



**Minutes of the Proceedings of
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado
July 13, 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
Krystal Brown, Chief Deputy Clerk and 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.

Mr. Williams gave the invocation.

Ms. Carol Kittelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Action: Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to **approve** the minutes of the meeting of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners on June 22, 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 July 10, 2023, in the amount of \$905,193.95. All Commissioners voted yes.

Board Reports:

Mr. Williams:

- Announced the upcoming Light of Hope event benefitting the local Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). He encouraged everyone to contact their elected federal representatives requesting they support the federal Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA) which would provide additional funding of \$100,000 to CASA.
- Attended the Arkansas Water Basin board meeting where they discussed the condition of the water levels.
- He will be attending an upcoming Wildland Fire County meeting and encouraged everyone to continue their fire mitigation efforts.
- He will also be attending the National Association of Counties (NACO) conference July 21-24, 2023 representing Teller County.
- He accepted an appointment by Congresswoman Pettersen to serve on the Veterans Advisory Board for the 7th Congressional District.
- Encouraged people to attend local events such as Gold Rush Days in Victor.



Mr. Campbell:

- He has been busy attending local events in Teller County.
- He shared details of his tour at the Teller County Regional Animal Shelter (TCRAS).
- He attended a retirement party for Dean O’Nale, Deputy Chief with Northeast Teller County Fire Protection District.
- Reported on recent meetings with the Pikes Peak Workforce Center (PPWFC)
- Noted that he has been responding to questions from taxpayers.

Mr. Stone:

- Noted that the commissioners are working on legislative priorities for the next session in 2024.
- A major legislative issue is affordable housing, especially entry-level and workforce housing and the lack of condominiums and town homes, which the construction industry blames on the current construction defect laws in Colorado.
- Stated that the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) has formed a working group on this issue and that he will make a presentation to Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) on this issue.

Elected Officials Report:

Mark Czelusta, Treasurer

- He gave an update on property taxes collected to date.
- Delinquent notices have been mailed with some positive responses to sure the delinquencies.
- Tax lien sales are scheduled for November 3-6, 2023.

Administrator’s Report:

Ross Herzog, County Administrator

- He commented on the microburst of weather last week with substantial hail damage to some County buildings and vehicles and that the County’s insurance carrier has been notified.
- Provided an update on the County’s ongoing road grading.

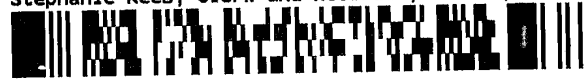
Commissioner Campbell also commented on the hail damage.

Commissioner Williams expressed appreciation to Administrator Herzog’s leadership in handling the weather occurrences.

Commissioner Stone noted that the Teller County Fair starts on July 29 and encouraged people to attend it.

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

Department Heads: None.



Public Comment:

Presentation by Newmont Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mine. Kaitlyn Ragsdale, External Relations Supervisor, and Katie Blake, Sustainability External Relations Manager, described Newmont's strategic community partnership engagement with Teller County and announced that Newmont has agreed to donate \$50,000 to Teller County for repairs and upgrades to the County fairgrounds in Cripple Creek.

The Board expressed their gratitude to Newmont for the donation and discussed planned upgrades to the fairgrounds.

3. **Employee Service Awards:** None.
4. **9:50 a.m. Recess as the Teller County Board of County Commissioners
Convene as the Teller County Board of Equalization**
5. **Assessor: 2023 Preliminary Annual Report to Teller County Board of Equalization
pursuant to CRS 39-8-105**

Presenting: Carol Kittelson, Assessor

Board discussion with Ms. Kittelson on the process.

- 9:59 a.m. Adjourn as the Teller County Board of Equalization
Re-Convene as the Teller County Board of County Commissioners**

6. **Public Trustee: Consider approval of Teller County Public Trustee's Second Quarter
2023 Report.**

Presenting: Mark Czelusta, Public Trustee
Board discussion.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Campbell seconded, to **approve** the Teller County Public Trustee's Second Quarter 2023 report. All Commissioners voted yes.

7. **Clerk and Recorder: Consider approval of Special Event Liquor License for Teller
County Association of Fairs and Shows.**

Presenting: Krystal Brown, Chief Deputy Clerk

Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to **approve** the Special Events Liquor license for the Teller County Association of Fairs and Shows as presented. All Commissioners voted yes.

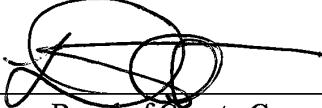
Commissioner's Business Items: Ross Herzog, County Administrator

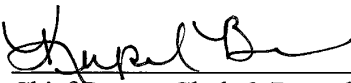
The Board duly approved the following business agenda items:

1. Ratify the First Amendment to Managed Services Agreement with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc.

2. Authorize Clerk & Recorder to accept a grant from the Colorado Department of State for Help America Vote Act funding.
3. Agreement for Services with Intellectual Technology, Inc.
4. 2023 Backcountry Search and Rescue Fund Year-End grant application.
5. Elevator Maintenance Contract with Morning Star Elevator.
6. Consent to appointment of Alexander Steinbach and Erika Keech as Deputy District Attorneys.
7. Allocation for Forest Reserve monies for 2023.
8. Other administrative matters received after agenda deadlines. None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

APPROVED: 
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: 
Chief Deputy Clerk & Recorder



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Stephanie Keech, Clerk and Recorder, Teller, CO