



**Minutes of the Proceedings of
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado
October 23, 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

Invocation: Mr. Erik Stone

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Carl Andersen

Minutes of Previous Meetings. None.

Accounts Payable

Commissioner Campbell commented on the payments for construction and road projects.

Action: Commissioner Stone moved, and Commissioner Campbell seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of October 21, 2025, in the amount of \$2,426,119.86. All Commissioners voted yes.

Board Reports:

Commissioner Campbell

- Attended meetings with Workforce Center and Community Partnership.
- Comments on SNAP funds stopping because of federal government shutdown.
- Meeting with community members on local issues.

Commissioner Stone

- Update on the Regional Opioid Abatement Council.
 - Open Hearts Open Doors is a non-profit support group home for women dealing with addiction challenges in Victor, submitted a grant application for \$180K and the application has cleared the first round of review by the Council. He noted that this is what success looks like with the abatement funds.



- The Council approved a contract for testing wastewater in El Paso and Teller County to detect drug-controlled substances in the wastewater.
- The Council approved testing equipment for El Paso County Coroner for toxicology testing.
- Attended a Central Front Range Regional Transportation meeting and provided updates on local projects on Highway 67 widening and drainage (will pause for winter) and resurfacing projects.
- Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) is planning a meeting with legislators on November 19th.
- Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) meeting. He met with Region 2 safety engineer and Fred Clifford to look at the Highway 24 intersection with Twin Rocks Road for safety issues, and the Highway 24 and Highway 67 intersection for sightline issues and a potential round-about.
- Had a good meeting with Emergency Medical Services (EMS) council.

Commissioner Williams

- Service Academy Nomination Boards met the last 2 weekends. 98 students in El Paso County applied. Rep. Britany Pettersen had 64 applicants in her district. There was 1 Teller County applicant, who was the first in a long time.
- Colorado Park and Wildlife (CPW) Council meeting, November 14th meeting for Wildlife Commission to review hunting regulations and fishing.
- Veterans Day is coming up and County wide programs will be held: 10:30 at Cripple Creek School, program and lunch; 1:30 at Woodland Park School, program and dessert; and 4:00 at Ute Cultural Center, dinner.
- Comments on division in the County, the "No Kings Day" rallies, and a request to focus on what we have in common.
- Rep. Pettersen visiting next week to focus on food issues, food insecurity.
- Roughly 10% of Teller County residents are on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which is approximately \$500K per month in benefits. Two days ago, the SNAP recipients received letters to notify them that their SNAP benefits are ending. County is meeting with local nonprofits to come together to have food banks and pantries for local people.
- El Pomar released \$1.5 Million, Teller County will receive \$40K, \$450K to Care and Share.
- Commissioner Stone commented on helping neighbors with sharing food.

Elected Official's Reports

Stephanie Kees, Clerk and Recorder

- Update on November 4th election: 20,000 ballots were sent out; she reminded everyone on the locations of ballot drop boxes.

Krystal Brown, Treasurer

- Deadline to pay taxes is November 6th. 615 properties notified, 52 have paid.
- Treasurer's Conference in El Paso County last week.



- Noted that Tracy McGinty and Milford Ashworth passed away and she offered condolences to both families.

Kurt Schoenberger, Assessor

- Finished Agricultural inspections. Mailed letters to owners to those who have not completed their paperwork to get information needed for assessment, asked them to contact his office.
- Will have two Assessor Talks forums: November 18th at the Centennial Building from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, and November 19th at Ute Pass Cultural Center from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm.

Administrator's Report.

Mr. Herzog

- Reviewing WIC/SNAP funds and sustainability.

Commissioner Williams thanked Ross for his leadership and keeping capital infrastructure projects going and getting the new playground equipment installed at the Hayden Divide Park.

Commissioner Campbell commented on the Limited Gaming Impact Committee meeting on impact funds and that \$6.8 million will be distributed subject to the Executive Director's approval. They will make a specific announcement after approval.

2. 9:30 Time reserved for Department Heads

Kyle Crawford, IT Director

- Update on cybersecurity efforts.
- Commissioner Williams thanked Kyle for keeping IT safe.

Russell Ballinger, Finance Director

- Proposed budget, public comment meeting scheduled for 1:00 pm today.

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

Commissioner Williams noted that the Board received a letter from the Moores and a response was provided to them.

Brent and Darcy Broadfoot, Teller County Residents at 138 Skyline Drive

- Comments on complaints about cell towers, had no response from the County. If no response is received they will file a lawsuit.

Commissioner Stone explained that the County does not have jurisdiction or authority over the matter.

Commissioner Williams stated that the County can investigate land use issues



and the Planning Director can do an inspection for land use issues.

4. 9:40 Commissioners Board Matters and Actions:

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

Presenting: Caitlyn Lombardo, Finance

Public Comment: None

Action: Commissioner Campbell moved, and Commissioner Stone seconded, to **approve Resolution No. 10-25-2025(30)** a Resolution to amend the General, Jail, Road and Bridge, and Social Services Fund Budgets. All Commissioners voted yes.

Consider appointments to the Planning Commission.

Presenting: Paul Hurcomb, County Attorney

Mr. Hurcomb recommended offsetting the terms of Commission members and having an odd number of members to avoid a tie when voting.

Board comments and thanks to the applicants.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Commissioner Stone moved, and Commissioner Campbell seconded, to approve John Chaney as a regular member of the Planning Commission with a three-year term starting November 1, 2025 and expiring October 31, 2028. All Commissioners voted yes.

Action: Commissioner Stone moved, and Commissioner Campbell seconded, to approve Marion Clare as an associate member of the Planning Commission with a three-year term starting November 1, 2025 and expiring October 31, 2028. All Commissioners voted yes.

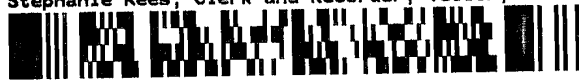
Ms. Marion Clare thanked the Board and asked for clarification on the associate member's role. Mr. Hurcomb explained the role of an associate member.

5. 9:45 Commissioners Business Items:

Consider ratification of Contract Modification No. 1 to the CTL Thompson contract originally signed April 8, 2025.

Ratified.

Consider approval of the 2026 Lease Agreement with Woodland Professional Building.



Approved and authorized the County Administrator and County Attorney to work with the landlord on revisions to the lease.

6. 9:55 Items Received After Agenda Deadline: None.

Adjournment: 11:05 am

APPROVED:

Dan Williams, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder