



**Minutes of the Proceedings of
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado
June 6, 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

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

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.

Mr. Justin Kurth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 May 25, 2023 as presented. Both Commissioners voted yes.

Accounts Payable:

Action: Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of May 31, 2023 in the amount of \$189,605.93. Both Commissioners voted yes.

Board Reports:

Mr. Campbell:

- He attended the Colorado Counties, Inc (CCI) summer conference and participated in sessions with other commissioners concerning past and upcoming legislation.
- He attended a Works Allocation board meeting concerning Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) funding.
- While at conference he attended a breakfast hosted by Colorado Technical Services, Inc. (CTSI).
- Attended numerous other meetings.

Mr. Stone:

- He gave an update on Senate Bill 23-108. Teller County Commissioners assisted in writing this bill which was introduced by Senator Mark Baisley and co-sponsored by Representative Rose Pugliese. The bill was signed by Governor Polis on June 5, 2023 and gives local tax authorities the ability to offer temporary

tax relief. He and his fellow commissioners will be extending an invitation to all taxing authorities in Teller County for a work session to discuss tax relief for Teller County citizens.

- Attended the Colorado Counties Inc. (CCI) conference where one of the topics was affordable housing. Commented that the Colorado Construction Defect Act makes it difficult for builders to build affordable housing projects, especially condominiums.
- Noted that the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) has a working group focused on affordable housing.
- Stated he and his fellow Commissioners are aware of the property tax increases and are taking steps to assist.

Elected Officials Report: None.

Administrator's Report:

Ross Herzog, County Administrator

- Attended CCI and noted that affordable housing was a primary topic.
- Code Enforcement continues to receive multiple inquiries through the online system to file complaints. The Sheriff's office is processing most complaints with the Building Department and Public Health assisting as needed.
- He acknowledged that residents have been expressing concerns about the road conditions. Crews are preparing to focus on culverts and grading. He thanked the community for its continued patience.

Commissioner Stone provided an update on the delay to the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Highway 24 resurfacing project from Green Mountain Falls to Edlowe Road due to the weather and cooler temperature. They anticipate starting in late June. CDOT has also been informed of the road conditions and potholes at the intersection of Highway 67 and Highway 24.

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

Department Heads:

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

- Provided information on the 2nd airplane crash in a month in the County, with this crash in Divide.
- There are no current fire restrictions so there has been an increase in slash pile burns, resulting in more reports from residents of fire and smoke.
- Reported an increase in lightning activity and strikes in the County.
- Reported that the Division of Fire Protection and Control (DFPC) has provided the final guidance concerning fire pond designation.
- Provided an update on the hazardous material spill of diesel fuel in Woodland Park and the cleanup efforts.
- Auto accidents have increased with the increased traffic and poor weather conditions.
- Working with UHealth tracking system for patients with a digital bracelet.
- Met with Coalition of the Upper South Platte (CUSP) to renegotiate terms for management of slash site.

- Working with the Clerk and Recorder on emergency preparations if one were to occur during an active election cycle.
- Attended several events: Sheriff's Office open house, gave presentation at Senior Expo, and Northeast Teller County Fire Protection District (NETCO) wildfire preparedness day.
- Reported the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has a new Coordinator, Shane Pratt. CERT team of volunteers will supplement other emergency departments.
- Hosting Emergency Preparedness Day with the Sheriff's office July 15, 2023 from 9:00 am to noon at Summit Elementary school.

Public Comment: None.

3. Employee Service Awards: None.

4. Justin Kurth, Congresswoman Pettersen's office

- Field representative for Congresswoman Ms. Brittany Pettersen of District 7
 - Described the services available in the field office and encouraged anyone with federal issues to contact him.
 - He is available to work with local community groups and is currently working with Pikes Peak Area of Council of Governments (PPACG).
 - Working on a radium mitigation project for a water district in Teller County.
 - Rep. Pettersen is working on the Farm Bill and looking for community input.
 - Named a list of Rep. Pettersen's committee assignments and caucuses.
- Commissioner Campbell requested Mr. Kurth provide contact information for Rep. Pettersen: Phone 719-458-6161; website www.pettersen.house.gov
- Commissioner Stone expressed his appreciation of Rep. Pettersen's efforts to work with the rural communities.

The Board moved to Commissioners' Business Items.

Commissioner's Business Items: Ross Herzog, County Administrator

The Board duly approved the following business agenda items:

1. Maintenance Agreement with Murphy Company.
2. Grant Task Order for retail food establishments, childcare, and school inspections.
3. Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Tolin Mechanical with any modifications requested by the contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
4. Appointment of David Jensen to Deputy District Attorney.
5. Ambulance services licenses (7) for Ute Pass Regional Health Service District.

The Board returned to the main agenda.

5. Girl of the West, Pikes Peak Range Riders and Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo

Presenting: Corliss Palmer, Director of the Girl of the West program and Makena Norton, 2023 Girl of the West.

Ms. Palmer presented the history of the Girl of the West program and introduced Makena Norton, the 2023 Girl of the West, who gave a presentation on the upcoming events including the Pikes Peak Range Riders events, Western Street Breakfast, the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo and the Top of the World Rodeo in Cripple Creek.

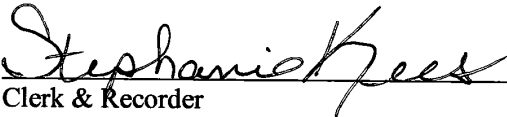
Commissioners Stone and Campbell offered their appreciation for their time and effort in promoting these events.

The Board returned to the Business Items and duly approved the following business agenda items:

6. Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with SRI Incorporated with any modifications requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
7. Additional administrative matters received after agenda deadlines. None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

APPROVED: 
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: 
Clerk & Recorder

