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Board of County Commissioners Study Session

Meeting Minute Summaries

Tuesday, March 10, 2026
1:00 PM

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
Rhonda Fields

Others Present

Ron Carl
John Christofferson
Michelle Halstead
Cooney Sarracino
Callie Pecore
Jessica Savko
Lisa Stairs
Ed Bowditch
Jennifer Cassell
Sara Overby
Patrick O'Keefe

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

11:00 AM *2026 Reappropriation of 2025 Budget

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[AC Decision Support Framework](#)
[Presentation](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[2026 Reappropriations Detail](#)

The purpose of this study session was to review the recommended funds to be reappropriated to 2026 and set the amounts to be committed for the Board policy reserves. The budget adoption resolution for 2026 gives the County Finance Director the discretion to recommend which items are eligible and appropriate for reappropriation pursuant to County's policies. The recommendations are subject to approval by the Board of County Commissioners. The adopted resolution to reappropriate funds will increase the 2026 appropriations for elected offices and departments and therefore requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public hearing, which is currently scheduled for March 31, 2026.

An overview of policy and the reappropriation process was reviewed and discussed.

A list of the funds whose entire fund balance will be reappropriated and a list of the funds whose capital construction portion will be reappropriated were presented.

The reappropriation process was discussed with timeline provided.

The 2025 budget vs. actual expenditures by category for the General Fund was presented.

The 2026 reappropriations for the General Fund were reviewed and compared with 2025 for each of the elected office or department.

Key items within the General Fund were listed and discussed. The requests included funds for Administrative Services, Community Resources, Information Technology, Public Works, and the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner asked staff regarding weather shelter funding.

The 2026 reappropriations from Other Funds were reviewed and compared with 2025 for each of the funds. Staff provided explanations for the variances between 2025 and 2026.

Key items within Other Funds were listed and reviewed including a few projects by fund. The requests for reappropriations within the Central Services Fund were discussed with the elected office and departments listed for each request.

The 2026 reappropriation requests from the Capital Expenditure Fund were reviewed and discussed for each of the capital projects.

The reappropriation requests from the Infrastructure Fund were listed and discussed.

Next steps were listed and reviewed.

Staff presented the additional request to adopt the policy reserves for the General Fund, Social Services Fund, Road & Bridge Fund, and ALEA Fund at the Public Hearing to be held on March 31, 2026.

The additional 2026 supplemental requests were reviewed.

Commissioner thanked staff for their work and efforts.

Commissioner made note that Arapahoe County provides funding information to the federal government and asked if there have been additional requests for any further information or feedback received back from the federal government.

4-0 in favor to the requests as presented to be brought forward to the Public Hearing on March 31, 2026, for formal adoption. Commissioner Campbell absent and excused.

12:00 PM BREAK

1:00 PM *Legislative Update

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[2026 Legislative Issues Guide](#)
[2026 Internal Legislative Report](#)
[2026 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

HB26-1276: Protect Safety of Individuals Who Are Immigrants was discussed. The bill requires a law enforcement agency that participates in, or dedicates peace officers or resources to, a multijurisdictional or coordinated investigation or task force to submit that information to the division for inclusion in the report. This bill would extend the civil penalty liability to the state agency or political subdivision. The bill would require a state agency or political subdivision that is served a subpoena by federal immigration authorities to send a copy of the subpoena to the department so that it may be uploaded to the department website. The bill would prohibit a government entity or an airport from engaging with federal immigration authorities to transport individuals detained by federal immigration authorities. The bill would authorize a public health agency to inspect or examine a facility that houses or detains individuals who are noncitizens for purposes of civil immigration proceedings and would expand the inspection authority, including the frequency of inspections and items that are subject to inspection. The department of public health and environment would also be authorized to require these facilities to comply with requirements, including health and safety standards and paying for environmental impact studies. Staff are recommending an amend position and provided information regarding the reasoning behind position recommendation.

Commissioner asked about the provision and how it differs from items in SB25-056.

Commissioner commented regarding the smaller airports throughout the state and their standpoints on HB26-1276.

Commissioner asked if the Sheriff's Association or the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office have provided input.

Discussion was held regarding the language surrounding the airport aspect of the bill and how it would affect Centennial airport and others throughout the state.

Further discussion was made surrounding recommended amendments due to the aspect of the bill that would cause the county to be liable for information leaked by an employee, accidental or intentionally.

5-0 in favor for amend position.

Lobby staff discussed the CDOT Figure Setting Presentation: Multimodal Options Funding (MMOF) Spending Authority. Lobby staff informed BOCC that the JBC voted to stop the transfer of \$10mil from General Fund to the MMOF. The bill will be introduced on March 29, 2026, which will be an orbital bill and should help balance the Long bill.

Discussion was made surrounding current projects that are utilizing MMOF.

Commissioner asked staff regarding assurances from CDOT surrounding funds that are already encumbered. Commissioner also asked regarding when the last dispersal of the MMOF dollars would be.

Conversation was held regarding strategy on ensuring certain projects are funded.

Staff provided information pertaining to HB26-1313: Adjust Requirements Statewide Affordable Housing Fund. The bill changes the requirements for the 3-year cycle beginning on January 1, 2027, and each 3-year cycle thereafter, so that a government desiring to receive funding from the statewide affordable housing fund would no longer be required to increase affordable housing units by 3% above the baseline each year, but would instead be required to meet the target increase number of affordable housing units (target increase number). Staff continued providing further information surrounding the bill and the changes that would occur if it were to pass. Staff are recommending BOCC take an amend position and discussed the recommended amendments.

Commissioner asked staff about what/who provides the waivers.

Commissioner clarified the amendments being recommended.

Commissioner discussed the jurisdictions that have an increase and voiced support to the staff recommended amendments and asked staff to choose two of the amendments that are the most important in the case not all amendments are added.

5-0 in favor for amend position.

HB26-1317: Unified Postsecondary Talent Development System was presented. This bill would create the postsecondary talent development system transition advisory committee to integrate oversight of higher education and workforce development programs. Staff are recommending an amend position and clarified the recommended amendments that are being proposed.

Discussion was held regarding the impacts that would influence the future of workforce development.

Commissioner asked if the bill requires a next step or if it just creates the new task force.

Staff clarified that the Higher Education Department would be absorbed by the new advisory committee.

Commissioner noted the representatives on the bill and discussed strategy to discuss with them.

Commissioner made comment regarding the converging of workforce development and the new transition advisory committee. Commissioner asked regarding the funding for the bill and asked who the members of the committee would be.

Commissioners discussed the recommended position and the strategy behind the position options.

5-0 in favor for amend position.

Staff discussed HB26-1119: Authority for Different Mill Levy Rates. This bill would allow the authority of local taxing entities to impose property taxes on the assessed value of land and the assessed value of improvements thereon at different mill levy rates. Staff provided the changes within the sections of the bill. Staff discussed the other parties that are opposing the bill and are leaving the decision to the BOCC to determine the position.

5-0 in favor to oppose.

Human Services updates were discussed.

Discussion was held regarding the updates for the HOME Act. BOCC agreed to stay in an amend position.

Presentation concluded without vote.

2:00 PM *Federal Funding Opportunities

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)

The purpose of this study session was to present potential projects for submittal and federal funding consideration from Arapahoe County through Congressionally Directed Spending requests.

A background of the requests was presented.

Staff reviewed and discussed potential projects that are being recommended for submission and federal funding consideration through the Congressional Directed Spending.

The first project that was presented was through the Sheriff's Office for drone fleet replacement project. The potential uses of the drones were reviewed. The budget was discussed which included a total of 12 small drones and 2 mid-sized drones. This project had a tight deadline and therefore has already been submitted.

Another project that was recommended to move forward to submission was the Gun Club South project which is a road widening project in partnership with the city of Aurora.

5-0 in favor.

The Watkins bridge project was discussed.

5-0 in favor.

Starlight Affordable Housing project was presented.

Commissioner clarified that the Starlight Affordable Housing project was a South Metro options project for foster youth.

5-0 in favor.

Staff presented the potential fiscal partnership between Village Exchange Center to support bilingual outreach and benefits navigation to Arapahoe County residents in Aurora for SNAP and Medicaid enrollment.

Commissioner asked regarding the specific amount that was presented.

Commissioner asked about the funding.

5-0 in favor.

Staff requested the BOCC to rank the projects to determine the prioritization for submission.

Discussion was held regarding the prioritization of the projects. BOCC listed the prioritization for each project based on the Representatives and Senators that they are being submitted to.

Staff shared that they have received requests for general letters of support from BOCC. These requests were from Stride who are looking to expand at the Colfax and Geneva location among others for dental and pharmaceutical services, the City of Aurora for a new roof at the regional navigation center, and the third is from Mile High United Way for a mobile assistant center. BOCC agreed to provide the general

letters of support for these requests.

Moving forward, Commissioners agreed to allow staff to use good judgement to determine who receives general letters of support and then they will bring the information before the BOCC once determinations have been made.

3:00 PM *RTD Updates and Future Plans

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)

The purpose of this study session was to provide BOCC updates and future plans for RTD.

Staff spoke about current issues and concerns surrounding RTD. Current board makeup is presenting newer challenges.

RTD is facing budget challenges. Staff presented the current revenue streams. Another concern is 2030 sales tax funds will not be sufficient to cover costs, and other sources of revenue are being considered.

The Fastracks model was discussed in context of historical events that changed the dynamics between different regions. Staff raised questions of the cost versus benefits when considering Fastracks.

The end of the CEL Contract would end May of 2027 and options of that were presented. Discussion was held as to the importance of transit, but staff was unsure if extensions or buses were the best solution.

Commissioner commented on the partnership program and funding and asked about steps for the loss of sales tax revenue. Commissioner also raised concerns surrounding reliability for the customers. Discussion was held as to options and promises that RTD intends to implement or put to the ballot.

Commissioner asked about the issues raised at the accountability conference to include governor appointments, east and west buses, and interactions with DRCOG and Adams County.

Commissioner asked about the Douglas County connections with other stations and the costs. Discussion was held as to future links and minor improvements to increase usage for different pockets.

Future legislation was discussed for a subregional model for local improvements.

Commissioner commented on the need for transportation and reliability to some areas.

Presentation concluded without a vote.

The meeting was adjourned.

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