



**Minutes of the Proceedings of
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado
November 20, 2025**

In attendance:

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

Commissioner Stone excused Commissioner Williams as he was attending a Colorado Park and Wildlife (CPW) and Court Advocates Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) board meeting.

Commissioner Stone read a statement from Commissioner Williams expressing his gratitude to Teller County.

Invocation: Mr. Erik Stone.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Rob Samuels.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: None.

Accounts Payable

Consider ratification of the November 4, 2025, accounts payable run.

Action: Commissioner Campbell moved, and Commissioner Stone seconded, that the Board **ratify** the accounts payable run date of November 4, 2025, in the amount of \$1,110,834.87. Both Commissioners voted yes.

Consider approval of the November 18, 2025, accounts payable run.

Action: Commissioner Campbell moved, and Commissioner Stone seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of November 18, 2025, in the amount of \$1,095,064.80. Both Commissioners voted yes.

Board Reports

Commissioner Campbell

- Attended a Pikes Peak Workforce Center (PPWFC) job fair sponsored by USAA. There were 1,100 attendees with 100 employers.
- The audit for PPWFC continues.
- Attended the Assessor's public forum last night that was focused on explaining the agricultural classification.
- Had a meeting with the State Gaming Association in Cripple Creek and then with the local Gaming Association.
- Attended a 4-H recognition dinner.
- Attended a Colorado Technical Services, Inc. (CTSI) meeting concerning insurance renewal.
- Attended Works Allocation meetings regarding Temporary Aide to Needy Families (TANF).
- Attended the Veterans Day events and the attendance by the community was great.
- Commended the community for their turnout for the food collection, monetary donations and distribution.
- Assisted the Little Chapel with distributing food donations. 100,000 pounds of food is planned to be distributed on Monday.

Commissioner Stone

- Provided an update on the Teller County Food Initiative.
 - Set up a task force to meet daily every morning.
 - The OEM Director managed the response.
 - Collaborated with entities for strategic food distributions and used Gateway building for food storage. Thanked the Woodland Park RE2 school district for that allowance.
 - The County contributed freezers to each food pantry to take in cold foods.
 - PBJ Ranch provided beef at cost to the County for distribution.
- Attended the Veterans Day events. Both schools had assemblies and there was a Veterans Day dinner at Ute Pass Cultural Center.
- Opioid Policy Council update. They will be hiring a new facilitator. Approximately \$60 million will be allotted for Pikes Peak region.
- Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) meeting yesterday with local legislators. House majority leader is changing the composition of committees to remove a Republican from each committee. There remains a \$1.4 billion shortfall in the State budget.
- SNAP is restored and funded until September 2026.
- Woodland Park RE2 School District established a backpack program that provides food to needy families.
- Mountain View United Methodist Church did a food drive for those with



special dietary restrictions.

- Choices is a local resource for baby food, formula and diapers.
- On Monday, the Little Chapel Food Pantry will be distributing 100k pounds of food.

Elected Official's Reports

Stephanie Kees, Clerk and Recorder

- Shared that she helped with the food drives at Walmart and City Market.
- The election is certified as of yesterday at 4:40 pm. This is the 23rd election she has conducted and it went very smoothly. The turnout was 50% overall. Of the ballots that were returned, 80% were deposited in a 24-Hour Ballot box.
- She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Administrator's Report Mr. Herzog

- The County is monitoring the moisture levels, which remain low even with snow today.
- Provided updates on ongoing projects. Covered seating is being installed, and a new steer barn is being built at the Fairgrounds. Grading for the new Divide Service Center continues and the playground is complete. Continuing to focus on the infrastructure of the wastewater treatment plant.

The Board thanked Ross for his hard work.

2. 9:35 Time reserved for Department Heads. None.

Commissioner Stone thanked the Department Heads and their staff for helping with the food drive.

3. 9:40 Time reserved for the public without an appointment

Carl Andersen, Divide resident

- Recognized the amazing volunteering and giving this month.
- The Ute Pass Kiwanis Club collected \$3,000 in items and supplies for children and babies. The Club will be accepting donations at the BINGO event tonight at the Ute Pass Cultural Center.

Greg Liverman, resident

- Served as an election judge picking up ballots from the 24-hour ballot boxes, the vote center and post office.
- Shared that the Postmasters in Teller County coordinated with each other on Election Day to get ballots to the post office in Divide for delivery to the Cripple Creek post office for delivery to the election judges.



4. 9:45 Commissioners Board Matters and Actions

Consider the re-appointment of Brian Johnson to the Teller County Planning Commission.

Presenting: Paul Hurcomb, County Attorney.

Public Comment: Greg Liverman encouraged this reappointment.

Action: Commissioner Campbell moved, and Commissioner Stone seconded, to re-appoint Brian Johnson to the Teller County Planning Commissioner for a 3-year term. Both 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 **adopt Resolution No. 11-20-2025(31)**, a Resolution, to amend the General, Jail, Road and Bridge and Social Services Fund Budgets. Both Commissioners voted yes.

5. 9:50 Commissioners Business Items:

Consider approval of the amendment to the Teller County Lease with Vero Broadband (formerly Peak Internet).

Approved.

Consider ratification of Taylor Kohrs Change Order #002 dated September 30, 2025.

Approved.

Consider ratification of Taylor Kohrs Change Order #3 dated October 13, 2025.

Ratified.

Consider ratification of Change Order #1 to the Page Construction Professional Services Agreement dated August 31, 2025.

Ratified.

Consider ratification of Change Order #1 to the Respec Company, LLC Professional Services Agreement dated January 01, 2025.

Ratified.

Consider Approval of Agreement with Southern Health Partners for 2026 Prisoner Medical Services.

Approved.



6. Items Received After Agenda Deadline: None.

Adjournment: 11:25 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Dan Williams, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder