



Arapahoe County

Board of County Commissioners Study Session Meeting Minute Summaries

Tuesday, October 29, 2024 11:00 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
Leslie Summey
Bill Holen

Commissioners Present
Ron Carl
John Christofferson
Michelle Halstead
Cooney Sarracino
Bryan Weimer
Ava Pecherzewski
Jason Reynolds

11:00 AM Calendar and Board Updates Michelle Halstead, Director, Commissioners' Office

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

Katherine Smith

1:00 PM *Update on Proposed Phase 2B Oil and Gas Regulations Amendment

Attachments: Board Summary Report

Attachment 1 - Draft Oil and Gas Code Amendments
Attachment 2 - Planning Commission Staff Report
Attachment 3 - Financial Assurances Research

The purpose of this study session is to provide the BOCC with a summary of the comments received from the Planning Commission at their October 15, 2024, study session, to determine if any adjustments need to be made to the draft regulations.

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

Background of the Phase 2B oil and gas regulations was presented.

Comments and feedback from the Planning Commission was reviewed.

Discussion was held regarding reverse setbacks. Staff reviewed state requirements compared to Planning Commission feedback. A map showing a portion of existing wells was displayed showing the 1000 ft. setback with structures.

Staff discussed financial assurances and Planning Commission feedback. The county's assurance policy would not overlap with the state's policy. Recommendations were reviewed based on the different levels of financial assurance.

Staff discussed inspection program concerns raised by the Planning Commission. The purpose of the inspection program and fines associated with violations were discussed.

Planning Commission also raised concerns regarding the new regulations. These concerns consisted of burden on industry.

The current Energy and Carbon Management Commission (ECMC) inspections for Arapahoe County were presented.

Feedback from other stakeholder meetings were reviewed. Concerns were raised by community. Community is concerned for renters and required soil sampling. Small operators also provided feedback to staff. Concerns for duplication of state inspections and overview. API and COGA provided feedback to staff. There was discussion related to county sampling compared to state sampling.

Potential modifications were listed. Staff worked with the County Attorney's office for clarification.

5-0 in favor to set reverse setbacks to 3,000 ft with recording and for builders to be no closer than 250 ft with consent.

BOCC held discussion about the different levels of assurance. 5-0 in favor to have \$95,000 and \$120,000 on the draft document to be decided later.

BOCC discussed the possible need for soil sampling prior to development. BOCC agrees to move discussion of soil sampling to another date.

- 5-0 in favor to include language regarding electrification.
- 5-0 in favor to proceed with additional protection for streams.
- 5-0 in favor of maintenance language.
- 5-0 in favor to have staff return with more information regarding air quality canister sampling.
- 5-0 in favor of alternative location analysis language.

BOCC discussed the need for sampling of aquifers. 5-0 in favor to have staff return with this item to a later date.

2:30 PM *Grant Application Approval - Proposition 123 CERA

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CERA RFA - Housing Stability Services

CERA RFA - Case Review and Administration

The purpose of this study session was to obtain approval from the Board of County Commissioners to apply for two Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) opportunities through Proposition 123.

The background of the available grants was presented. The remaining funding for emergency rental assistance was reviewed.

Staff presented changes that would be brought with grant approval. Statewide applications would be processed. The new requirements for applications were also discussed.

Commissioners asked about timeframe and staffing.

5-0 in favor to have staff move forward with grants.

The meeting was adjourned.

*Virtual/Streamed