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Arapahoe County

Board of County Commissioners Study Session

Meeting Minute Summaries

Tuesday, April 16, 2024
9:30 AM

Administration Building
5334 S. Prince St.
Littleton, CO 80120
West Hearing Room

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Commissioners Present

Carrie Warren-Gully
Jeff Baker
Jessica Campbell-Swanson
Leslie Summey
Bill Holen

Others Present

Ron Carl
John Christofferson
Michelle Halstead
Cooney Sarracino
Melissa Valentine
Ed Bowditch
Jennifer Cassell
Elizzebeth Loomis
Kat Hammer

9:30 AM Board Emergency Response Plan (ERP) Training
Nathan Fogg, Emergency Management Manager, Sheriff's Office

12:00 PM Legislative Lunch
BOCC Conference Room

1:00 PM *Legislative Update

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[2024 Legislative Issues Guide](#)
[2024 Internal Legislative Report](#)
[2024 Public Legislative Report](#)

The purpose of this study session was to provide information on the status of Colorado's state legislative session, including potential impacts to Arapahoe County, and seek Board direction on legislative positions or specific advocacy activities.

Human Services

- SB24-200 Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion in Child Welfare. Staff presented importance of bill for identification of inequities and training. It was recommended by staff that BOCC support bill. 5-0 in favor to support SB24-200.

Human Services discussed participation on a study committee which is meant to help counties be heard regarding Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS). 5-0 in favor to support interim study committee.

Transportation

- HB24-1447 Transit Reform. Bill would transform transit structure. Concerns regarding the bill and alterations were discussed. Commissioners were concerned with representation and other issues with RTD that need to be addressed. 5-0 in favor to take a monitor position for HB24-1447.

Additionally, the lobbyist and staff legislative team will provide updates on the following bills and topics:

- SB24-106 Right to Remedy Construction Defects. Staff provided an update on bill and informed that the bill has passed the Senate with amendments. 5-0 in favor to take monitor position on SB24-106.
- HB24-1313 Housing in Transit-Oriented Communities. Bill has passed the House but has not been introduced in the Senate yet. 5-0 in favor to present specific amendments with the Governor's Office. Current bill does not reflect the amendments requested by BOCC. 5-0 in favor to remain in an amend position for HB24-1313.
- SB24-174 Sustainable Affordable Housing Assistance & HB24-1366 Sustainable Local Government Community Planning. The status of both companion bills was presented. Both bills have made it out of Committee and may face amendments. 5-0 in favor to move to amend position for SB24-174.

Bills For Awareness

- SB24-191 Host Homes For Youth.
- SB24-195 Protect Vulnerable Road Users

Staff presented new bills that were recently introduced.

·HB24-1455 Effective Date 23rd Judicial District. Bill was introduced regarding the start date of the new judicial district. Bill would move the start date of the new judicial district to January 14, 2025. Staff recommended taking an amend position. 5-0 in favor to take an amend position on HB24-1455.

HB24-1454 General Period Noncompliance Digital Accessibility. The bill continues the accessibility deadline for websites. Staff recommended a support position. 5-0 in favor to take a support position on HB24-1454.

Staff presented a request from CCAT about property tax. CCAT would like the BOCC to sign a joint letter to push back on any hard caps on property tax. Staff indicated the BOCC will review the request and provide individual feedback.

Commissioner Holen and Commissioner Baker left at 1:52 PM.

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

2:00 PM *Private Activity Bonds 2024

Attachments: [Board Summary Report Presentation](#)

The purpose of this study session was to review funding recommendations for 2024 Private Activity Bond (PAB) allocations.

A PowerPoint presentation was presented, a copy of which has been retained for the record.

Background of work for private activity bonds (PABs) was presented. PABs were reviewed.

The PABs 2024 allocations were presented.

Staff presented recommended allocations for developers (The Stables, The Stanley, and Arapahoe Green Townhomes).

3-0 in favor to proceed with the funding recommendations for 2024 PAB allocations. Commissioner Holen and Commission Baker absent and excused.

2:30 PM *Land Development Code Sign Regulations (LDC24-002)

Attachments: [Board Summary Report Presentation](#)
[Planning Commission Staff Report](#)
[Draft LDC Sign Regulation](#)
[LDC Sign Definition Proposed Revisions](#)
[LDC Sign Regulation Proposed Revisions](#)
[LDC Planned Sign Program Revisions](#)

The purpose of this study session was to proceed with an amendment to the Land Development Code (LDC), specifically, Section 4-1.5, Signs, Section 5-4.4, Planned Sign Program, and Chapter 7, Definitions. The proposed amendment is intended to match more common practices and simplify the sign regulations and process.

A PowerPoint presentation was presented, a copy of which has been retained for the record.

Background and request of amendment to the Land Development Code was presented.

Staff stated the public is requesting an increase in freestanding signage. The calculations of signages currently and recommended calculations were reviewed.

Amendment would remove special sign allowances. The amendments would also update definitions while removing other definitions. Types of signs such as agricultural entry feature signs were discussed.

3-0 in favor for staff to explore agricultural signage. Commissioner Holen and Commission Baker absent and excused.

Staff is requesting revisions to the planned sign program. Zoning administrator would be able to make approval for applications.

3-0 in favor of the planned sign program revisions. Commissioner Holen and Commission Baker absent and excused.

3-0 in favor to increase freestanding signage. Commissioner Holen and Commission Baker absent and excused.

3-0 in favor of fascia signage. Commissioner Holen and Commission Baker absent and excused.

3-0 in favor for removal of special sign allowance. Commissioner Holen and Commission Baker absent and excused.

Staff will look into revisions to definitions as discussed with BOCC. Next steps and schedule were presented.

The meeting was adjourned.

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