

**Minutes of the Proceedings of
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado
September 14, 2023**

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09/28/2023 11:28 AM Fees: \$0.00 Doc Fee:
Stephanie Kees, Clerk and Recorder, Teller, CO

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
Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder

1. 9:21 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.

Mr. James McLaughlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 August 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 September 12, 2023, in the amount of \$1,367,454.39 All Commissioners voted yes.

Board Reports:

Mr. Williams:

- Thanked community attending the recent local events, Veterans Rally, the Memorial Wall dedication at Mt. Pisgah, and the 9/11 remembrance event, and noted it was especially good to see many children at these events.
- Participated in presenting flags to local schools with the American Legion and VFW.
- Announced the Light of Hope event will be held at the Ute Pass Cultural Center at 7:30am on October 4, 2023 to support Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and the goal is to raise \$35,000.

Mr. Campbell:

- He has been busy attending local events in Teller County.
- Attended a Braver Angels event at the Ute Pass Cultural Center.
- Attending meetings with Pikes Peak Workforce Center (PPWFC), Colorado Technical Services, Inc. (CTSI) and Community Partnership.

- Noted that the County's budget meetings are in process.

Mr. Stone:

- Announced Mark Czelusta, Teller County Treasurer/Public Trustee is on a leave of absence for a health condition that requires surgery and requested prayers and good thoughts.
- He attended a meeting as Vice Chair for Region 16 Opioid Council to work on setting up the areas where the settlement funds can be used to help alleviate the opioid crisis.
- Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) Hwy 24 resurfacing project continues with work mostly during the night but due to cooler weather the work may need to be done during the day.

Elected Officials Report:

Stephanie Kees, Clerk and Recorder

- Gave an update on preparations for the upcoming election and had discussion with Commissioners concerning deadlines and drop box locations.

Administrator's Report:

Ross Herzog, County Administrator

- Road crews are focusing on priority areas for repair and mentioned the County is currently hiring drivers.
- Reported that Request for Proposal (RFP) was sent out for work on the Florissant Park project and another RFP for the fairgrounds will be sent out soon.
- The recent compensation study is being reviewed.
- Provided an update on the chipseal project on Teller County Road 1 and Twin Rocks Road.
Commissioner Stone commented on the cost effectiveness of doing chipseal.

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

Department Heads: None.

Public Comment:

Mr. Scott Marshall, resident of Cripple Creek, commented on his plans to start a non-profit to provide liquid oxygen in Teller County. He also expressed his concerns with lime dust from the gold mine causing problems for the mine's drivers and for the residents of Cripple Creek and Victor.

Commissioners Williams and Stone thanked Mr. Marshall for his comments, and they will mention his concerns about the lime dust when they meet with the mine.

Mr. James McLaughlin from the Ute Pass Regional Health Services District (UPRHSD) aka Ute Pass Regional Ambulance District announced that the Special District Association selected UPRHSD as the 2023 Special District of the year and played a video presentation from the award ceremony. He thanked their local partners, including the Office of Emergency Management, Public Health, Pikes Peak Regional Hospital, Sheriff's Department, Woodland Park Police Department and Cripple Creek Police



Department.

Commissioners Stone, Williams and Campbell expressed their gratitude to UPRHSD for their services and congratulated them on their recognition.

Mr. McLaughlin commented on the complications in getting liquid oxygen in Teller County. He also announced that UPRHSD received a grant for \$150,000 with a commitment for an additional \$300,000 to hire three nurse practitioners to provide in home care to assist with the response to the opioid crisis.

**10:27 a.m. Recess as the Teller County Board of County Commissioners
Convene as the Teller County Board of Equalization**

3. Consider recommendations of Hearing Officer / Referee Kristy Sabus of protests to the Teller County Board of Equalization regarding 2023 property valuations for the following properties:

1. R0009025, Breyfogle, Ryan R
2. R0008993, Breyfogle, Ryan R
3. R0008992, Breyfogle, Ryan R

Commissioner Stone presiding.

County Attorney Hurcomb explained that these protests are being heard after the deadline for protests had passed because the property owner was on military service when the notices of value were mailed so he has additional time pursuant to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to submit his protests after he returned from his military service.

The Board discussed each of the protests separately.

Action on R0009025: Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to accept the referee's value of \$27,371.00. All Commissioners voted yes.

Action on R0008993: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Campbell seconded, to accept the referee's recommended value of \$423,561.00. All Commissioners voted yes.

Action on R0008992: Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to accept the referee's recommended value of \$15,906.00. All Commissioners voted yes.

**10:34 a.m. Adjourn as the Teller County Board of Equalization
Re-convene as the Teller County Board of County Commissioners**

4. Planning Department: Consider a resolution for approval of a Special Use Permit for George and Jennifer Quist, on behalf of Quist Mining, for surface mining use within United States Forest Service Land in Teller County.

Presenting: Dan Swallow, Community Development Director

Public Comment: None.

Board discussion.