



**Minutes of the Proceedings of
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado
March 9, 2023**

In attendance:

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

1. 9:24 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. Stone presided.

Mr. Williams gave the invocation.

Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Stertz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Campbell seconded, to **approve** the minutes of the meeting of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners on February 21, 2023 as presented. All Commissioners voted yes.

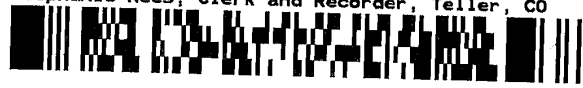
Accounts Payable:

Action: Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of March 7, 2023 in the amount of \$646,283.43. All Commissioners voted yes.

Board Reports:

Mr. Williams:

- Recognized and thanked the Marine Corps in attendance at the meeting.
- Announced the upcoming Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) "Light of Hope" fundraising event to be held on April 19.
- Attended an Arkansas Water Basin board meeting concerning the current water situation and noted that although this is still a serious situation, Teller County is at 90% snowpack.
- Reported on his work with Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI), the Governor, and National Association of Counties (NACO) concerning land use, wildland urban interface and wind energy issues.
- Stated there have been 403 bills introduced in the Colorado legislation thus far and the Commissioners have testified for and against numerous bills.
- Expressed opposition to the gun control bills introduced in the Colorado legislature.



Mr. Campbell:

- Attended a Colorado Technical Services, Inc. (CTSI) meeting concerning insurance coverage issues for the counties who participate in the pool.
- Participated in a meeting with Pikes Peak Workforce Center (PPWFC) to assist with federal audits.
- He is working on Senate Bill 23-175 regarding tax increment financing (TIF) programs for Downtown Development Associations (DDA) and Urban Renewal Authorities, specifically the extension of existing expiration dates and concerns that taxpayers who are not within these areas are not able to vote on this tax extensions.
- He recently met with the two Colorado Parks and Wildlife game wardens stationed in Teller County.

Mr. Stone:

- Provided an update from the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) and Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) on the Highway 24 resurfacing project from Green Mountain Falls to Edlowe Road in Woodland Park, which will start in April 2023 and will continue through most of the summer.
- Commented on his opposition to House Bill 23-1101 that would reorganize transportation district by population because this would harm rural communities and could result on fewer road repairs in rural counties like Teller County.
- As Vice Chair of Region 16 of the Colorado Opioid Policy Council, provided any update on the plan for prevention, treatment and recovery from substance use disorders and that Teller County is interested in obtaining a mobile unit to assist with this. Commissioner Williams commented on the mental health impact caused by this opioid crisis.
- Expressed his concerns and opposition to the proposed gun control bills, Senate Bills 23-168, 23-169 and 23-170, including his opposition to the proposal to increase the age from 18 to 21 to own a gun in Colorado.
- Commissioner Williams commented on the mental health issues with guns and that Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) records need to be used with law enforcement.

Elected Officials Report:

Jason Mikesell, Sheriff

- Commented on his opposition to House Bill 23-1169 “Concerning A Non-arrest Response By Law Enforcement For Certain Low-Level Offenses.” Commissioner Williams offered comment.
- Commented on his opposition to House Bill 23-1100 “Concerning Restrictions on Governmental Participation in Civil Immigration Detention.”
- Commented that the proposed gun bill to raise the age from 18 to 21 could prevent athletes under the age of 21 from training or participating in Olympic shooting events at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.



- Reported that his office is investigating a suspicious death that occurred on Hwy 67 near Divide and that he could not get into specific details due to the pending investigation.

Administrator's Report:

Ross Herzog, County Administrator

- Announced that the Teller County Building Code is under review, which will include electrical code updates required by state law.
- Announced the Teller County website is being updated.
- Noted the County is in the process of getting a compensation study completed.
- Provided an update that twenty applications have been received for the open Community Development Services Division Director position and the County will be reviewing the applicants in the near future.

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

Department Heads:

Jay Teague, Director of the Teller County Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

- recognized Jessica Flohrs, Deputy Director, for her continued training and recent appointment to the E-911 Board of Directors. Her credential certification in emergency management allows her to act in the capacity of the OEM Director in his absence.
- Noted that the County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) is being updated.
- Commissioners Williams, Campbell and Stone extended their appreciation to Jay and Jessica.

Public Comment: None.

3. Employee Service Awards:

Sheriff Jason Mikesell presented Marine Staff Sergeant Marshall Stertz with an Accommodation Award for his outstanding efforts to assist the Sheriff's Office by providing much needed medical kits to the Teller County Sheriff's Office. These medical kits have saved 5 lives in Teller County thus far. Commissioners Stone, Campbell and Williams extended their gratitude for the effort and for his military service.

4. Consider a request from Rampart Surveys, LLC for a Special Exemption Plat.

Presenting: Ross Herzog, acting Zoning Official; Eric Simonson, Rampart Surveying.
Mr. Herzog presented the Staff Report.

Mr. Simonson appeared on behalf of the applicants and noted that the required driveway permit has been obtained.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Campbell seconded, to **approve Resolution #03-09-2023(08)** a Resolution Approving a Special Exemption Plat for Lot 1, Seader Subdivision, Filing No. 1, Lot 5, Block 2 Mountain View Subdivision and Tract 5A as recorded under Reception No. 716588, located in the SW ¼ of Section 7, T13S, R70W of the 6th P.M., Teller County, Colorado, with the condition that the driveway permit be obtained.
All Commissioners voted yes.



5. Consider a Resolution protecting citizens' rights to self-defense and opposing HB 23-1165 "County Authority to Prohibit Firearms Discharge."
Presenting: Mr. Erik Stone, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners
Board discussion.
Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Campbell seconded, to **approve Resolution #03-09-2023(9)** a Resolution Protecting Citizens' Rights to Self-defense and Opposing HB 23-1165 "County Authority to Prohibit Firearms Discharge."
Public Comment: None
All Commissioners voted yes.


Commissioner's Business Items: Ross Herzog, County Administrator

The Board duly considered and approved the following business agenda items:

1. Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Teller-Park Conservation District with any modifications requested by Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
2. Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with GMCO Corporation with any modifications requested by Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
3. Authorize the fixed asset disposal request from Information Technology.
4. Consent to appointment of Johnny Lombardi as a Deputy District Attorney.
5. Secure Transport Licenses 03092023-01, 03092023-02, 03092023-03, and 03092023-04.
6. Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with CertaPro Painters with any modifications requested by Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
7. Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with MGT of America Consulting, LLC with any modifications requested by Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
8. Additional administrative matters received after agenda deadlines. None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

APPROVED: _____


Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: _____


Clerk & Recorder

