



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 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. March 4th Meeting Minutes

b. Sick Time Donation for Gabriella Jones

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Jessica Lovelace clarified her stance towards development at the Cuchara Mountain Park and invited the Board of County Commissioners to a town hall meeting regarding the park.

5. APPOINTMENTS

a. Recognition of AmeriCorps Week 2025

Josie Boynton with AmeriCorps presented Proclamation #25-01 Announcing Americorps Week 2025 and recognized Tammy Clark and Larry Blessman for their work volunteering with Americorps.

b. Arkansas River Basin Water Forum Board Appointment Al Tucker, Board Member

Al Tucker with the Arkansas River Basin Water Forum Board updated the Board of County Commissioners of filling a vacancy in the board and suggested appointing Lonnie Brown to the Arkansas River Basin Water Forum Board.

c. Pinon Hills Water Authority
Dannah Koeinger, P.E., GMS Consulting Engineers

Dannah Koeinger with GMS Consulting Engineers presented a slide show to the Board of County Commissioners on the possibility of creating a Pinon Hills Water Authority

d. Spanish Peaks Alliance for Wildfire Protection Update Lisa Garrison, Executive Director

Lisa Garrison, Craig Yenser and Marshall Moore from the Spanish Peaks Alliance for Wildfire Protection discussed updates and current plans from the alliance and thanked the Board of County Commissioners for their support.

6. **PERMITS, LICENCES, AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

NONE

7. **ACTION ITEMS**

a. Resolution #25-14 Appointing Shauna Vucetich to the Huerfano County Building Authority Board

Motion to approve Resolution #25-14 appointing Shauna Vucetich to the Huerfano County Building Authority Board for a term ending on December 31st 2027

Motion made by Commissioner Chamberlain

Second by Commissioner Wardell

Voting Yes: Chairman Sporleder, Commissioner Chamberlain, Commissioner Wardell

Motion Passes

b. Proclamation #25-01 Announcing Americorps Week 2025

Motion to approve Proclamation #25-01 Announcing Americorps Week, March 9th-March 14th 2025

Motion made by Commissioner Wardell

Second by Commissioner Chamberlain

Voting Yes: Chairman Sporleder, Commissioner Chamberlain, Commissioner Wardell

Motion Passes

c. Innovative Housing Opportunity Planning Grant Release of Funds Letter

Motion to approve the Innovative Housing Opportunity Planning Grant Release of Funds Letter of support deobligating \$18,127.74 of DOLA Funds

Motion made by Commissioner Chamberlain

Second by Commissioner Wardell

Voting Yes: Chairman Sporleder, Commissioner Chamberlain, Commissioner Wardell

Motion Passes

d. Huerfano County Economic Development Inc. Enterprise Zone Contribution Project Letter

Motion to approve the Huerfano County Economic Development Inc. Enterprise Zone Contribution Project Letter of support

Motion made by Commissioner Wardell

Second by Commissioner Chamberlain

Voting Yes: Chairman Sporleder, Commissioner Chamberlain, Commissioner Wardell

Motion Passes

- e. Purchase Order #2025-049 for Global Industrial
Motion to approve Purchase Order #2025-049 from Global Industrial for a refrigerated drinking fountain for the Walsenburg Community Center for a total of \$2,088.10
Motion made by Commissioner Chamberlain
Second by Commissioner Wardell
Voting Yes: Chairman Sporleder, Commissioner Chamberlain, Commissioner Wardell
Motion Passes
- f. Purchase Order #2025-51 Granite Phone Purchase
Motion to approve Purchase Order #2025-051 from Granite Communications for voip phones for the Huerfano County Offices for a total of \$6,362.00
Motion made by Commissioner Wardell
Second by Commissioner Chamberlain
Voting Yes: Chairman Sporleder, Commissioner Chamberlain, Commissioner Wardell
Motion Passes

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Carl Young, County Administrator reviewed correspondence with the BOCC

- a. Bulk Water Monthly Volume Report February 2025
- b. GPID System Totals Report February 2025
- c. GPID Billing Register February 2025
- d. Paul Rieker Request for Donation for Barbra Gill's Autopsy
- e. Paul Rieker Request for Assistance for PTSD Reduction Study
- f. Carolyn Newman Letter Requesting to Host a Tour of the County Courthouse for the Huerfano County Historical Society
- g. CTSI Technical Update: Out of State Remote Work
- h. Huerfano County Airport Fuel Sales February 2025
- i. February 2025 Fuel Reports

9. STAFF REPORTS

a. County Administrator

County Administrator Carl Young reviewed the Colorado Water Resource Approved Loan. Carl Young also 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

Letter from Leslie Shulter for Commissioner review regarding the Guerrero Case

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). **Burch Case, Arias v. Newman, HCPF v. Newman**

Motion to enter executive session at 1:00 PM

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. RECESS

Chairman Sporleder called to recess the meeting until the executive session at 10:58 am.

Start of Executive Session at 1:00 pm

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 1:12 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

