



**Minutes of the Proceedings of  
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado  
January 10, 2023**

**In attendance:**

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

**1. 9:15 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. Williams presided.

Mr. Stone gave the invocation.

Mr. Colt Simmons led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Williams made comments about serving as the Chair of the Board for 2022.

Commissioners Campbell and Stone thanked Commissioner Williams for his leadership as the Board Chair in 2022.

**Election of Board of County Commissioners Chair**

**Action:** Mr. Campbell nominated Mr. Stone to serve as the Chair of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Williams seconded the nomination. All Commissioners voted yes.

**Election of Board of County Commissioners Vice-Chair**

**Action:** Mr. Stone nominated Mr. Campbell to serve as the Vice-Chair of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Williams seconded the nomination. All Commissioners voted yes.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

**Action:** Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to **approve** the minutes of the meeting of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners on December 8, 2022 as presented. All Commissioners voted yes.

**Action:** Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Campbell seconded, to **approve** the minutes of the meeting of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners on December 15, 2022 with noted corrections. All Commissioners voted yes.



**Accounts Payable:**

Action: Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of January 6, 2023 in the amount of \$1,135,599.72. All Commissioners voted yes.

**Board Reports:**

Mr. Williams:

- Commented on proposed legislation that impacts local control and noted his focus on land use issues.
- Attended a meeting with the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) hosted by Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) yesterday to discuss land use issues.
- Announced the first Wildland Fire Council meeting is January 11, 2023 at the Sheriff's office.
- Announced the Suicide Awareness Symposium meeting next Monday, January 16, 2023 at the Ute Pass Cultural Center and introduced Ashley Shields.
- Noted that Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) in Teller County has seen an uptick in abuse cases.
- Noted the Board is looking into issues of short-term rentals (STRs) in Teller County and watched the processes in Woodland Park, Green Mountain Falls, and Cripple Creek. Reminded everyone that Ordinance 20 regulates camping in the County and the County is aware of problems with camping, including structures being built without code compliance. There are life, health and safety concerns with STRs and camping and the Board will have more information on these issues to follow.

Mr. Campbell

- Reported on recent Colorado Technical Services, Inc. (CTSI) meetings concerning liability policies for counties.
- Reported on his work with the National Association of Counties (NACO) retirement committee.
- Commented on his work with Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) concerning tax issues.
- Attended meetings of the Limited Gaming Committee to consider grants.

Mr. Stone

- Provided an update on his work with the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) concerning regional transportation issues and noted that the Teller Senior Coalition provides needed transportation services for seniors in Teller County.
- Stated that the first bill introduced by the Colorado legislature is an assault weapons ban and commented on this proposed legislation.
- Announced he is launching a new website, MyFreeColorado.org, to help people get involved with legislation and to testify on proposed bills.



- Commented on the Colorado clean energy law that requires an update to the Building Code/Electrical Code and would ban propane and natural gas to residences.
- Reflected on the past year and highlighted all the positive things that happened in Teller County.

**Elected Officials Report:**

Mark Czelusta, Treasurer/Public Trustee

- Tax roll was submitted on January 5, 2023.
- Tax notices will be mailed and can be assessed online.

Jason Mikesell, Sheriff

- Reported on the tragic event the week before and commented on the misinformation on social media. The criminal investigation is ongoing and official information will be released when they are ready.
  - Commissioner Williams commented on the information and misinformation on social media, the investigation process, and requested respect for the process.
  - Commissioners Campbell and Stone commented on our First Responders.

**Administrator's Report:**

Ross Herzog, County Administrator

- Noted the County has ambitious plans and projects in 2023.
  - Commissioner Campbell announced the Board's plan to update the "Rural Realities" pamphlet in 2023.

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

Department Heads: None

Public Comment:

Ashley Shields presented information on the Suicide Awareness Symposium in Teller County scheduled for Monday, January 16 at Ute Pass Cultural Center 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Local speakers, experts, and survivors will be presenting. More information at [www.TCMHA.org](http://www.TCMHA.org).

Board comments on the 988 phone number to dial for the Suicide Prevention hotline.

**3. Recognition of Retiring Elected Officials:**

Assessor Colt Simmons

Clerk and Recorder Krystal Brown

**4. Administration of Oaths of Office for Teller County Elected Officials Elected November 8, 2022.**

District Court Judge Scott Sells administered the oath of office to the following elected officials:

Commissioner Bob Campbell



Coroner Steve Tomsy  
Assessor Carol Kittelson  
Clerk and Recorder Stephanie Kees  
Surveyor Eric Simonson  
Treasurer and Public Trustee Mark Czelusta  
Sheriff Jason Mikesell

- 5. Recess for Reception 10:37 am
- 6. Reconvene 11:00 am
- 7. 2023 Teller County Organizational Meeting

**Main Agenda – Organizational Meeting**

**Recognition of Department Officials - 2023**

County Administrator	Ross Herzog
Director of CDSO Office	Vacant
Director of CSU Extension Office	Mark Platten
Director of Finance and Budget	Vicki Caldwell
Director of Information Technology	Kyle Crawford
Director of Public Health	Michelle Wolff
Director of Public Works	Fred Clifford
Director of Human Services	Kim Mauthe
Director of Office of Emergency Management	Jay Teague

**Recognize City and School Elected Officials**

City of Cripple Creek

Mayor	Milford Ashworth
Council	Mark Green
Council	Melissa Trenary
Council	Tom Litherland
Council	Charles Solomone

City of Victor

Mayor	Barbara Manning
Council	Byron L. Hakes
Council	Mark Gregory
Council	Lynette Morrow
Council	Connie Dodrill

City of Woodland Park

Mayor	Hilary LaBarre
Council	Rusty Neal
Council	David Ott
Council	Kellie Case



Council Catherine Nakai  
Council Robert Zuluaga  
Council Frank Connors

Cripple Creek/Victor School District RE-1

Board Member Mary Bielz  
Board Member Donna Brazil  
Board Member Connie Dodrill  
Board Member GaryLu Schwab  
Board Member Stanley Conley

Woodland Park School District RE-2

Board Member David Rusterholtz  
Board Member David Illingworth II  
Board Member Suzanne Patterson  
Board Member Cassie Kimbrell

**Recognize Volunteer Boards**

Planning Commission

Chair Bert West  
Vice Chair Carl Andersen  
Board Member Steve McCann  
Board Member Jared Bischoff  
Board Member Jeff Smith

Board of Review

Chair Michael Haase  
Vice Chair Bryan Johnson  
Board Member Wendy Dillenschneider  
Board Member Jeff Smith  
Board Member Paul Thies  
Board Member Thomas Allen

**Organizational Actions**

- 1) Board of County Commissioners 2023 Meetings and the initial 2024 Meeting including designation of posting locations.  
Presenting: Ross Herzog, County Administrator  
Public Comment: None.  
Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Campbell seconded, to **approve Resolution #01-10-2023(01)** a resolution adopting a schedule of regular meetings for the Teller County Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado for 2023 and the first meetings of 2024 and that the notices of such meetings and of work sessions will be posted online. All Commissioners voted yes.
- 2) 2023 Paid Holidays.



Presenting: Ross Herzog, County Administrator  
Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to **approve Resolution #01-10-2023(02)** a resolution designating paid holidays for County employees for the year 2023 and the beginning of 2024. All Commissioners voted yes.

- 3) Designation of written minutes as the official record of proceedings.

Presenting: Ross Herzog, County Administrator  
Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Campbell seconded, to **approve Resolution #01-10-2023(03)** a resolution designating the written meeting minutes as the official record of all proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners and of all other County Boards and Commissions. All Commissioners voted yes.

- 4) Designation of employee to prepare and submit proposed budget under CRS 29-1-104

Presenting: Ross Herzog, County Administrator  
Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to **designate** Violet Watt as the employee assigned to prepare and submit proposed budget under CRS 29-1-104. All Commissioners voted yes.

- 5) Designation of Official Newspaper.

Presenting: Ross Herzog, County Administrator  
Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Campbell seconded to **designate** the Pikes Peak Courier View as the official newspaper. All Commissioners voted yes.

**Recess as the Teller County Board of County Commissioners 11:23 am**  
**Convene as the Teller County Board of Health**

- 6) Board of Health 2023 Meetings and the initial 2024 Meeting, including designation of posting locations.

Presenting: Ross Herzog, County Administrator.  
Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to **approve Resolution #01-10-2023(04)** a resolution adopting a schedule of regular meetings for the Teller County Board of County Commissioners acting as the Board of Health of Teller County, Colorado for the year 2023 and the first meeting of 2024. All Commissioners voted yes.

**Adjourn as the Teller County Board of Health 11:28 am**  
**Convene as the Teller County Board of Human Services**

- 7) Board of Human Services 2023 Meetings and the initial 2024 Meeting, including designation of posting locations.

Presenting: Ross Herzog, County Administrator  
Public Comment: None.



Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Campbell seconded, to **approve Resolution #01-10-2023(5)** a resolution adopting a schedule of regular meetings for the Teller County Board of County Commissioners acting as the Board of Human Services of Teller County, Colorado for the year 2023 and the first meeting of 2024. All Commissioners voted yes.

**Adjourn as the Teller County Board of Human Services 11:33 am**  
**Re-convene as the Teller County Board of County Commissioners**

**Commissioner's Business Items:** Ross Herzog, County Administrator  
The Board considered and approved the following business agenda items:

1. Professional Services Agreement with APT.RED, LLC
2. Professional Services Agreement with Teller County Regional Animal Shelter, Inc.
3. Designation of Kim Mauthe as the 2023 steering committee proxy for Health and Human Services.
4. Professional Services Agreement with YoungWilliams, P.C.
5. Teller County Attorney agreement.
6. Additional administrative matters received after agenda deadlines. None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

APPROVED:   
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:   
Clerk & Recorder

