacation of Block 68 and the vacation of the public roadway (interior alley) in the Town of Gillett.

Presenting: Lucy Caillouet, CDD Planner

Board comments and questions.

Public comment: None

Action: Vice-Chairman Stone moved, and Commissioner Campbell seconded, to **approve Resolution No. 4-08-2025 (10)** a Resolution to vacate Block 68 and the roadway (interior alley) in the Town of Gillette. All Commissioners voted yes.

Commissioners Business Items:

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

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

Consider approval of the Emergency Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement for Local Colorado Public Health Agencies.

Approved.

Consider acceptance of a proposal from CTL | Thompson for a Preliminary Geotechnical Investigation for the proposed Teller County Central Service Center.

Approved.

Commissioner Williams provided an update on the bids and selection of the general contractor for the County Central Service Center. Mr. Herzog described the selection process. The Board commented on the positive impact of the Central Service Center and the benefits to the residents of the County.

Adjournment

11:23 a.m.



APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Williams".

Dan Williams, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Kees".

Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder



**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 04-08-2025 (8)**

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025 GENERAL, ROAD AND BRIDGE, JAIL ENTERPRISE, FLEET MANAGEMENT, CONSERVATION TRUST, AND SOCIAL SERVICES FUND BUDGETS.

WHEREAS, in the past, the County has recognized significant savings from employment turnover that the Board of County Commissioners could consider for use in other areas; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has directed staff to make a monthly budget adjustment by transferring personnel related funds from individual departments to holding departments within each fund as personnel budget needs are reduced; and from holding departments to individual departments as personnel budget needs increase, within county policy; and

WHEREAS, funds budgeted in the above referenced holding departments, which have been added to each fund as Personnel Contingency Departments (ending in the numbers 2190), are not appropriated nor available for expenditure and are only accessible by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners transferring them to other departmental budget accounts; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds, determines and declares that adoption of this Resolution is necessary for the preservation and protection of the public health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of Teller County, Colorado,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO:

that the departmental budgets and Personnel Contingency Department accounts be decreased as follows:

General Fund:

1200-2120	(\$31,034)
1200-2520	(\$33,220)
1350-2120	(\$78,632)
1350-2520	(\$15,937)
1400-2190	(\$516,488)
1450-2520	(\$46,036)
1500-2120	(\$4,448)
1500-2520	(\$54,192)
1600-2120	(\$838)
1800-2520	(\$13,132)
2000-2120	(\$680,159)
2000-2520	(\$256,505)
2010-2520	(\$102,883)
2150-2520	(\$869)
2500-2120	(\$9,053)
2500-2520	(\$29,826)
2600-2120	(\$12,073)
2600-2520	(\$31,396)
4100-2120	(\$73,750)
4100-2520	(\$26,442)
4800-2120	(\$575)



4998-2190 (\$1,288,990)

Subtotal: (\$3,306,478)

Road and Bridge Fund:

0150-2120 (\$8,991)

0150-2520 (\$63,339)

0150-2190 (\$84,160)

Subtotal: (\$156,490)

Jail Enterprise:

0075-2120 (\$64,197)

0075-2520 (\$48,682)

0075-2190 (\$76,807)

Subtotal: (\$189,686)

Fleet Management:

0855-2190 (\$24,244)

0898-2190 (\$22,001)

Subtotal: (\$46,245)

Conservation Trust:

0045-2120 (\$53,654)

0045-2520 (\$35,612)

0045-2190 (\$3,451)

Subtotal: (\$92,717)

Social Services Fund:

5000-2120 (\$79,282)

5000-2520 (\$21,947)

5230-2120 (\$558)

5400-2120 (\$224,767)

5400-2520 (\$128,744)

5600-2120 (\$99,240)

5600-2520 (\$44,987)

5400-2190 (\$111,942)

5998-2190 (\$15,974)

Subtotal: (\$727,441)

and that departmental budgets and Personnel Contingency Department accounts be increased as follows:

GENERAL FUND:

1000-2110 \$33,611

1000-2120 \$33,107

1000-2520 \$11,197

1100-2120 \$627,146

1100-2520 \$147,213



1450-2120	\$22,122
1600-2120	\$9,579
1800-2120	\$9,853
1900-2120	\$2,738
1900-2520	\$15,169
2010-2120	\$53,276
2100-2120	\$7,749
2100-2520	\$3,633
2150-2120	\$398
2250-2120	\$10,715
2250-2520	\$3,233
2950-2120	\$3,309
2950-2520	\$10,503
3000-2120	\$232,702
3000-2520	\$47,332
4550-2120	\$1,895
4500-2520	\$20
4800-2120	\$2,490
4998-2190	\$2,017,488

Subtotal: \$3,306,478

Road and Bridge Fund:

0198-2190	\$156,490
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Subtotal: \$156,490

Jail Enterprise:

0078-2190	\$189,686
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Subtotal: \$189,686

Fleet Management:

0855-2120	\$20,172
0855-2520	\$1,829
0898-2190	\$24,244

Subtotal: \$46,245

Conservation Trust:

0048-2190	\$92,717
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Subtotal: \$92,717

Social Services Fund:

5230-2120	\$2,703
5260-2120	\$10,601
5260-2520	\$2,670
5998-2190	\$711,467

Subtotal: \$727,441

and that the amounts appropriated for expenditure be reduced and increased accordingly.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado, this 8th day of April 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO

By: _____

Dan Williams, Chairman

Attest:

Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder

