



**Minutes of the Proceedings of
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado
April 11, 2023**

In attendance:

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

1. 9:18 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. Pat Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Campbell noted that Commissioner Stone was absent due to illness and excused him from the meeting.

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 March 21, 2023 as presented. Both Commissioners voted yes.

Accounts Payable:

Action: Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of April 7, 2023 in the amount of **\$694,361.04**. Both Commissioners voted yes.

Board Reports:

Mr. Williams:

- He expressed appreciation to all First Responders and to Park County and Teller County's leadership during the 403 Fire that resulted in numerous evacuations with 2,200 homes at risk. He noted that the updated equipment and radios procured by the County within the past year were key components in the response. He also thanked Governor Polis for his communications with the Commissioners during this emergency.
- He and his fellow commissioners have spent many hours testifying at the legislature in their efforts to maintain local control and preserve our rural lifestyle in Teller County.
- Commented on Senate Bill 23-213 on changes to land use laws and noted there are approximately 30 proposed amendments for this bill. This bill tries to address affordable housing issues, and he noted that especially for first responders because a large percentage of first responders do not live in the counties they serve.



- Reported that Senate Bill 23-108 had unanimous support in committee and this bill will allow temporary reductions in mill levies.
- He stated that contrary to rumors the Teller County Fairgrounds are not for sale. The County is working on repairs to the fairgrounds and the fairgrounds are still available for use.

Mr. Campbell:

- Thanked the emergency management and response teams who responded to the 403 Fire. Explained that the high winds required the evacuations and pre-evacuations. He praised Chief Holt and his crew at the Florissant Fire department for their efforts and for coordinating the logistics on the Teller County side. He also thanked the state and federal agencies for their assistance.
- Commented on Senate Bill 23-108 which will allow local governments and districts to temporarily lower their mill levies without impacting the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR).
- Attended the initial 2023 board meeting concerning Limited Gaming Impact Grants.
- He continues to work with Colorado Technical Services, Inc. (CTSI) and the broker on insurance programs for counties who participate in this insurance pool.
- He announced that Clarke Becker has been appointed as the director of the Pikes Peak Workforce (PPWF) new “one stop shop.”
- He attended the Pueblo police academy graduation ceremony for three Teller County Sheriff’s deputies and congratulated them.
- He’s been preparing for the annual Crabby Tax Night event celebration sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.

Elected Officials Report: None.

Administrator’s Report:

Ross Herzog, County Administrator

- Invited Jay Teague to present an update on the 403 Fire.

Jay Teague, Director of the Teller County Office of Emergency Management

- Reported the 403 Fire is 1,518 acres in size and 88% contained and that the containment efforts were slowed due to rocky terrain.
- There have been no injuries and no loss of structures.
- Fire did not progress into Teller County.
- Extended gratitude to the Park County Sheriff’s department and the Park County firefighters for their hard work and efforts in keeping the fire contained in Park County.
- Expressed appreciation to the Teller County Sheriff’s department for maintaining control of the scene and assisting with evacuations. Thanked Animal Control for evacuating livestock.
- Praised the Search and Rescue (SAR) team for how organized they were in their evacuation assistance preparedness.
- Acknowledged the Department of Human Services (DHS) and their partnership with



the Red Cross for securing shelters for the evacuees. He thanked Woodland Park Community Church for allowing the County to use their facility during the 403 Fire.

- He thanked the local community for the donations of food and items.
- Praised Peak Alerts for their timely notifications to residents being evacuated.
- He will be scheduling an after-action review with county partners once the fire event is complete.

Commissioners Williams and Campbell commented on the 403 Fire and thanked Director Teague, Deputy Director Flohrs, and all the County employees who worked on the response to the fire.

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

Department Heads: None.

Public Comment: None.

3. Employee Service Awards: None.

4. Administration: Consider ratification of Resolution No. 03-30-2023(11) to declare a local disaster emergency due to a wildfire in Teller County.

Presenting: Ross Herzog, County Administrator

Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Campbell seconded, to **ratify Resolution No. 03-30-2023(11)** a resolution declaring a local disaster emergency due to a wildfire in Teller County. Both Commissioners voted yes.

5. Administration: Consider ratification of Resolution 03-31-2023(12) for a Stage II Fire Ban that restricts open burning in Teller County, Colorado.

Presenting: Ross Herzog, County Administrator

Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Campbell seconded, to **ratify Resolution No. 03-31-2023(12)** for a Stage II Fire Ban in Teller County. Both Commissioners voted yes.

Commissioner's Business Items: Ross Herzog, County Administrator

The Board duly approved the following business agenda items:

1. Ratified the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) 2022 Annual Report.
2. Authorized the Director of Human Services to sign the 2023 lease with the Community of Caring Foundation.
3. Authorized the Sheriff and Director of Human Services to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with TESSA.
4. Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Pro Asphalt with any modifications requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
5. Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Snare Construction, Inc. with any modifications requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
6. Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with KM Appraisal Services with any modifications requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
7. Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Eagle Appraisal Group, LLC with any

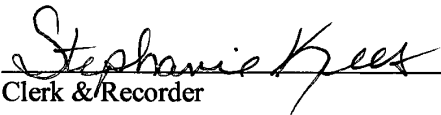


- modifications requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
8. Additional administrative matters received after agenda deadlines.
 - a. Ratify the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) annual project and expenditure report.
 - b. Consent to appointment of Kathryn Dekker as a Deputy District Attorney.

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

APPROVED: 

Vice-Chairman

ATTEST: 

Clerk & Recorder

