



**Minutes of the Proceedings of  
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado  
August 8, 2024**

In attendance:

Bob Campbell, County Commissioner/Chair  
Dan Williams, County Commissioner/Vice-Chair  
Erik Stone, County Commissioner  
Ross Herzog, County Administrator  
Paul Hurcomb, County Attorney  
Kenzie Porter, Deputy 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. Campbell presided.

Mr. Williams gave the invocation.

Ms. Krystal Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

**Action:** Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, to **approve** the minutes of the meeting of the Emergency Meeting of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners on July 31, 2024, as corrected. All Commissioners voted yes.

**Ratification of Board Resolution 07-31-2024(25) adopted at the Emergency Meeting.**

Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, to **ratify** the Board Resolution 07-31-2024(25), a Resolution to Adopt a Stage I Fire Ban That Restricts Open Burning in Teller County, Colorado.

**Action:** Mr. Stone moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to **approve** the minutes of the meeting of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners on July 25, 2024, as presented. All Commissioners voted yes.

**Accounts Payable:**

**Action:** Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of July 30, 2024, in the amount of \$1,067,520.41. All Commissioners voted yes.

**Board Reports:**

Mr. Stone:

- Commented on the upgrades and improvements to the Teller County Fairgrounds, including the new flagpole.



- Congratulated the Fair Board on the tremendous job with the County Fair; thanked everyone for attending the Fair and noted how proud everyone is of the 4-H kids.
- Noted that the Commissioners attended a state and local public leader forum meeting at Newmont Mine to discuss the status of the sale of the mine and the future of the mine.
- He will attend the upcoming quarterly meeting for the Central Front Range Transportation Committee.

**Mr. Williams:**

- Commented on how great the turnout was for the Teller County Fair and how nice it was to see all the 4-H kids and families that came out to support the Fair.
- Discussed his strong opposition to Ballot Initiative 91 that would ban hunting mountain lions and bobcats because it disregards science-based information wildlife management.
- He has attended multiple HOA meetings and a Wildfire Council meeting regarding the fire bans and provided a reminder that the Stage I Fire Ban is still in effect.
- Commented on code enforcement and noted that there are 180 active cases in Teller County.
- Announced that on Tuesday, August 13, there will be a public meeting at the Teller County Sheriff's Office regarding shooting in Pike National Forest.
- There will be a Veterans Rally on August 17-18 and a ceremony for the Veterans Memorial Wall at the Mt. Pisgah cemetery.

**Mr. Campbell:**

- Commented on how great it is to see the community coming together at the Fair and the importance of the 4-H Program that builds leaderships skills for the 4-H kids.
- Thanked the Fair Board and all the volunteers, including Darian Founds, the new CSU Extension Director.
- Thanked the Public Works, Page Construction, and County Administrator Herzog for the improvements to the Fairgrounds.
- Commented on the meeting with Newmont Mine about its plans and future.
- Attend the Florissant Fire Protection District pancake breakfast and the Florissant Heritage Days at the Grange.
- Noted that Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) is working with the Legislative on Ballot Initiatives 108 and 50 to see if a Special Session could be held to pass a proposed tax bill to then have the sponsor of those initiatives pull them from the ballot.

**Elected Officials Report: None**

**Administrator's Report:**

Ross Herzog, County Administrator

- Commented on the Teller County Fair and how proud he is to see families with their kids and community come together at the Fair.

**2. Time Reserved for Department Heads: None**

**3. Time Reserved for the Public without an Appointment:**

- Mr. Jerry Jenkins, Teller County resident, commented on Code Enforcement and his concerns that some people can't afford to fix their properties, and asked if the County will pay to clean up properties.

Mr. Williams responded and explained that the County's goal is compliance and that the County standards are minimum standards.

Mr. Stone responded to claims that Code Enforcement is "harassment" and explained that the Code Enforcement Officer works hard to get compliance. The County is working on a fund to pay for the cleanup and abatement if necessary but that this results in liens on those properties. The goal for Code Enforcement is to be respectful, but firm on compliance.

Mr. Campbell comments on the Code Enforcement goal of compliance.

**4. Administration: Consider a resolution approving the grant agreement with the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund for a Community Impact Grant for the completion of the Florissant Community Park Improvements.**

Presenting: Ross Herzog, County Administrator

Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Stone moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to **approve Resolution No. 08-08-2024(26)** a Resolution to approve the grant agreement with the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund for a Community Impact Grant for the completion of the Florissant Community Park Improvements Project. All Commissioners voted yes.

**5. BoCC: Consider a resolution calling an election for the voters in Teller County to eliminate the term limits for the Teller County Coroner.**

Presenting: Mr. Stone.

Mr. Stone explained the reasons for this resolution regarding the County Coroner and the next resolution regarding the Surveyor. Both of these offices require special training and skills. Fewer individuals are trained and have the experience to be a Coroner or Surveyor and term limits could prevent qualified people from running for these offices. Mr. Stone also explained that neither of the current officer holders for Coroner and Surveyor requested this ballot measure and that there is no plan to have ballot measures to eliminate term limits for any other elected officials in Teller County.

County Attorney Hurcomb read the Resolution.

Public Comment: None.



Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, to **approve Resolution No. 08-08-2024(27)** a Resolution to call an election for the voters in Teller County to eliminate the term limits for the Teller County Coroner. All Commissioners voted yes.

**6. BoCC: Consider a resolution calling an election for the voters in Teller County to eliminate the term limits for the Teller County Surveyor.**

County Attorney Hurcomb read the resolution.

Public Comment: None.

Mr. Stone made an additional comment on the six years of education and training to be qualified to be a Surveyor.

Action: Mr. Stone moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to **approve Resolution No. 08-08-2024(28)** a Resolution to call an election for the voters in Teller County to eliminate the term limits for the Teller County Surveyor. All Commissioners voted yes.

**7. BoCC: Ratify Resolution No. 07-31-2024(25) Adopting a Stage I Fire Ban that Restricts Open Burning in Teller County, Colorado**

Note: This agenda item was handled at the beginning of the meeting with the review and approval of the minutes for the Emergency Meeting on July 31, 2024.

**Commissioner's Business Items:** Ross Herzog, County Administrator

The Board duly approved the following business agenda items:

1. CORE Services Plan with the Colorado Office of Children, Youth & Families.
2. Authorize the Director Human Services to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Strengthening Families Service.
3. Professional Services Agreement (POA) with Craig Alexander with any modifications requested by the contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
4. Professional Services Agreement (POA) with Marc Rucker with any modifications requested by the contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
5. Other administrative matters received after agenda deadlines. None.



There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

APPROVED:   
Robert Campbell, Chair, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:   
Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder

