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Board of County Commissioners Study Session

Meeting Minute Summaries

Monday, July 6, 2026	**Administration Building**
9:00 AM	**5334 S. Prince St.**
	Littleton, CO 80120
	West Hearing Room

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Commissioners Present	**Others Present**
Carrie Warren-Gully	John Christofferson
Jeff Baker	Michelle Halstead
Jessica Campbell	Cooney Sarracino
Leslie Summey	Callie Pecore
Rhonda Fields	Lizzie Loomis
	Sandra Bottoms
	Mayor Christine Sweetland
	Ryan Brackley
	Jonathan Nelsen

9:00 AM Calendar and Board Updates
Kendra Davis, Management Analyst, Commissioners' Office

12:00 PM BREAK

1:00 PM E-Team Chair Update
Katherine Smith, Community Resources Director, E-Team Chair
Karl Herrmann, Chief Deputy, Clerk and Recorder's Office, E-Team Vice Chair

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

1:30 PM *Affordable Housing Development Grant 2026 Re-Allocation

Attachments: Board Summary Report

The purpose of this study session was to request BOCC approve an adjustment of the funding recommendations for the 2026 Affordable Housing Development Grant (AHDG) related to the purchase of the property at 15001 Oxford Road, Oxford Vista Development due to the results of a second appraisal and increase the purchase price to $3,500,000.

Staff provided background of the request. The process taken that led to the newly appraised price was reviewed.

5-0 in favor to increase approval of purchase price.

1:45 PM *2026 Open Space Grant Award Recommendations

Attachments: Board Summary Report
Presentation
AC Decision Support Framework
2026 OS Grants - Ranking + Funding Recommendations
OSTAB Recommendation

The purpose of this study session was for Open Spaces staff to present recommendations regarding the 2026 Open Space grant awards and request consideration by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) of nine standard grant proposals, two small grant proposals, and one planning grant proposal totaling $4,510,919 as presented on the attached 2026 Open Space Grants ranking sheet. Staff requests the Board approve adding these recommendations to the consent agenda for formal approval.

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

Background of the Open Space grant program was presented. 12% of revenue from the Arapahoe County Open Space Sales and Use Tax is dedicated to funding grants.

The current year’s cycle was reviewed. Open Spaces received 12 applications and had $5,500,000 allocated for grants. The applicants have contributed $5,017,445 for match funding.

A map was displayed of the grant projection distribution. The application processing and feedback was reviewed.

Commissioner asked about the unspent grant funds.

Commissioner asked regarding the flow of revenue from sales tax for Open Spaces.

A list of standard grants was presented. Standard grants permit a request of up to $600,000.

A list of small and planning grants was presented. Small and planning grants permit a request of up to $150,000.

Each recommended standard grant was presented that includes; Piney Creek Regional Trail Connection, Belleview Park Playground, Arapahoe Station Pickleball Courts, Piney Creek Trail Connection Project, Heritage Village Park Improvements, Inspiration Trail Connection, Sunset Park Improvements, Carson Park Pavilion Construction, and East Broncos Parkway Trail.

Commissioner raised concerns related to the Arapahoe Station Pickleball Courts and use of public funds. Discussion was held regarding the need for Pickleball courts and land utilization.

Commissioner inquired about easement protections of the trail for future development.

Each recommended small and planning grant was presented that includes; Museum Site Amenities, Crestline Park Reflection Garden, and Strategic Plan Update.

Staff reviewed the grant cycle if BOCC approved and joint recommendations.

4-0 in favor to approve recommendations. Commissioner Warren-Gully absent and excused.

2:15 PM* City of Centennial Financial Outlook

Attachments: Board Summary Report
Presentation
Centennial Budget Fact Sheet 2026

The purpose of this study session was an informational update from Mayor Christine Sweetland with the City of Centennial to apprise the Board of Centennial's financial outlook.

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

A graph of revenues and expenditures was displayed and reviewed. Expenses are outpacing revenue.

The factors to the revenue and expenditure were reviewed. First factor is Centennial's low tax rate. Second factor is the costs of public works and public safety increasing.

Budget pressures for public safety are a consideration for the city with inflation growth.

Third factor is the lack of revenue to maintain levels of service. The city's street fund was presented with the transportation infrastructure. Fourth factor is the financial values of Centennial such as maintaining cash reserves.

Centennial's top priority is road and transportation for connectivity.

A potential solution was proposed to increase the sales tax. The increase would be from 2.5% to 3.5%. The 1% increase would be designated to infrastructure.

The timeline for the city was presented. The Mayor explained the constituent's view.

Commissioner commented on the partnership between Centennial and Arapahoe County.

Commissioner commented on the work and attention performed by Centennial. Discussion was held as to revenue centers and the possible tax increase.

Presentation concluded without a vote.

2:45 PM *Grant Opportunity: OAJJA: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program | Colorado Division of Criminal Justice

Attachments: Board Summary Report
Evaluation Form

The purpose of this study session was for the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to consider approving the electronic submission of a grant application to the State of Colorado Office of Adult and Juvenile Justice Assistant to provide funding for crime victims and witness protection.

Background for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant was presented. Staff from the District Attorney's Office explained the need for victim advocacy and protection.

The grant would go towards a victim advocate that would communicate and coordinate with victims and witness protection. Its importance goes towards confidentiality and response. The grant would also be used for equipment that would promote safety for victims and witnesses.

Staff reiterated the need for dedicated staff and victim advocates.

Commissioner Warren-Gully returned at 3:00 pm.

Commissioner asked for the District Attorney's plans for grant positions. Commissioner also inquired about continued equipment costs.

Acting County Attorney clarified the possible need for asset numbers.

Commissioner asked staff from the District Attorney's office about their coordination with their office and the state.

5-0 in favor to proceed with grant application.

3:00 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)

John Christofferson, Acting County Attorney

The motion was made by Commissioner Baker and duly seconded by Commissioner Campbell that the Board go into executive session pursuant to section 24-6-402(4)(b)&(e) of the Colorado Revised Statutes to develop strategy and instruct negotiators, and receive legal advice, regarding the demand letter from former employee Shannon Sanamo.

The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned.

***Virtual/Streamed**