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Board of County Commissioners Study Session

Meeting Minute Summaries

Monday, June 9, 2025
9:00 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
Rhonda Fields

Others Present

Ron Carl
John Christofferson
Michelle Halstead
Cooney Sarracino
Callie Pecore
Nathan Fogg
Steven Peck
Daniela Villarreal
Kathy Smith
Mike Dino
Mara Sheldon
John Criscuolo

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

11:00 AM *2025 Arapahoe County Fire Operating Plan

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[2025 Fire Operating Plan](#)

The purpose of this study session was to request the Board of County Commissioners to authorize the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners and the Arapahoe County Sheriff to sign the 2025 Fire Operating Plan.

Commissioner Baker appeared virtually.

A background of the request was presented.

Staff presented details on the 2025 Fire Operating Plan. The plan includes sections on pre-fire planning, managing the incident, and cost recovery pertinent to a wildfire incident.

Staff seeking signature from BOCC chair for the local aspect of the plan and authorization for ACSO to sign as well before plan can be submitted to the state.

Commissioner clarified if any federal changes would have an impact on the plan funding.

Commissioner asked for clarification on the signatures and if this item would then need to be moved to consent agenda.

Commissioner asked for clarification regarding the timelines and why the process is moving from one-year plan to a five-year plan.

Commissioner asked regarding the wildfire season and what the timeline looks like for Colorado.

5-0 in favor to approve the request.

11:15 AM *Aid to Agencies Program Review

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[Presentation](#)
[2025 Safety Net Grant Awards](#)

The purpose of this study session was to provide an overview of the Aid to Agencies program, propose programmatic improvements, and seek direction from the Board of County Commissioners.

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

An overview and background history of the Aid to Agencies program was presented.

The current program framework was discussed. The program splits the total budget between two

categories of funding, safety net organizations, and competitive grants. The program has nine programmatic funding categories which include affordable housing, case management, domestic violence support, employment skills and services, food assistance, mental and behavioral health, substance abuse, shelter, and transportation.

Staff discussed the programmatic pause that occurred due to budget constraints. With passage of ballot issue 1A, the safety net funding was reinstated at 100% which allowed the opportunity to reimagine the program and how it is funded.

Community service gaps and unmet community needs were discussed.

Staff presented data showing that housing, mental and behavioral health/substance abuse, food insecurity, and reliable transportation were the categories showing gaps between demand and supply throughout the county.

Staff highlighted benefits on certain investments that were made through one-time ARPA funding on housing, mental health, food assistance, and transportation.

Discussion surrounding the reimagining of the program was held.

The proposed framework revisions were reviewed.

Staff recommended narrowing the programmatic funding categories to align with current community needs and the county's strategic plan. The categories would narrow from the current nine funding categories to four funding categories. The four categories include housing/homeless services, food assistance, mental and behavioral health/substance abuse, and transportation.

The targeted service populations were reviewed. The populations that the Aid to Agencies programs would target would be vulnerable populations such as disabled people, seniors, minorities, youth, and justice-involved people.

Staff provided a definition of safety net and what criteria an organization would need to qualify as a safety net.

The recommended program structure was presented and reviewed.

The proposed program grant cycle was listed.

Proposed funding recommendations were displayed and discussed. Staff presented two options for funding. Option A would be Equal Distribution, or Option B would be Data Informed Distribution. Pros and Cons for each option were listed and reviewed. A table showing the funding impact of potential budget packages by option was presented.

Commissioner asked regarding the funding categories and asked staff to clarify their decisions on why case management and employment skills/services were removed from the categories to be funded in the

reimaging of the program.

Discussion was held regarding the two options for funding and the concern regarding Option A-Equal distribution as not all municipalities are equal in the needs of their communities.

Staff presented discussion points and questions for BOCC consideration.

Commissioners asked regarding funding impacts surrounding transportation.

Commissioner voiced support for staff recommendations for Option B but included the importance of transportation.

Further discussion was held on the discussion points and questions that staff presented to BOCC.

5-0 in favor of staff recommendations.

12:00 PM *Executive Session

Executive Session and County Attorney Administrative Meeting [Section 24-6-402(4)(b)C.R.S.](As required by law, specific agenda topics will be announced in open meeting prior to the commencement of the closed and confidential portion of this session)

Ron Carl, County Attorney

The motion was made by Commissioner Campbell and duly seconded by Commissioner Warren-Gully that the Board go into executive session pursuant to section 24-6-402(4)(b) of the Colorado Revised Statutes, to receive legal advice regarding the following:

- 1. Mediation in the Astorga workers comp case**
- 2. Public participation in the State of the County meeting**
- 3. Developments regarding Trump Executive Orders**

The motion passed 5-0.

1:00 PM *Federal Lobbyist Update

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[Presentation](#)

The purpose of this study session was to provide an update on federal advocacy activities to the Board of County Commissioners.

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

Lobby team presented the current status of the Budget Reconciliation package. The concerns from Congressman were addressed regarding the bill.

Commissioners asked for clarification regarding the budget reconciliation and the process.

Cuts and changes to the budget from the proposed reconciliation were discussed. Discussion was held regarding SNAP benefits and the Farm Bill.

The Recession Package sent from the President to Congress was reviewed.

Commissioner asked about the status of the bill as it relates to the Senate and House.

Agency spending and planning was presented.

Key components of the reconciliation bill were listed and reviewed. The expansion of child tax credit and tax breaks, cuts to Medicaid, SNAP, clean energy, and “Maga” savings account were reviewed.

The Senate Byrd Rule was presented. The lobby team presented problems that can arise from the rule for reconciliation.

A chart showing the new debt created was displayed and reviewed.

The impacts from the proposed 2026 spending appropriations were listed and reviewed. Programs would be eliminated based on the proposed appropriations.

Concerns were raised about the Executive Branch’s power.

Lobby team updated the BOCC of projects submitted by Colorado Congressmen.

A newly introduced DOT Bridge Grant was presented with removals and requirements.
A Congressional calendar was displayed and reviewed.

Commissioner asked about student loans and education as they may change based on the current administration. Commissioner also asked about the impacts of the tax breaks.

Commissioner asked about the status of tax cuts.

Commissioner asked about how the BOCC can assist the county based on the changes from the reconciliation. Commissioner also asked about the status of Senator voters. The impact and focus of Congressmen for the Fiscal Year was discussed.

Presentation concluded without a vote.

The meeting was adjourned.

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