



**Minutes of the Proceedings of
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado
June 12, 2025**

In attendance:

Chairman Dan Williams
Commissioner Robert Campbell
Ross Herzog, County Administrator
Paul Hurcomb, County Attorney
Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder

Agenda

1. 9:15 Convene in regular session Invocation

Mr. Dan Williams presided.
Mr. Williams excused Mr. Stone from the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Kyle Crawford

Minutes of Previous Meetings

April 8, 2025 BoCC Meeting

Action: Commissioner Campbell moved, and Chairman Williams seconded, to **approve** the minutes of the meeting of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners on April 8, 2025 as presented. All Commissioners voted yes.

Accounts Payable

Action: Commissioner Campbell moved, and Chairman Williams seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of June 12, 2025, in the amount of \$2,321,514.65. All Commissioners voted yes.

Commissioner Campbell explained the large amount of Accounts Payable and recent purchases.

Board Reports

Commissioner Campbell

- Attended the annual Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) summer conference last week. He attended the sessions on the challenges for Social Services funding.
- Cooked and served food at the Sheriff's Open House event.
- Attended a meeting with the operators of the local casinos about current operations and business.

Commissioner Williams



- Attended the Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) conference. He attended the sessions on water issues in Colorado.
- Attended a local veteran's event with a pig roast.
- Noted that Saturday is Flag Day and the American Legion will conduct a dignified disposal of flags.
- Announced that the County has started an initiative to study Short Term Rentals (STR) in Teller County and has hired a consultant to conduct a survey that will allow public input. The survey is on the County's website. Noted that STRs have implications on taxes, water, and septic systems in the County.
- U.S. Representative Pettersen will be in Teller County next Wednesday to visit the mine and attend a lunch with elected officials and business leaders. There will be a Town Hall meeting at the Ute Pass Cultural Center in Woodland Park from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Informed residents of upcoming budget cuts and issues. There's a potential for additional federal financial cuts due to Colorado's sanctuary state status, e.g. Medicare cuts.
- There is a possibility the Legislature will hold a special session on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the impact on the state's budget if federal budget cuts occur.
- Commented on Carol Kittleson, Assessor, announcement that she is resigning her position and thanked her for her service to the County.
- Endorsed Kevin Tedesco who announced he is running for Teller County Sheriff.

Moved to item #2 of the Agenda, Girls of the West, Pikes Peak Range Riders & Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo.

2. 9:30 Girls of the West, Pikes Peak Range Riders & Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Western Heritage Presentation

Presenting:

Cory Schultz, President of Pikes Peak Range Riders
Kevin Kaveney, President of Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo
Corliss Palmer, Director of Girls of the West Program
Emma Considine, Girl of the West

Provided information about upcoming events for Range Riders and Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo.

Commissioner Williams commented on the legacy, heritage and tradition of western values.



Commissioner Campbell thanked them for their presentation.

Elected Official's Reports

Stephanie Kees

- Provided Fraud Guard statistics and encouraged people to continue to share the information.
- There will be a statutory increase in recording fees beginning July 1st to \$43.00 per document.

Krystal Brown, Treasurer

- Announced 89.96% tax collected to date. Foreclosures are on the rise . There are 29 active total. Twenty-two from 2025 and five from 2024
- Will be attending a conference at the end of the month in Trinidad where she serves on the education committee.

Carol Kittelson, Assessor

- Announced the appeal deadline has passed. There are 661 appeals to date, which is the lowest number of appeals in 3 years.
- She thanked her staff for all their hard work.
- Announced she is resigning effective September 2, 2025, because she is moving to be closer to her daughter and family.

Commissioners Williams and Campbell thanked Ms. Kittelson for her work in the Assessor's Office and as the elected Assessor.

Commissioner Campbell explained that it is the Commissioners' responsibility to fill the vacancy in the Assessor's position and provided information on the process.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Herzog

- Hired a consultant to assist with gathering public input concerning Short Term Rentals (STR). He encouraged the community to complete the online survey on the website.
- There are 5 community meetings scheduled throughout the county in July and August to discuss STRs
- Road maintenance update upcoming later on in the agenda

Commissioner Williams commented on road work and the Public Works department.

3. Time reserved for Department Heads. None.

4. Time reserved for the public without an appointment

Greg Liverman, resident

- Thanked the commissioners for addressing the STR issues and including public meetings. He asked which there is not a scheduled public meeting in the 4 Mile Region.
- Commissioner Williams agreed to review this and asked Administrator Herzog to schedule a meeting in the 4 Mile Region.
- Asked the Treasurer about the deadline to pay taxes, and Treasurer Brown answered.
- Thanked the Public Works road crews for their hard work.

Kimberly Briere, resident

- Stated she is a new resident, has a lot of slash piles, and asked why the Sheriff has banned burn permits for the summer.

Commissioner Williams explained that the County and the region are only 40% staffed in emergency personnel and there is no certainty that FEMA would respond to a fire. He also explained the County's chipper program which is the preferred method to eliminate slash.

Rebecca Coransa, Florissant resident

- Questioned the process of obtaining a burn permit through the Sheriff's Office and why she has to wait until October to get a burn permit.

Commissioner Williams explained that under Colorado statute, that the Sheriff is the fire marshal for the County.

5. 9:45 Commissioners Board Matters and Actions: No items to consider.

Commissioners Business Items:

Presenting: Ross Herzog

Consider the approval of a Special Event Liquor Permit and Parks Use Permit for Teller County Association of Fairs and Shows.

Approved.

Consider approval of the Professional Services Agreement with Electra Johnson Design & Planning.

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

Consider approval of the Teller County Public Health and Environment Confidentiality and Data Use Agreement.



Approved.

Consider authorizing Human Services and Public Health Directors to sign the Collaborative Management Memorandum of Understanding.

Approved.

Consider authorizing the submittal of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Backcountry Search and Rescue grant application for SFY25.

Approved.

Consider approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Colorado Department of Human Services for the Colorado Works Program.

Approved.

6. Items Received After Agenda Deadline

Consider approval of the 2025 Annual Road Maintenance & Improvement Plan.

Presenting: Brad Shaw and Brian Kincade, Public Works

Board discussion.

Approved.

Adjournment: 11:12 a.m.

APPROVED:

Dan Williams, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder

