



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2025 at 10:00 AM

Commissioners Meeting Room - 401 Main Street, Suite 309, Walsenburg, CO 81089

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1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Sporleder called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Sporleder, Commissioner Chamberlain and Commissioner Wardell were present.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion made by Commissioner Wardell

Second by Commissioner Chamberlain

Voting Yes: Chairman Sporleder, Commissioner Chamberlain, Commissioner Wardell

Motion Passes

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion made by Commissioner Chamberlain

Second by Commissioner Wardell

Voting Yes: Chairman Sporleder, Commissioner Chamberlain, Commissioner Wardell

Motion Passes

- a. February 18th 2025 Meeting Minutes
- b. Cheyenne Griego New Hire Treasurer's
- c. Kieonna Lopez New Hire Dispatch
- d. Karina Sierra Probationary Period Completed Department of Human Services
- e. Deah Weller Promotion Department of Human Services
- f. Rahma Siddiqui Rescind Offer Treasurer's
- g. Dan Matthews Resignation Sheriffs Office
- h. Sick Time Donation for Aizlynn Crisp Dispatch
- i. Sick Time Donation for Hallie Coulter Department of Human Services

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Ryan Gies made a statement regarding the Ukrainian War and thanked the commissioners
- b. Dale Lyons asked about revisiting the current signage regulations for political advertisements for the county
- c. Gale Lisenger asked when the Cuchara Foundation Letter was going to be discussed.
- d. Jessica Lovelace author of the community version of the Cuchara Foundation letter asked several clarifying questions about the accusations posed in the Cuchara Foundation Letter
- e. Jackie Christian commented on the accusations posed in the Cuchara Foundation Letter and opposed the parks stance on the accusations.
- f. Ron James discussed the accusations posed in the Cuchara Foundation Letter and pushed for further development in Cuchara
- g. Grant Bonicelli discussed the accusations posed in the Cuchara Foundation Letter and asked several clarifying questions.
- h. Ken Clayton and T.R. Beasley from the Cuchara Foundation answered questions posed by Commissioner Chamberlain regarding the Cuchara Foundation letter.

5. APPOINTMENTS

- a. Tracy Gutierrez from the Southern Colorado Economic Development District discussed updates for the Southern Colorado Economic Development District projects, grants, newsletter and open positions on the board.
- b. Chelsea Meece from coalition for the unhoused conducted a review of the point and time count statistics updates.

6. PERMITS, LICENCES, AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

NONE

7. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Resolution #25-10 Appointing Ryan Gies to the Huerfano County Building Authority Board
Motion to approve Resolution #25-10 appointing Ryan Gies to the Huerfano County Building Authority Board for a term Expiring on December 31, 2027
Motion made by Commissioner Wardell
Second by Commissioner Chamberlain
Voting Yes: Chairman Sporleder, Commissioner Chamberlain, Commissioner Wardell
Motion Passes
- b. Resolution #25-11 Appointing Carlton Croft to the SCEDD Board of Directors
Motion to approve Resolution #25-11 appointing Carlton Croft to the Southern Colorado Economic Development District for a term Expiring on December 31, 2026
Motion made by Commissioner Chamberlain
Second by Commissioner Wardell
Voting Yes: Chairman Sporleder, Commissioner Chamberlain, Commissioner Wardell
Motion Passes

- c. Letter of Support for Museum of Friends for the Rural Arts Initiative Grant
Motion to Letter of Support for Museum of Friends for the Rural Arts Initiative Grant
Motion made by Commissioner Wardell
Second by Commissioner Chamberlain
Discussion: Commissioner Chamberlain made several comments in support of the museum
Voting Yes: Chairman Sporleder, Commissioner Chamberlain, Commissioner Wardell
Motion Passes
- d. APCO Membership Approval to Join
Motion to approve the membership to the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials with an annual fee of \$1,012
Motion made by Commissioner Chamberlain
Second by Commissioner Wardell
Voting Yes: Chairman Sporleder, Commissioner Chamberlain, Commissioner Wardell
Motion Passes
- e. Acceptance of Community Wildfire Defense Grant Sub award from Colorado State University
Motion to approve the Acceptance of Community Wildfire Defense Grant Sub award from Colorado State University for a total of \$180,000.00
Motion made by Commissioner Wardell
Second by Commissioner Chamberlain
Voting Yes: Chairman Sporleder, Commissioner Chamberlain, Commissioner Wardell
Motion Passes
- f. KLJ GIS Task Order 2025
Motion to approve the KLJ GIS Task Order 2025 not to exceed 25,000 until end of year
Motion made by Commissioner Chamberlain
Second by Commissioner Wardell
Voting Yes: Chairman Sporleder, Commissioner Chamberlain, Commissioner Wardell
Motion Passes
- g. Back Country Search and Rescue Grant Allocation
Motion to approve the Back Country Search and Rescue Grant Allocation for a total of \$18,828.00 not requested in previous budget
Motion made by Commissioner Wardell
Second by Commissioner Chamberlain
Voting Yes: Chairman Sporleder, Commissioner Chamberlain, Commissioner Wardell
Motion Passes
- h. Purchase Order #2025-041 for Government Jobs.Com
Motion to approve Purchase Order #2025-041 for Government Jobs.Com subscription for a total of \$7068.99
Motion made by Commissioner Chamberlain
Second by Commissioner Wardell
Voting Yes: Chairman Sporleder, Commissioner Chamberlain, Commissioner Wardell
Motion Passes
- i. Purchase Order #2025-043 SE Group
Motion to approve Purchase Order #2025-043 SE Group for a total of \$2,100.00 for Safe Streets For All.
Motion made by Commissioner Wardell
Second by Commissioner Chamberlain
Voting Yes: Chairman Sporleder, Commissioner Chamberlain, Commissioner Wardell
Motion Passes

- j. Pre Pay CAPP Contribution 2025
Motion to approve the Pre Pay CAPP Contribution 2025 for a total of \$407,558.00
Motion made by Commissioner Chamberlain
Second by Commissioner Wardell
Voting Yes: Chairman Sporleder, Commissioner Chamberlain, Commissioner Wardell
Motion Passes

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Carl Young, County Administrator reviewed correspondence with the BOCC

- a. Cuchara Foundation Letter

9. STAFF REPORTS

- a. County Administrator

County Administrator Carl Young reviewed the current County job openings including current job duties, qualifications and wages that can be found on the Huerfano County Website and current open slots for Huerfano County boards.

- b. County Attorney

None for review in Public Session 4 cases to review in Executive Session

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. For a conference with a County Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b). **Arias v. Newman, Burch Case, DeHerrea and Guerrero v. Bensman et al.**

Motion to enter and amend executive session adding the Healthcare Partners v. Newman case to the list of cases to be reviewed at 11:32 AM

Motion made by Commissioner Wardell

Second by Commissioner Chamberlain

Voting Yes: Chairman Sporleder, Commissioner Chamberlain, Commissioner Wardell

Motion Passes

No decisions shall be made during or after executive session

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:02 PM

Motion made by Commissioner Wardell

Second by Commissioner Chamberlain

Voting Yes: Chairman Sporleder, Commissioner Chamberlain, Commissioner Wardell

Motion Passes

Erica Vigil, County Clerk & Recorder
Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS:

Karl Sporleder, Chairman

Mitchell Wardell

Jim Chamberlain