



**Minutes of the Proceedings of
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado
July 24, 2025**

In attendance:

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

Agenda

1. 9:15 Convene in regular session

Mr. Williams presiding.

Invocation

Mr. Erik Stone

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Michelle Wolff

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 July 22, 2025, in the amount of \$817,243.39. All Commissioners voted yes.

Board Reports

Commissioner Campbell

- Attended the pancake breakfast at Victor Gold Rush Days.
- Announced Florissant Fire Protection District Pancake breakfast this upcoming weekend.
- Meeting with Pikes Peak Workforce Center (PPWFC) discussing reorganization.
- Congratulated Community Partnership who hosted a statewide Family Resource Center meeting in Woodland Park. The meeting focused on how well the Colorado Resource Center and Community Partnership are doing.

Commissioner Stone

- Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) announced to Teller Senior Coalition that the 25% cut in revenue of \$75,000 has been restored.
- Attended Opioid Abatement Board Council meeting. Community Partnership was awarded a grant of \$169,000. This will have a significant impact.
- Conducted a Board of Social Services meeting with the Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS). The number of cases accepted by DHS will increase 100% more than last year. This is partially due to better training and more reporting. State funding for DHS is likely to decrease.
- Ute Pass Regional Health District applied for a grant from the Opioid Council for dashboard technology that would coordinate with other mental health providers in the county.
- Excited about the events at the upcoming Fair.

Commissioner Williams

- El Pomar has awarded \$35,000 to the local food banks.
- Addressed the 4H group and recognized the Snare family for their dedication to the Fair.
- Discussed the passing of his father last week.
- Commented on the mission of 4H and that kids are the future.
- Led the City of Victor parade with veterans from the American Legion. Victor is becoming a tourist destination in the County.

Elected Official's Reports

Stephanie Kees, Clerk and Recorder

- Reminded and encouraged property owners to sign up for Fraud Guard. Provided an example of how properties are being fraudulently acquired and then sold.
- November election update. Coordinating entities have a deadline of July 25 to submit a letter of intent to participate.

Commissioner Williams encouraged property owners to sign up for Fraud Guard.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Herzog

- Making progress on Divide Service Center. The building will be 22,000 sq ft.
- New playground equipment at Hayden Park has been ordered.
- Announced the BoCC meeting scheduled for August 7 is being rescheduled to August 5.
- The Short Term Rental (STR) meeting scheduled for July 23 has been rescheduled to August 22. There will be also be a meeting on July 30 at the Sheriff's office. The information about the meetings is posted on the County website.



2. 9:30 Time reserved for Department Heads

None.

Vice-Chairman Stone moved, and Commissioner Campbell seconded to move item #4; 4-H Presentation before Public Comment. All Commissioners voted yes.

Item 4. 9:40 Teller County 4-H Presentation on the County Fair

Presenting: Michelle Wolff

Terry Snare, Secretary of Fair Board commented on the 4-H program and the Fair.

Darian Founds, 4-H Director. Mr. Founds provided an update on the 4 H Program and highlights from this year. Participation is increasing and they have 9 additional volunteers. The group is participating at the State Fair. They have received grants, scholarships and donations including one from El Pomar.

The following 4-H members introduced themselves:

Seniors: Dylan Kaberna, Colton Kaberna, Riley Morley and Brinnley Wolff.

Juniors: Raelee Gilley, Stormy Wininger, Josie Founds, Emerson Founds and Maxie Thornberry (2025 TCAFAS Princess).

Intermediate: Sutton Strait, Mason Kaberna, RJ Morely, Parker Gilley and Maddy Wolff.

Clover Buds: Adeline Snare, Trystan Westfall and Lughton Crawford.

Commissioner Campbell thanked the group for their presentation and encouraged them to continue.

Commissioner Stone encouraged businesses and individuals to attend the bidders' auction.

Commissioner Williams thanked the Snares and Darian Founds for their leadership.

3. Time reserved for the public without an appointment

-Toni Moore, resident

Provided information on the Flame Act, provided handouts to the Board on

National Strategy for fire mitigation, and requested that Teller County adopt these recommendations.

Commissioner Stone provided information on the County's active efforts in fire mitigation projects, with State, Federal, and local partners, and an increase to the County budget for mitigation projects, including the chipper program. He mentioned that Team Rubicon is a great resource that may assist NoFloCo.

Commissioner Williams noted that he chairs the State Wildfire Council and stated they are working on Wildfire Urban Interface (WUI) issues but federal budget cuts have impacted the State.

-Chancy Loop, resident and child of Zach and Virginia Loop.
Stated "Dan Swallow says we can't grow food. Is that right?"
Commissioner Williams responded and stated no, that is not right. There are hundreds of greenhouses in Teller County, but they just need to be in the right zone district.

-Mark Coleman, resident in CME
Asked about other ways such as AI to assist with fire mitigation and hardening efforts. Commissioners Williams and Stone provided comments.

-Mike Chandler, resident
Commented on fire mitigation and suggested greater community involvement to help others mitigate their properties.

-Virginia Loop, resident in Divide
Made comments about the County's notice of land use and building code violations related to her commercial greenhouse, made comments on the Farm Stand Act.
Commissioner comments and responses about the commercial greenhouse, the enforcement process, and potential water issues.
County Attorney Hurcomb explained the code enforcement process as stated in the letter from the Director of the Teller County Community Development Department.

-Lauren Herman, resident in Florissant
Filed complaint with code enforcement about the property at 181 Vagabond Creek Road and asked what the County plans to do about this property.
Commissioner Williams acknowledged the specific property and provided information about the enforcement and possible abatement process and property rights.

-John Earl, resident

Spoke in support of the Loop family.

Commissioner Williams responded about concerns with water, use of a domestic well for commercial purposes, fertilizer, and the potential harm to others.

Commissioner Stone commented on the County's concerns.

Commissioner Williams stated that spot zoning is not allowed.

-Zac Loop, resident

Apologized for threats made by others who support them and stated they are not involved with threats. He spoke in support of their greenhouse to grow organic products and stated that it is only for their personal use. He also stated he plans to build a workshop on the property.

County Attorney Hurcomb offered to meet with the Loops to discuss this matter.

Board recessed at 11:59 a.m.

Board reconvened at 12:20 p.m.

5. 9:55 Commissioners Board Matters and Actions

Consider approval of the Amended Intergovernmental Agreement between El Paso County, Colorado and Teller County, Colorado for the establishment of a Consortium Executive Board for implementation of a Workforce Development System Pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014.

Presenting: Commissioner Campbell explained the purpose of the amendment and that the Workforce Center will be its own fiscal agent.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Commissioner Campbell moved, and Vice-Chairman Stone seconded, to **approve** the amended Intergovernmental Agreement between El Paso County, Colorado and Teller County, Colorado for the establishment of a Consortium Executive Board for implementation of a Workforce Development System Pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. All Commissioners voted yes.

Consider a Resolution to amend the General, Jail, Road and Bridge, and Social Services Fund Budgets.

Presenting: Caitlyn Lombard, Finance Department



Public Comment: None.

Action: Vice-Chairman Stone moved, and Commissioner Campbell, to **approve Resolution No. 07-24-2025(26)** a Resolution to amend the General, Jail, Road and Bridge, and Social Services Fund Budgets. All Commissioners voted yes.

Consider acceptance of Teller County Public Trustee's Second Quarter Report for 2025.

Presenting: Krystal Brown, Treasurer

Public Comment: None.

Action: Commissioner Campbell moved, and Vice-Chairman Stone seconded, to **accept** the Teller County Public Trustee's Second Quarter Report for 2025. All Commissioners voted yes.

Consider approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement establishing the library district trustee appointment process.

Presenting: Attorney Paul Hurcomb

Public Comment: None

Action: Vice-Chairman Stone moved, and Commissioner Campbell seconded, to **approve** the Intergovernmental Agreement establishing the library district trustee appointment process. All Commissioners voted yes.

Commissioners Business Items:

Consider approval of Professional Services Agreement with Monarch Earthworks, LLC.

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

Consider authorizing the Fixed Asset Disposal dated July 10, 2025, as submitted by the IT Department.

Approved in a combined motion for Fixed Asset Disposal requests dated July 10 and July 14.

Consider authorizing the Fixed Asset Disposal dated July 14, 2025, as submitted by the IT Department.



Approved.

Items Received After Agenda Deadline

Consider ratification of the Professional Services Agreement with KM Appraisal Services.

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

Consider approval of Modification #003 to US Forest Service Agreement #22- LE-11021200-025.

Approved.

Adjournment: 12:41 p.m.

APPROVED:

Dan Williams, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder

