

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

September 25, 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

1. 9:15 am Convene in regular session

Invocation: Mr. Erik Stone

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Carl Andersen

Minutes of Previous Meetings: None.

Accounts Payable

Action: Commissioner Stone moved, and Commissioner Campbell seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of September 23, 2025, in the amount of \$602,427.36. All Commissioners voted yes.

Board Reports

Commissioner Campbell

- He has been very busy with committee and board meetings.
- The Pikes Peak Workforce Center (PPWFC) has a 30% decrease in its budget for next year, which will require layoffs and retirements. It will be a challenging year to accomplish their trainings. Will be undergoing another audit.
- Attended a Community Partnership board meeting.
- Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) is working on its initiatives for the next legislative session, and he has been reviewing the proposals.
- Working on budget planning sessions.

Commissioner Stone

- Attended the State of the County breakfast yesterday on the goings in and around the county including the municipalities.
- The Region 16 Opioid Abatement Council (ROAC) meeting was held yesterday, and they awarded a grant to the Ute Pass Regional Health Services for \$799K to assist with calls for service in the County, including behavioral health services. Approximately \$1 Million in ROAC funds have been distributed in Teller County.



- CCI Legislative Committee meeting held last Friday. Working on the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) map and getting local government input to define WUI in their jurisdictions.

Commissioner Williams

- Welcomed all the public in attendance, recognized law enforcement, locals, and all the public in the room.
- He delivered the State of the County breakfast address yesterday and talked about the challenges for the County due to federal/ state budgets, noted that Teller County is the only debt free county in the state, recognized the many challenges in the upcoming year, and called for unity and less division.
- Reminded everyone of the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Light of Hope event next Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at the Ute Pas Cultural Center. They raised \$35K last year and the money raised stays in Teller County.
- Legislative update. Commented on WUI bills and county efforts to allow for local input, additional time to define local WUI.
- School Board candidate meetings. The upcoming forum on October 1st at Ute Pass Cultural Center will be run by Tony Perry to hear from candidates on experience and qualifications. Deb Miller will have another forum on October 6th.
- Impending shutdown from the federal government. No immediate impacts to County, veteran services, and social security. He spoke with Representatives Jeff Crank and Brittany Petterson and will keep the board informed.

Elected Official's Reports

Stephanie Kees, Clerk and Recorder

- Attended the State of the County breakfast.
- Update on upcoming election, ballots will be mailed on October 10th.

Mr. Stone commented on the work done by election judges to keep elections secure.

Mr. Campbell commented on his service as election judge and thanked Clerk Kees and her staff.

Mr. Williams stated that he has 100% full faith and confidence in the Clerk and Recorder.

Krystal Brown, Treasurer

- Attended the State of the County breakfast.
- Attended a regional conference in Limon last week. Will be attending another in Colorado Springs next month.
- Implementing a new software system called TREADS that will help with new Treasurer's deeds and processes.
- Tax sale will occur November 7th through November 10th.



- New program that allows you to pay taxes in smaller increments. Information is available on the website.

Kurt Schoenberger, Assessor

- Initial inspections of Ag properties are complete and notices will go out soon. Will start inspection on new construction sites soon.

Jason Mikesell, Sheriff

- Provided an update on recent threats and major incidents last week, including after the Charlie Kirk assassination and the event held at Charis Bible College.
- Traffic accidents have increased because of the volume of traffic coming through the county for attractions.

Board commented and gave thanks to the Teller County Sheriff's Office for their coordination and cooperation with other law enforcement agencies.

Administrator's Report.

Mr. Herzog

- Finalizing projects such as the progress on the new playground at Hayden Park.
- Attended a meeting yesterday with the city, town and county administrators which was sponsored by the Pikes Peak Area Council of Government (PPACG).
- The County Road 5 project has been completed.
- Be mindful and careful of the leaf peepers in the County.

2. 9:30 am Time reserved for Department Heads

Dan Swallow, CDD Director

- Reported that Kate Doran passed her International Code Council (ICC) certification test to be a certified building inspector.

Fred Clifford, Public Works Director

- Update on Hayden Park. Meeting Friday with the construction team. Open date to be determined.
- Seasonal change. Preparing for upcoming winter season.

3. 9:35 am Time reserved for the public without an appointment

Dan Cummings, Superintendent of the CC-V School District and Victor resident.

- Noted that he was appearing in his personal capacity and asked for the public's support of ballot initiative 4A in the RE-1 School District for school funding.

Greg Liverman, Resident of RE-1 School District

- Made a statement to clarify that the current school taxes will pay off the school bond in December, then the ballot initiative will put the same amount into the school general fund.

- Dan Cummings clarified that taxes will not increase in the initiative passes.

Toni Moore, Florissant Resident

- Comments on her family history and patriotism.
- Described volunteer efforts with NoFloCo for fire mitigation.
- NoFloCo is seeking 4 grants, and she asked the County Commissioners to sign a letter of support for their grant applications.
- She requested that the Commissioners vote on her requested letter of support today.

- Mr. Williams explained the process for placing an item on the Board's agenda. The Board can't vote on anything that is not on the agenda. They have received the letter and need to review the grant application.

- Mr. Stone explained that the Board can't act on an item that is not on the agenda. They did receive her email and forwarded it to staff, but the grant application wasn't attached to her email.

4. 9:40 am Sheriff Award Presentations

Presenting: Jason Mikesell, Sheriff

- Dawn Steel, Accounting Department, received 10-year Service award.
- Alex Batemen, Dispatcher, award for Service for Profession and Compassion

Presenting: Sven Bonnelycke, Commander

- Corporal Newton, received the Distinguished Service award
- Deputy Taylor and Deputy Berry, received an award for Meritorious Service.
- Deputy Cantu, Deputy Van Lanker, and Detective Yakel, received an award of Meritorious Service.
- Deputy Salmons, Deputy Gates, and Deputy Verduzco, received an award of Meritorious Service.

Presenting: Kevin Tedesco, Commander

- Deputy Alyssa Johns, received Deputy of the Year award.

Board of County Commissioners commented and thanked all the Sheriff's Office employees for their service and bravery.

5. 9:50 am Employee Service Awards

Presenting: Fred Clifford, Public Works Director

- Brad Shaw, Public Works Road Maintenance Supervisor, received 30-year service award.

Presenting: Kurt Schoernberger, Assessor

- Linda Bretag, Cartographer received a 30-year service award.

6. **Service Awards Reception.** The Board recessed for the reception at 11:29 a.m. and reconvened at 12:06 p.m.

7. **RECESS AS THE TELLER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
12:06 PM

8. **CONVENE AS THE TELLER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

Consider approval of the onsite wastewater treatment system variance for 225 Pennsylvania Ave., Woodland Park.

Presenting: Austin May, Building Department of Environmental Health Director and Dan Swallow, CDD Director. Mr. May presented the variance request and recommended approval. Mr. Swallow gave additional background facts on the site plan and variance request.

Public Comment: None.

Kirk Van Everen, Property Owner, attended via Zoom, described his request for a variance and requested approval.

Board comments and discussion about conditions on the approval.

County Attorney Hurcomb proposed a motion to approve the variance requested with the following conditions:

1. the variance is from the horizontal setback requirements;
2. ensure access for maintenance including the 9-foot vertical clearance;
3. allow all necessary inspections from the Community Development Department (CDD) and the Teller County Department of Public Health and Environment (TCDPHE); and
4. All representations and statements of the Applicant are binding.

Action: Commissioner Stone moved, and Commissioner Campbell seconded, to approve the onsite wastewater treatment system variance request for 225 Pennsylvania Ave, Woodland Park with the conditions stated in the proposed motion. All Commissioners voted yes.

Consider approval of the onsite wastewater treatment system variance for 288 Beryllium Rd., Florissant.

Presenting: Austin May, Building Department of Environmental Health Director and Dan Swallow, CDD Director.



In response to Board questions about property zone and setbacks, Mr. Swallow stated that there are setback issues.

Public Comment: None

Action: Commissioner Campbell moved, and Commissioner Stone seconded, to approve the onsite wastewater treatment system variance request for 288 Beryllium Rd, Florissant. All Commissioners voted yes.

9. ADJOURN AS THE TELLER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH: 12:24 PM

10. RECONVENE AS THE TELLER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

11. COMMISSIONERS BOARD MATTERS AND ACTIONS:

Consider a Proclamation proclaiming October 2025 as Arts Month in Teller County, Colorado.

Presenting: Ross Herzog, Administrator

Public Comment: None.

Action: Commissioner Stone moved, and Commissioner Campbell seconded, to proclaim October 2025 as Arts month in Teller County, Colorado and have it posted on the County's website. All Commissioners voted yes.

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

Presenting: Caitlyn Lombardo, Finance Department

Public Comment: None.

Action: Commissioner Campbell moved, and Commissioner Stone seconded, to approve **Resolution No. 09-25-2025 (28)** a Resolution to amend the General, Jail, Road and Bridge, and Social Services Fund Budgets. All Commissioners voted yes.

Consider a Resolution to amend the 2025 General and Capital Projects Fund Budgets.

Presenting: Violet Watt, Finance Department

Public Comment: None.

Action: Commissioner Stone moved, and Commissioner Campbell seconded, to approve **Resolution No. 09-25-2025 (29)** a Resolution to amend the 2025 General and Capital Projects Fund Budgets. All Commissioners voted yes.

12. Commissioners Business Items: Ross Herzog, County Administrator

Consider approval of the Professional Services Agreement with Raise the Future.



Action: Commissioner Campbell moved, and Commissioner Stone seconded, to approve as presented, with any modifications requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney. All Commissioners voted yes.

Items Received After Agenda Deadline: None.

Adjournment: 12:36 p.m.

APPROVED:

Dan Williams, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder