



**Minutes of the Proceedings of
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado
August 5, 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

Presiding

Commissioner Williams

Invocation

Commissioner Erik Stone

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Kurt Schoenberger

Minutes of Previous Meetings June 26, 2025, BoCC Meeting

Action: Commissioner Campbell moved, and Commissioner Stone seconded, to **approve** the minutes of the meeting of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners on June 26, 2025 as presented. All Commissioners voted yes.

Accounts Payable

Action: Stone moved, and Campbell seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of August 1, 2025, in the amount of \$466,999.02. All Commissioners voted yes.

Board Reports

Commissioner Campbell

- Reported on the great success of the Teller County Fair. It was great to interact with all the 4-H kids and the Fair Board.
- Reported on the Short-Term Rental meeting last week with another one planned for tomorrow. The meetings are intended to get community input and ideas.

- Attended a meeting yesterday with Colorado Technical Services, Inc.(CTSI) in Denver to discuss selling the CTSI building.
- Tonight is the Community Night Out event in Woodland Park in Memorial Park for law enforcement and 1st Responders.

Commissioner Stone

- Praised the great week at the Teller County Fair. It was great to see everyone. The dinner was a success. The 4-H auction was the most successful in years. He is proud of the 4-H participants and their families.
- Opioid Abatement Council is reviewing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a public information campaign regarding the dangers and impacts of high potency THC products.
- The Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) legislative committee received a briefing on why the federal "Big Beautiful Bill" is impacting Colorado's budget because Colorado ties its income tax to the Federal income tax. Colorado needs to consider decoupling its income tax from the Federal income tax. Special Legislative session is possible to consider this.

Commissioner Williams

- Noted that the Teller County Fair is one of the best weeks of the year. It was great to see all the 4-H kids and their families. Thanked the Snare family for their work on reviving and bringing back the Teller County Fair. Loves to see the multi-generational component.
- Spoke about the concerns about wildfires, including the California fires and the Rio Blanco Fire in Colorado.
- Attended the Firefighting Council meeting last week and reported that a lot of Colorado's firefighting assets are deployed elsewhere.
- Governor Polis declared a state of emergency due to the Rio Blanco fire near Meeker and that the federal government has not made any commitment to assist.
- Attended an EMS council meeting held last week and reported on how dangerous this summer has been with an increase in ATV accidents and a near drowning at Rampart Reservoir. 36% of emergency calls are for non-County residents visiting the County. An additional Ranger has been assigned to our portion in the Pike National Forest. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) provided a briefing on the incident at the Rampart Reservoir with 4 paddle boarders who almost drowned. CPW will begin ticketing for unsafe actions. EMS Council has started the whole blood program.
- Announced the Veterans Rally in Cripple Creek is August 15th-August 16th.
- A Special Legislative Session is planned for August 18th.
- Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) has reached out to Commissioners about possible legislation.

Elected Official's Reports. None.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Herzog

- Provided dates of the upcoming listening sessions concerning Short-Term Rentals (STR). August 6th at Four Mile Hall. There are surveys online that compile data. August 20th will be held at the Ute Pass Cultural Center.
- Commissioner Williams provided comments on the STR listening sessions. Teller County has six unique regions so they are having sessions in each region.

9:35 Time reserved for Department Heads. None.

2. 9:40 Time reserved for the public without an appointment

Ms. Molly Miller, Teller County Fair queen.

- Thanked the Commissioners for supporting the Teller County Fair and 4-H and supporting her by buying her market swine.
- The Board commented and congratulated Ms. Miller on her hard work. They were very impressed with her and very proud of her.

Mark Kohlman, resident

- Has been hauling slash piles and is concerned that the slash centers may close. Suggested more time for slash removal.
Commissioner Williams stated he will contact Coalition of the Upper South Platte (CUSP) about extending hours.
- Concerned that Teller County has many choke points and wants egress points if there is a fire.
Commissioner Williams stated he will meet with Office of Emergency Management Director Boley to discuss this issue.
Commissioner Stone commented that in an emergency the Teller County Sheriff's office would be in charge of traffic control.
- Expressed his concerns about the insurance industry. Board offered discussions on insurance.

9:45 Executive Session with County Attorney related to the Loop commercial greenhouse in the R-1 zone.

Action: Commissioner Campbell moved, and Commissioner Stone seconded, to enter into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4) for the purpose of (b) conferring with the County Attorney to receive legal advice regarding the violations of the Teller County Land Use Regulations and Building Code by the Loops with their commercial greenhouse constructed on their residential (R-1)



zoned property and (c) negotiations with the Loops' attorneys.
All Commissioners voted yes.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 10:22 a.m.

The Board reconvened in regular session at 10:44 a.m.

Commissioner Williams stated that the time is now 10:44 a.m. The Board's executive session has concluded, and we are now back in regular open session. While in executive session, the Board did not take any formal action and did not adopt any policy, position, resolution, rule or regulation. For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Colorado Open Meetings law, I ask that you state your concerns for the record.

Hearing none, Commissioner Williams moved to the next agenda item

3. Commissioners Board Matters and Actions

No items to consider.

4. Commissioners Business Items:

Consider approval of fixed asset disposal dated July 22, 2025, as submitted by the Information Technology Department.

Approved.

5. Items received after agenda deadlines

Consider approval of the Special Events Permit Application submitted by Paradox Beer Company, Inc., for the Smokin' the Ute Pass Summit annual barbecue competition and fundraiser.

Approved.

Consider approval of the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between UC Health and Teller County EMS Council.

Approved.

Consider ratification of the Service Agreement with Runbeck Election Services, LLC., initially signed by the Clerk and Recorder on July 29, 2025.

Approved.

Adjournment: 10:51 a.m.



APPROVED:

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Dan Williams, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stephanie Kees", written over a horizontal line.

Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder

