



ARAPAHOE COUNTY

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Board of County Commissioners Study Session

Meeting Minute Summaries

Monday, August 11, 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
Kathy Smith
Todd Weaver

Patrick Hernandez

Dan Makelky
Jennifer Ludwig
Bryan Weimer
Jared Rowilson
Jessica Williamsen
Nicole Brown
Michael Fronapfel

9:00 AM Calendar and Board Updates

Michelle Halstead, Director, Commissioners' Office

11:00 AM Communication Services Update

Chris Henning, Deputy Director, Communication Services

11:30 AM A-Team Meeting

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

1:00 PM *Federal Funding Impacts

Attachments: [Board Summary Report Presentation](#)
[Federal Funding Impacts in Arapahoe County](#)

The purpose of this study session was to provide an informational session that identified potential impacts of recent federal funding decisions on County programs and services. The presentation provided updated information on federal funding known and unknowns, highlighted impacts of state budgetary constraints, discuss known and unknown impacts on county programs and services, and provided options for Board consideration during the upcoming budget process.

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

Background and purpose for the updates regarding the impacts was presented.

Commissioner Campbell arrived at 1:05 PM.

The funds received from federal funds that go into the county budget were presented. A chart displaying the programs and services receiving federal funds was displayed and reviewed. Staff reviewed the overall funding categorized by department.

The population in the county that receives direct assistance from federal funds was presented.

The federal actions that will influence the funding, such as H.R. 1 and 2026 Budget, were reviewed. State actions that are anticipated in response to the federal actions were also reviewed.

Staff presented the non-budgetary changes that have occurred. Potential impacts were listed. Commissioner asked for clarification and timeline for the rule changes. Discussion was held regarding the work requirements and verifications, use of language, and executive orders on homelessness and harm reduction.

Known programmatic impacts from the federal and state actions and the local impact from those were presented. Discussion was held regarding error rates and denials for staff that are affected. The impacts on Public Health were also discussed.

Staff presented known unknown areas that may be impacted. The areas that were also impacted by either unknowns or rumors were listed and reviewed.

Positives within areas of concern were presented.

Constraints for the BOCC to consider going forward were presented. Staff discussed the backfill or replacement of roughly \$102 million and what other counties were doing surrounding the federal actions.

Commissioner asked where the county can backfill to optimize dollars.

Commissioners raised concerns about the impact of the changes.

Presentation concluded without a vote.

2:00 PM *Approval of the SFY 2025-2026 Core Services Program Plan

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[Arapahoe County 2025-2026 Core Plan](#)
[Budget](#)

The purpose of this study session was that the County Department of Human Services is statutorily required to have Board of County Commissioners review and sign the Core Services Program Plan in order to receive funding for such services from the Colorado Department of Human Services. The Director and the Placement Alternatives Commission are also required to sign the plan.

Background for the Core Services funding was presented.

Staff presented the program funding breakdown for state and local funding.

The categories of services provided by the program were reviewed. The KICS program within Core was highlighted for its work.

Commissioner asked for the staff's definition of neglect as it relates to those dealing with housing insecurity.

5-0 in favor to have the chair sign.

2:30 PM *Airport Improvement Program Grant for the Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[AIP 64 Draft Grant Agreement APA-NMG-3-08-0029-064-2025](#)

The purpose of this study session was for the Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority Board (ACPAA) to request approval of a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) distributed through the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) from the Federal Aviation Administration.

The background for the Airport Improvement Program Grant was presented.

Staff presented the importance of the grant for the airport and the FAA's interactions.

Commissioner asked for clarification of the fund from the grants and the application.

Clarification was made as to the airport anticipating reimbursement for the work being completed.

Commissioner asked regarding the airport's payback.

Discussion was held as to the next steps for the grant approval.

Presentation concluded without a vote.

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)

Ron Carl, County Attorney

Administrative Item: Staff requested a decision on the business personal property exemption that was discussed previously. The exemption is for \$20,000, and its effects on the county were discussed. The impact of the special session was also discussed.

5-0 in favor to not extend exemption.

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

- 1. Collective bargaining negotiations with AFSCME and FOP, and**
- 2. A proposed cooperation agreement between the County and the City of Aurora and the Aurora Urban Renewal Authority, and**

Further, 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:

- 1. The Arcadia Creek land development application and hearing, and**
- 2. Proposed nationwide settlements in the opioid litigation, and**
- 3. Developments in the sale of the SAFER property, and**
- 4. A proposed airport grant from the FAA.**

The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned.

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