

**Minutes of the Proceedings of
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado
March 19, 2024**

In attendance:

Bob Campbell, County Commissioner/Chair
Dan Williams, County Commissioner/Vice-Chair
Erik Stone, County Commissioner
Ross Herzog, County Administrator
Paul Hurcomb, County Attorney
Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder

1. 9:20 a.m. Convene in Regular Session:

The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County convened in regular session in the Teller County Centennial Building in Cripple Creek, CO.

Mr. Campbell presided.

Mr. Williams gave the invocation.

Ms. Ivy Morris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: None.

Accounts Payable:

Action: Mr. Stone moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of March 14, 2024, in the amount of \$773,314.49. All Commissioners voted yes.

Board Reports:

Mr. Stone:

- Commented on the recent unprecedented snowstorm, which was the biggest since 2003.
 - Commissioners visited areas around the County and it was great to see neighbors helping each other.
 - Expressed appreciation to the Road and Bridge crews and the snowplow drivers.
 - County is currently under an avalanche warning. An avalanche occurred on Shelf Road that caused a plow driver to slide off the road. Search and Rescue efforts rescued the driver unharmed. Thanked Fremont County for their assistance.
 - Expressed gratitude for the efforts of Administrator Ross Herzog and Emergency Management Director Jay Teague for their leadership.
 - Focusing on life, health, and safety.

Mr. Campbell: Noted that County Attorney Paul Hurcomb was present online.

Mr. Williams:

- Commended the community on their strength concerning the storm. Teller County Community is strong.
- Rode 12 hours with plow driver Mat Headrick to see the conditions.
- Planning what we can do to prepare for future storms.
- Commented on the combined efforts of all cities and groups in the County who assisted.
- Acknowledged power outage for 3 days.
- Commented on the rescue efforts with the plow driver and thanked Fred Clifford Public Works Department Head, Office of Emergency Management (OEM), the Coroner, and Search and Rescue (SAR).

Mr. Campbell:

- Thanked the community for helping with snow removal and welfare checks. It brought the community together.
- Echoed comments of Mr. Stone and Mr. Williams.
- Thanked the volunteers' and community leadership, Jay Teague, cities and their agencies.
- Recognized the GIS and Assessor who assisted in locating areas of stress.
- Noted that later in the meeting there will be a presentation to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the establishment of Teller County.

Elected Officials Report:

Stephanie Kees, Clerk and Recorder

- Gave update on the completion of the 2024 Presidential Primary Election results and that they are preparing for the 2024 June Election.

Carol Kittelson, Assessor

- Echoed the Commissioners thoughts and gratitude.
- Thanked Kat Helling for creating a Facebook page where citizens could get snow plowing updates.

Steve Tomsy, Coroner

- Reported that he responded 7 times during storm and thanked Fred Clifford for his assistance in getting the roads cleared.
- Two of the deaths were snow related.

Administrator's Report:

Ross Herzog, County Administrator

- Thanked the community and staff for coming together.

Commissioner Williams thanked Ross for taking calls and getting things coordinated.

2. Time Reserved for Department Heads and Public Without an Appointment:

Jay Teague, OEM Director

- Update on recovery efforts.
- Thanked Search and Rescue's efforts and assistance.
- Colorado Avalanche Center put in an alert.
- Reported that all calls were responded to in priority order.
- 117 homes plowed out from yesterday still with hundreds of residents still inaccessible.
- Thanked the Board for allowing the utilizing of contractors for private areas and roads.
- Provided details on the rescue of the grader/plow driver trapped in an avalanche. and stated that the 800 mghz radios were essential to help with the rescue.

The Board thanked Jay and his team.

Fred Clifford, Public Works Director

- Praised his crew for their hard work and long hours.
- Thanked OEM for saving one of the drivers. In over 18 years they have never had to do that.
- Access in and out of subdivisions is not optional yet.
- Crews are out today clearing berms. There will be a lot of mud and potholes as melting occurs.
- Thanked the Sheriff, OEM, SAR and his staff for their hard work and dedication.

Commissioner Stone commented how early the drivers were out.

Commissioner Williams commented on how drivers are appreciative of simple things such as breakfast from McDonalds from the County Administrator.

Commissioner Campbell expressed appreciation of Fred Clifford and his crew.

Michelle Wolfe, Public Health Director

- Thanked the Board and the County for their work.
- Commented on the 125th Anniversary of the County and shared a family story of her grandparents' ranch in the 1930's.
- The kindness of our community during this emergency is being seen by the kids.

3. Time Reserved for the Public without an appointment: None.

4. Employee Service Awards – Jessica Wildeman, Clerk and Recorder – 10 years

Commissioners recognized Lt. Renee Bunting in her role with the Sheriff's Office as Public Information Officer (PIO).

5. Administration: Consider a Resolution to amend various 2024 Department Fund Budgets.

Presenting: Ross Herzog, Administrator

Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, to **approve Resolution No. 03-19-2024(12)**, a Resolution to amend General, Road and Bridge, Jail Enterprise, and DSS Social Services 2024 Department Funds. All Commissioners voted yes.

6. Administration: Consider a Proclamation recognizing March 21, 2024, as the 125th anniversary of Teller County, Colorado.

Presenting: Ross Herzog, Administrator

Action: Mr. Stone moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to **approve** the Proclamation celebrating March 21st, 2024 as the 125th anniversary of Teller County, Colorado. All Commissioners voted yes.

Commissioner Stone and Williams thanked Dave Martinek for his assistance in preparing the Proclamation.

Presentation by Dave Martinek and Linda Johnson celebrating the history of Teller County and shared a story, Shower of Gold of Cripple Creek.

Recessed 10:53 a.m.

Reconvened 11:18 a.m.

Commissioner's Business Items: Ross Herzog, County Administrator

The Board duly approved the following business agenda items:

1. Professional Service Agreement (PSA) with Ellison Trucking, Inc. with any modifications requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
2. Professional Service Agreement (PSA) with Snare Construction, Inc. with any modifications requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
3. Professional Service Agreement (PSA) with UniFirst Corporation with any modifications requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
4. Commercial Real Estate Agreement with Community of Caring Foundation
5. Professional Service Agreement (PSA) with Page Construction, Inc. with any modifications requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
6. Planned Service Agreement 2024 Renewal with Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP.
7. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Nourish Colorado

8. Other administrative matters received after agenda deadlines.

- a. Amendment to Agreement for services with Intellectual Technology Incorporated (ITI).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

APPROVED: _____
Bob Campbell, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: _____
Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder