



**Minutes of the Proceedings of
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado
October 9, 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 AM Convene in regular session

Invocation: Mr. Stone.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Carl Andersen.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

August 5, 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 August 5, 2025 as presented. All Commissioners voted yes.

August 19, 2025, BoCC Meeting

Action: Commissioner Stone moved, and Commissioner Campbell seconded, to **approve** the minutes of the meeting of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners on August 19, 2025 as presented. All Commissioners voted yes.

September 11, 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 September 11, 2025 as presented. All Commissioners voted yes.

Accounts Payable

Action: Commissioner Stone moved, and Commissioner Campbell seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of October 7, 2025, in the amount of \$786,512.51. All Commissioners voted yes.



Board Reports

Commissioner Campbell

- Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Light of Hope breakfast was very well done.
- Attended Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) priority list for legislative meeting for bills.
- Attended the school board forum.
- Attended gaming community meetings with Gilpin County, Black Hawk, Central City, and Cripple Creek.

Commissioner Stone

- Attended the CCI legislative initiative meeting that discussed their legislative priority list, including:
 - revisions to the Prop 123 Affordable Housing Program to allow local governments to have flexibility for local conditions and incomes; and
 - considering changes to the condemnation rights given to energy companies like Xcel Energy roughly 20 years ago. Elbert County is currently challenging this law.
- Attended CASA Light of Hope breakfast.
- Met with El Paso County Commissioner regarding Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant participation.
- Commented on the state reserve funds for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) programs and the recent White House decision to transfer tariff funds to WIC programs.
- Attended the first Woodland Park School Board forum for candidates. Thanked Park State Bank and Tony Perry for hosting and the bank's donation to the school district.
- He is working with Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) on safety issues at the Highway 24 intersections with Sherwood Forest and Twin Rocks Road and is setting up a meeting with the CDOT director of safety to inspect these areas, to consider acceleration lanes and to get safety improvements at these intersections.

Commissioner Williams

- Attended both school board forums and it was good to see the lack of divisiveness. He commended all candidates and the hosts/moderators for the forums, Deb Miller, Tony Perry, Carol Harvey, and Steve Wolf.
- CASA raised \$35K in donations at the Light of Hope event. CASA lost \$500K in state funding grants.
- Commented on the CCI meeting on legislative priorities.
 - The potential challenge to the 35-acre rule went away.
 - Commented on the Xcel Energy's condemnations of property.
- Commented on federal furlough; 2.1 million reserve members not getting paid.

- Upcoming Saturday, 2 military services awards will be awarded.
- Attended a work session on the Catamount Open Space and reported that people are cutting fences.
- Announced that he was appointed to the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) transportation committee.

Elected Official's Reports

Stephanie Kees, Clerk and Recorder

- Election report. Ballots to be mailed tomorrow from Denver facility.
- Vote center opens October 27th.
- Election day is November 4th.
- Comments on "leaf peepers" and being able to slow down and look at the beauty of the County.

Kurt Schoenberger, Assessor

- New State auditors for the first time in 20 years.
- Assessor's Office passed all aspects of the State Audit.
- Thanked his office for all their hard work and Mike Akana for his heavy lifting.
- Commissioners congratulated him on passing this audit.

Administrator's Report Mr. Herzog

- The service center in Divide is moving forward. New playground is progressing with a soft opening next week.
- County is sustainable, despite federal government shutdown.
- Commissioner Williams noted that the Search and Rescue structure was destroyed by wind damage and the Board is looking at what the County can do to assist.

2. 9:30 AM Time reserved for Department Heads

Ivy Morris, HR and Department Administrator

- Thanked Ross for table at Light of Hope.
- Thanked Board for support of Human Resources (HR).
- Introduced Rob Samuels, new HR manager.
- Commissioners welcomed Rob to the Teller County family.

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

Carl Andersen, Teller County Resident

- Commented on the 2 school board forums for the candidates, very well ran.
- Importance of government keeping up with the community.

4. 9:40 AM Finance:

Presentation of the 2026 Proposed Budget to the Board of County



Commissioners.

Presenting: Russell Ballinger, Finance Director and Violet Watt, Finance Department

- The budget will be posted on the website today.
- Public meeting on October 23rd at the Centennial Building for public comment.

Board discussion and comments on projections, priorities, sustainability, merit fund for employee pay, and balanced budget. Commissioner Campbell noted that this proposed budget may have minor tweaks if projected income changes.

Action: Commissioner Campbell moved, and Vice-Chairman Stone seconded, to accept the 2026 proposed budget and to publish it. All Commissioners voted yes.

5. 9:50 AM Commissioners Board Matters and Actions:

Consider a Proclamation proclaiming October 2025 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Teller County.

Presenting: Michelle Wolff, Department of Health Director, and Christina Lesea, Women's Health Practitioner

The Proclamation was read into the record.

Board comments.

Action: Commissioner Stone moved, and Commissioner Campbell seconded, to consider a Proclamation proclaiming October 2025 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Teller County. All Commissioners voted yes.

6. 9:55 AM Commissioners Business Items:

Consider approval of an agreement with RubinBrown for audit services for the year ending December 31, 2025.

Approved.

Consider approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Teller County and Prowers County.

Approved.

Consider ratification of Change Order #1 to the Taylor Kohrs Contract dated April 28, 2025.

Ratified.

Consider authorizing the Public Health Director to sign the Vital Records Service Agreement with LexisNexis VitalChek Network, Inc.

Approved.

7. Items Received After Agenda Deadline: None.



Adjournment: 10:32 am

APPROVED:

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Dan Williams, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder

