



**Minutes of the Proceedings of
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado
May 25, 2023**

In attendance:

Erik Stone, County Commissioner/Chair
Bob Campbell, County Commissioner/Vice-Chair
Ross Herzog, County Administrator
Paul Hurcomb, County Attorney
Stephanie Kees, 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. Stone presided and gave the invocation.

Ms. Frankie Ashton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Stone noted that Commissioner Williams was absent and excused him from the meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Action: Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, to **approve** the minutes of the meeting of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners on April 27, 2023 as presented. Both Commissioners voted yes.

Accounts Payable:

Action: Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, that the Board **ratify** the accounts payable run date of May 11, 2023 in the amount of \$584,517.39. Both Commissioners voted yes.

Action: Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of May 23, 2023 in the amount of \$465,734.24. Both Commissioners voted yes.

Board Reports:

Mr. Campbell:

- He participated in the Assessor's presentation about residential evaluations conducted at the Ute Pass Cultural Center.
- He discussed Senate Bill 23-108 which would allow taxing authorities the opportunity to temporarily lower their mill levies and if it is signed by the Governor the Commissioners will meet with local districts and taxing entities about this.
- He attended the Northeast Teller County Fire mitigation and preparation meeting.
- He, along with Senator Mark Baisley and Representative Stephanie Luck, attended an open house with the Ute Pass Health District celebrating First Responders.



- He attended a presentation designating the Crystola Bridge as a Colorado historical site.
- Attended numerous other meetings to include Pikes Peak Workforce Center (PPWFC), National Association of Counties (NACO), and Pikes Peak Advisory Council meetings.

Mr. Stone:

- Thanked Commissioners Campbell and Williams for attending the Assessor's presentation.
- Expressed his appreciation to the medical staff at the Pikes Peak Regional Health Center during his recent hospital stay recovering from pneumonia.
- He has attended meetings with the Pikes Peak Area County of Governments (PPACG) as Treasurer and reported on Department of Transportation funding and the status of the road projects on Hwy 24 and in Florissant Canyon.
- Commented on the weather-related damage to local roads and the County's work to repair the roads.

Elected Officials Report:

Stephanie Kees, Clerk and Recorder

- Wished Ivy Morris, Human Resource Director, a happy birthday.

Mark Czelusta, Treasurer

- Gave an update on tax collection status
- Thanked the IT department, Julie Gilley and Director Kyle Crawford, for their persistence and professionalism when the online payment system faltered.

Commissioners Campbell and Stone commented on the Treasurer's website and the availability of online payments.

Steve Tomsky, Coroner

- Mr. Tomsky prepared a written report on the Coroner's Office but was not able to attend the meeting because of official business. Commissioner Campbell summarized the Coroner's report, including:
 - Year to date statistics on deaths in Teller County.
 - Acknowledged the Deputy Coroner, Jill Schulman.
 - An update on office training.
 - Assistance to other agencies such as Park County, City of Woodland Park, City of Cripple Creek, and Colorado Bureau of Investigations.

Commissioner Stone requested that the Coroner's written report be attached to the written minutes.

Administrator's Report:

Ross Herzog, County Administrator

- He gave an update on road conditions and future repairs that have been scheduled. He thanked the citizens for being patient during this process.



- He recognized the multiple code enforcement inquiries submitted through the online form and encouraged its continued use.

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 Resolution No. 05-25-2023(15) to amend various 2023 department funds.

Presenting: Ross Herzog

Public Comment: None

Action: Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, to **approve Resolution No. 05-25-2023(15)** a Resolution to amend the 2023 General, Road and Bridge, Jail Enterprise, Fleet Management, Conservation Trust, and DSS fund budgets and to attach it to the written minutes to show the details of the budget adjustments. Both Commissioners voted yes.

The Board was ahead of schedule on the General Agenda and moved to Commissioners' Business Items.

Commissioner's Business Items: Ross Herzog, County Administrator

The Board duly approved the following business agenda items:

1. Grant Statement of Work for Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment – Cancer Prevention and Early Detection – State FY 2024
2. Renewal of Ambulance Service Licenses (4) for Southwest Teller County EMS.
3. Appointment of Daniel Geraghty and Robert Lyman as Deputy District Attorneys.
4. Agreement between Teller County Department of Human Services and Teller County Finance.
5. Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with APT RED LLC with any modifications requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.

The Board returned to the General Agenda.

5. Clerk and Recorder: Consider approval of a Special Event Liquor Permit for the Top of the World Rodeo.

Presenting: Frankie Ashton, Clerk and Recorder's Office and Melissa Trenary, Applicant.

Commissioner Campbell and Stone offered comments.

Public Comment: None

Action: Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, to **approve** a Special Event Liquor Permit for the Top of the World Rodeo. Both Commissioners voted yes.



Commissioners' Business Items: Ross Herzog, County Administrator

The Board duly approved the following business agenda items:

6. Ratification of the amendment to the Graves Consulting Agreement.
7. Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. with any modifications requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
8. Disposal of four (4) County owned vehicles no longer of use to the County.
9. Contract Amendment #2 with the Colorado Department of Human Services for substance abuse and mental health services in Teller County Jail.
10. Grant contract with Colorado Department of State for election security.
11. Grant contract Amendment #5 with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for Emergency Preparedness and Response.
12. Grant Task Order with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for Immunizations.
13. Special Event Permit for Palmer Land Conservancy for the Land Lovers BBQ.
14. Special Event Permit for Four Mile Fire Protections District for a BBQ fundraiser.
15. Performance Contract with Cosmic Entertainment for employee picnic.
16. Ratified Agreement with the USDA Forest Service.
17. Contract with Integrated Voting Systems, Inc.
18. Additional administrative matters received after agenda deadlines.

- a. Appointments of John Gatlin, Scott Blosser, Linda Johnson, Dave Marinek and Scott Adams to the Teller County Historic Preservation Advisory Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

APPROVED: _____


Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: _____


Clerk & Recorder





THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 05-25-2023 (1S)

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2023 GENERAL, ROAD AND BRIDGE, JAIL ENTERPRISE, FLEET MANAGEMENT, CONSERVATION TRUST AND DSS FUND BUDGETS.

WHEREAS, in the past, the County has recognized significant savings from employment turnover that the Board of County Commissioners could consider for use in other areas; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has directed staff to make a monthly budget adjustment by transferring personnel related funds from individual departments to holding departments within each fund as personnel budget needs are reduced; and from holding departments to individual departments as personnel budget needs increase, within county policy; and

WHEREAS, funds budgeted in the above referenced holding departments, which have been added to each fund as Personnel Contingency Departments (ending in the numbers 2190), are not appropriated nor available for expenditure and are only accessible by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners transferring them to other departmental budget accounts; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds, determines and declares that adoption of this Resolution is necessary for the preservation and protection of the public health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of Teller County, Colorado,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO:

that the departmental budgets and Personnel Contingency Department accounts be decreased as follows:

<u>General Fund:</u>	
2000-2520	(\$23,885)
2000-2550	(\$102)
2010-2510	(\$444)
2010-2520	(\$8,209)
2010-2550	(\$100)
2650-2520	(\$8,763)
2650-2550	(\$80)
4998-2190	(\$590,630)
Subtotal:	(\$632,213)
<u>Road and Bridge:</u>	
0198-2190	(\$101,854)
Subtotal:	(\$101,854)
<u>Jail Enterprise:</u>	
0075-2190	(\$81,500)
0078-2190	(\$93,120)
Subtotal:	(\$174,620)





Fleet Management:
 0898-2190 (\$25,219)

Subtotal: (\$25,219)

Conservation Trust:
 0048-2190 (\$3,028)

Subtotal: (\$3,028)

Social Services Fund:
 5400-2510 (\$27)
 5400-2512 (\$8)
 5400-2520 (\$18,192)
 5400-2550 (\$113)
 5400-2800 (\$1,379)
 5998-2190 (\$92,824)

Subtotal: (\$112,541)

and that departmental budgets and Personnel Contingency Department accounts be increased as follows:

GENERAL FUND:

1000-2120	\$14,148
1000-2510	\$877
1000-2512	\$205
1000-2800	\$482
1100-2120	\$32,737
1100-2130	\$395
1100-2510	\$2,054
1100-2512	\$480
1100-2550	\$1
1100-2800	\$895
1200-2120	\$14,899
1200-2510	\$924
1200-2512	\$216
1200-2800	\$469
1350-2120	\$32,839
1350-2510	\$2,036
1350-2512	\$476
1350-2550	\$1
1350-2800	\$898
1450-2120	\$36,525
1450-2130	\$2,915
1450-2510	\$2,445
1450-2512	\$572
1450-2550	\$1
1450-2800	\$1,089
1500-2110	\$3,659
1500-2120	\$27,694
1500-2510	\$1,944
1500-2512	\$455



1500-2550	\$1
1500-2800	\$886
1600-2110	\$3,552
1600-2120	\$28,562
1600-2510	\$1,991
1600-2512	\$466
1600-2550	\$1
1600-2800	\$866
1800-2120	\$11,357
1800-2510	\$704
1800-2512	\$165
1800-2800	\$309
1900-2120	\$4,473
1900-2510	\$277
1900-2512	\$65
1900-2800	\$120
2000-2120	\$171,990
2000-2130	\$3,416
2000-2510	\$10,459
2000-2512	\$2,446
2000-2800	\$3,607
2010-2120	\$61,806
2010-2512	\$604
2010-2800	\$895
2100-2120	\$6,891
2100-2510	\$427
2100-2512	\$100
2100-2800	\$179
2500-2120	\$11,572
2500-2510	\$717
2500-2512	\$168
2500-2800	\$361
2600-2120	\$6,212
2600-2510	\$385
2600-2512	\$90
2600-2800	\$169
2650-2120	\$887
2650-2510	\$19
2650-2512	\$4
2650-2800	\$856
2950-2120	\$5,574
2950-2510	\$346
2950-2512	\$81
2950-2800	\$149
3000-2120	\$23,403
3000-2130	\$7,379
3000-2510	\$1,908
3000-2512	\$446
3000-2550	\$1
3000-2800	\$897
4100-2120	\$17,855
4100-2130	\$5,104
4100-2510	\$1,377



4100-2512	\$322
4100-2550	\$1
4100-2800	\$722
4500-2130	\$853
4500-2510	\$53
4500-2512	\$12
4500-2800	\$36
4800-2120	\$3,285
4800-2510	\$204
4800-2512	\$48
4800-2800	\$88
4998-2180	\$41,583
Subtotal:	\$632,213
<u>Road and Bridge:</u>	
0150-2120	\$92,200
0150-2510	\$5,716
0150-2512	\$1,337
0150-2550	\$3
0150-2800	\$2,598
Subtotal:	\$101,854
<u>Jail Enterprise:</u>	
0075-2120	\$83,904
0075-2510	\$5,202
0075-2512	\$1,217
0075-2550	\$3
0075-2800	\$2,794
0078-2180	\$81,500
Subtotal:	\$174,620
<u>Fleet Management:</u>	
0855-2120	\$22,849
0855-2510	\$1,417
0855-2512	\$331
0855-2550	\$1
0855-2800	\$621
Subtotal:	\$25,219
<u>Conservation Trust:</u>	
0045-2120	\$2,715
0045-2510	\$168
0045-2512	\$39
0045-2800	\$106
Subtotal:	\$3,028
<u>Social Services Fund:</u>	
5000-2120	\$55,276



5000-2510	\$3,427
5000-2512	\$802
5000-2550	\$2
5000-2800	\$1,608
5210-2120	\$4,354
5210-2510	\$270
5210-2512	\$63
5210-2800	\$117
5260-2120	\$9,778
5260-2510	\$606
5260-2512	\$142
5260-2800	\$277
5400-2120	\$830
5600-2120	\$13,789
5600-2510	\$855
5600-2512	\$200
5600-2800	\$428
5998-2190	\$19,717

Subtotal: \$112,541

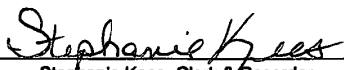
and that the amounts appropriated for expenditure be reduced and increased accordingly.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado, this 25th day of May 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO

Attest:

By: 
Erik Stone, Chairman


Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder





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**2023 January – May
Coroner's Report**

68 - Total deaths

28 - Hospice

40 – Unanticipated deaths

1 – Suicide

24 – Natural Causes

2 – Homicide

4 – Airplane crash

8 - Hospital deaths (1 child)

1 – Undetermined (accident or homicide)

Completed projects:

2021 Annual reports, completed

2022 Annual reports, completed, and distributed to the Teller County Health Department, DEA, and individual departments as requested/needed

Staffing:

deputy, Dr. Richard Reason, resigned his position for personal reasons

New position created for the department, Chief Deputy Coroner, Jill Schulman was hired for the position

Skills & Education Training:

The coroner and chief deputy coroner have been certified through the Colorado Coroner's Association.

The coroner and chief deputy coroner attended a mass shooter training in March, office of emergency management.

Chief deputy Schulman psychological first aid training.

Chief deputy Schulman is FEMA certified.

Chief deputy Schulman attended advanced homicide investigation training.

Chief deputy Schulman attended a one week training for the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators and is pursuing certification. (Exam will be taken in July)



Upcoming Training:

Full Mass Fatality training exercise, June 21st, Park County

Colorado Coroner's Association for Coroner's continuing education, June 7-9th, Colorado Springs

International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners Training, July 16 – 20th

Colorado Coroner's Association for deputy coroner's continuing education, October, Greeley

The Coroner's department has been assisting families and working in conjunction with the Woodland Park PD, Teller County Sherriff's office, Cripple Creek PD, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation and the NTSB.

As we see the demographics in Teller County changing, we are being proactive and attaining extra training and certifications. We see an uptick in homicides and murder/suicides therefore, the department is working to become certified death investigators to assist the 4th Judicial District in criminal cases as well as helping the county in potential civil suits.

Plane crash

We responded to the first plane crash in the county since the 1960's. We are happy to report excellent inter-departmental cooperation. It was an extensive and difficult operation.

Ultimately, all 4 victims of the crash have been identified with the assistance of NTSB and the El Paso County Coroner's office.

Unidentified Homicide

Other news to report, the John Doe, found on Gold Camp Road has been identified. In large part due to the diligence of the detectives at the Sherriff's office.

Undetermined Manner of Death

The young man found in our county by highway 67 south. This is still an active investigation, we are working in conjunction with other departments to find a conclusion to this case, to give the family peace of mind.

