

**Minutes of the Proceedings of
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County,
Colorado March 24, 2026**

In attendance:

Vice-Chairman Robert Campbell
Commissioner Dan Williams
Ross Herzog, County Administrator
Paul Hurcomb, County Attorney
Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder

Agenda

1. 9:15 Convene in regular session

9:18 a.m.

Vice-Chair Campbell convened the meeting and excused Chairman Stone who is on vacation.

Invocation

Mr. Dan Williams

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Michelle Wolff

Commissioner Campbell noted that yesterday was the 127th anniversary of the founding of Teller County.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

January 8, 2026, BoCC Meeting

Action: Commissioner Williams moved, and Vice-Chairman Campbell seconded, to **approve** the minutes of the meeting of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners on January 8, 2026 as presented. Both Commissioners voted yes.

January 22, 2026, BoCC Meeting

Action: Commissioner Williams moved, and Vice-Chairman Campbell seconded, to **approve** the minutes of the meeting of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners on January 22, 2026 as presented. Both Commissioners voted yes.

Accounts Payable

March 9, 2026

Action: Commissioner Williams moved, and Vice-Chairman Campbell seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of March 9, 2026, in the amount of \$338,445.97. Both Commissioners voted yes.

March 24, 2026

Action: Commissioner Williams moved, and Vice-Chairman Campbell seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of March 24, 2026, in the amount of \$910,117.19. Both Commissioners voted yes.

Board Reports

Commissioner Williams

- Reported on assembly last Saturday. Congratulated Carl Andersen for the Republican nomination for Commissioner District 2. He will face Mr. Dennis Luttrell as the Democratic nominee.
- Commented on Sheriff Jason Mikesell's campaign for Governor.
- State of Colorado is now an additional \$1 billion in debt.
- Commented on HB 26-1008 Colorado Outdoor Opportunities Act that he supports, but noted the bill still needs some amendments.
- Commented on the Clean Energy bill.
- Gave an update on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan WUI map. Teller County adopted its map within the initial 1-year extension but other counties were relying on a possible additional extension that was not granted. Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) has provided Teller County's WUI map to other counties to use as a reference for their specific maps.
- El Pomar continues to help our non-profits. He encouraged individuals to give private donations to the non-profits, especially the 5 food pantries.
- Expressed his concerns about the fires at Ft. Carson, El Paso and Fremont counties. Also mentioned the fire on the back side of Pikes Peak.

Commissioner Campbell

- He's reviewing 23 bills with CCI concerning county impacts that are unfunded mandates.
- Attended a Colorado Technical Services, Inc. (CTSI) meeting. They are working on next year's budget calendar.
- Working with the Pikes Peak Workforce Center (PPWFC) in El Paso County as lawsuit continues over the State audit. The State audit classified a finding of a \$2.76 discrepancy in PPWFC's \$10 million budget as a "major finding." He disagrees.
- Attended the monthly meeting with Community Partnership.
- Thanked Teller County for their cooperation with the Stage II Fire Ban that the Board enacted at an emergency meeting which will be ratified later in this meeting.



Elected Officials' Reports

Stephanie Kees, Clerk and Recorder

- Thanked those who participated at the assembly.
- Announced the new 24-Hr Ballot Drop Box has been installed at the Florissant Library.
- Is excited for the new Election Central room to be completed, possibly next week.

Commissioner Williams commented on the fact that elections are run by the counties and he stands by the Clerk and Recorder and her team.

Kurt Schoenberger, Assessor

- Expressed his support of HB26-1236 with amendments.
- Gave an update on the Assessor meetings held in Cripple Creek and Woodland Park on the senior and veteran's exemptions. The meetings were well attended. The presentations are on the website for viewing.

Board comments.

Administrator's Report.

Mr. Herzog

- Provided an update on the Divide Service Center.
- Gave a reminder of the Stage II Fire Ban.
- He and Commissioner Stone met with Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). It was a surprise that CDOT suggested a roundabout at the intersection of Highway 24 and Highway 67 in Divide.

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

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

Greg Liverman, Four Mile

- Commented on Short Term Rentals (STRs).
- He considers STRs as commercial operations that are restricted in the R-1 zone and should require a Special Use Permit (SUP) which would require public input before they are approved.
- Asked questions about STRs. What is the definition of an STR? Is it the size of the house with the number of guests? What kind of amenities would they provide? Should fire pits be banned? What other amenities? Pools, tennis courts, shooting range? At what point would an STR be a resort? Land Use regulations are required of permanent residents.

Carl Andersen, Divide resident

- Thanked the residents for participating in the Republican assembly and thanked the Republican Party officers for their running of a good assembly. He will be taking down his election signs.
- Thanked his wife Shannon Andersen for all her support with his campaign.

Board comments on the assembly.

Clerk Kees commented there were many people at assembly who participated for the first time.

4. 9:50 Commissioners Board Matters and Actions

Consider acceptance and authorize publishing of the Treasurer's Semi- Annual report, July 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

Presenting: Krystal Brown, Treasurer and Public Trustee

Public Comment: None

Action: Commissioner Williams moved, and Vice-Chairman Campbell seconded, to accept and authorize publishing of the Treasurer's Semi-Annual report, July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. Both Commissioners voted yes.

Consider a resolution to amend the 2026 General, Jail, Road and Bridge, and Social Services Fund Budgets.

Presenting: Caitlyn Lombardo, Finance Department

Public Comment: None.

Action: Commissioner Williams moved, and Vice-Chairman Campbell seconded, to **approve Resolution No. 03-24-2026(12)** a Resolution to amend the 2026 General, Jail, Road and Bridge, and Social Services Fund Budgets. Both Commissioners voted yes.

Consider the reappointment of Wendy Dillenschneider to the Teller County Planning Commission.

Comments in support of the reappointment were made by Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Campbell, and County Attorney Hurcomb.

Public Comment: Greg Liverman, 4 Mile resident. Thanked the Commissioners for their compliments of Wendy and agrees she is perfect for the job. Noted that she was instrumental with the dark skies project in the County and including a requirement for downcast lights in the Land Use Regulations.

Action: Commissioner Williams moved, and Vice-Chairman Campbell seconded, to reappoint Wendy Dillenschneider to a 3-year term to the Teller County Planning Commission. Both Commissioners voted yes.

Consider a Proclamation recognizing April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Presenting: Kim Mauthe, Director of Human Services and Jodi Mijares, Director of Community Partnership

Board comments.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Commissioner Williams moved, and Vice-Chairman Campbell seconded, to approve a Proclamation recognizing April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Both Commissioners voted yes.

Consider a Proclamation recognizing April 6–12, 2026, as National Public Health Week.

Presenting: Michelle Wolff, Director Public Health

Board comments.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Commissioner Williams moved, and Vice-Chairman Campbell seconded, to approve a proclamation recognizing April 6th-12th, 2026, as National Public Health Week. Both Commissioners voted yes.

Board photos with Kim Mauthe, Director of Human Services, Jodi Mijares, Director of Community Partnership, and Michelle Wolff, Director Public Health.

Consider a resolution approving a Vacation of Public Right-of-Way and an Amended Final Plat to combine lots 2A, 5, 6 and the public right-of way to create lot 6R in Cripple Creek Timbers.

Presenting: Lucy Caillouet, CDD Planner II presented the Staff Report and recommend approval with conditions.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Commissioner Williams moved, and Vice-Chairman Campbell, to **approve Resolution No. 03-24-2026(13)** a Resolution to approve a vacation of Public Right-of Way and an Amended Final Plat to combine lots 2A, 5, 6 and the public right-of-way to create lot 6R in Cripple Creek Timbers as presented. Both Commissioners voted yes.

5. 10:10 Commissioners Business Items:

Consider ratification of the Public Contract for Services with KP Election Services for 2026 ballot printing and mailing.

Ratified.

Consider ratification of the appointment of Kelly Hunsaker to the Rampart Library District Board of Trustees.

Ratified.



6. Items Received After Agenda Deadline:

Consider ratification of Resolution 03-19-2026 (11), originally approved at an emergency meeting of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners on March 19, 2026, a Resolution to upgrade the existing Stage I Fire Ban to a Stage II Fire Ban that restricts open burning in Teller County, Colorado.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Commissioner Williams moved, and Vice-Chairman Campbell, to ratify **Resolution 03-19-2026 (11)**, a Resolution to upgrade the existing Stage I Fire Ban to a Stage II Fire Ban that restricts open burning in Teller County.

Both Commissioners voted yes.

Adjournment

11:16 a.m.

APPROVED: _____

Erik Stone, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: _____

Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder

