



**Minutes of the Proceedings of  
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado  
January 23, 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  
Jessica Wildeman, Deputy 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. Krystal Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

**Action:** Mr. Stone moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to **approve** the minutes of the special meeting of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners held on January 9, 2024 and the regular meeting held January 11, 2024 as presented. All Commissioners voted yes.

**Accounts Payable:**

**Action:** Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of January 19, 2024 in the amount of \$417,763.46. All Commissioners voted yes.

**Board Reports:**

Mr. Stone:

- Plans to testify in favor of bill to increase funds available to Area Agencies on Aging (AAA). This bill is supported by Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG).
- Announced his re-election as Treasurer of PPACG.
- Announced funding will be available for resurfacing Hwy 67 and he is working to obtain funds to continue resurfacing Hwy 24 from Edlowe Road to Divide.
- Extended an invitation for his “Coffee with a Commissioner” at the Java House January 24 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Williams:

- Will be attending the Legislative Breakfast at the Capital on Friday, January 26th.



- Will attend the National Association of Counties (NACO) conference in Washington D.C. February 10th-13th and will have meetings to discuss Land Use issues.
- He is concentrating on 3 bills this legislative session:
  1. House Bill 24-107 to prohibit occupancy limits in residential houses. He has questions on how this would affect rural Colorado and properties with septic systems.
  2. Senate Bill 24-005 to limit landscaping practices for water conservation.
  3. Senate Bill 24-031 to give authority to counties to regulate noxious weeds.
- Senator Baisley and Representative Luck will introduce a bill to proclaim Hwy 67 and Hwy 24 as a Purple Heart Trail.
- Provided an update on his work on the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Colorado Wildlife Council. Ten wolves have been reintroduced in Colorado with an additional 15 planned to be introduced. CPW will release tracking information on the wolves. CPW's plan to reintroduce wolverines into Colorado has bipartisan support. A sportsmen caucus comprised of a bi-partisan group is focused on bills that may impact hunting and fishing.

Commissioner Stone gave update on House Bill 24-1006 establishing an office, Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program (COSWAP), which would assist rural communities in creating a rural wildfire mitigation and assist in applying for grants.

**Mr. Campbell:**

- He is focusing on bills in the tax and finance areas, including a targeted tax credit bill being brought by Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI).
- He is reviewing a bill on modernizing Treasurer's Tax Deeds.
- Gave an update on the Pikes Peak Workforce Center (PPWFC) federal audit. Findings were minor and all have been addressed. The state has started its own audit on the same issues.
- Announced he was appointed as Chairman of Pikes Peak Workforce Center (PPWFC).

**Elected Officials Report:**

Jessica Wildeman, Deputy Clerk and Recorder

- Gave an update on staffing in the office.

Carol Kittelson, Assessor

- Busy with mill levies and tax rolls.

Krystal Bown, Treasurer/Public Trustee

- Tax roll is completed. Expressed gratitude to the Assessor's office and IT for their assistance and her staff for their work.

**Administrator's Report:**

Ross Herzog, County Administrator

- Gave a reminder about winter driving and to give extra space to the plow trucks.



Commissioner Stone commented on the risks that snowplow drivers take. The Commissioners attended the funeral service for Public Work's plow driver, Jeff Garverick and expressed best wishes to his family and co-workers. Commissioner Williams commented on Mr. Gaverick's service to the County.

2. **Time Reserved for Department Heads:** None.
3. **Time Reserved for the public without an appointment.** None.
4. **Clerk and Recorder:** Consider approval of Brew Pub License Application for Paradox Beer Company.  
Presenting: Frankie Ashton, Deputy Clerk and Recorder, Carol White, General Manager of Paradox Beer Company.  
In response to Board questions, Carol White stated they plan to expand their offerings to customers.  
Public Comment: None.  
Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Stone seconded to **approve** the Brew Pub License Application for Paradox Beer Company. All Commissioners voted yes.
5. **Public Trustee:** Consider the acceptance of Teller County Public Trustee's Fourth Quarter Report for 2023.  
Presenting: Krystal Brown, Public Trustee  
Action: Mr. Stone moved, and Mr. Williams seconded to **accept** the Teller County Public Trustee's Fourth Quarter Report for 2023 as presented. All Commissioners voted yes.
6. **Public Trustee:** Consider acceptance of Teller County Public Trustee's Annual Report for 2023.  
Presenting: Krystal Brown, Treasurer  
Commissioner Campbell commented.  
Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Stone seconded to **accept** and the Teller County Public Trustee's Annual Report for 2023. All Commissioners voted yes.

**Commissioner's Business Items:** Ross Herzog, County Administrator

The Board duly approved the following business agenda items:

1. Renewed an extension agreement for Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Justice Benefits, Inc. with any modifications requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
2. Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with YoungWilliams P.C. with any modifications requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
3. ~~Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Prevention and Control.~~ (removed by Administrator Herzog)
4. Additional administrative matters received after agenda deadlines. None



There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

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

ATTEST: *Stephanie Kees*  
Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder

