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# Arapahoe County

## Board of County Commissioners Study Session

### Meeting Minute Summaries

**Monday, October 27, 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  
Amy Padden  
Jacob Kremin  
Matt Bixenman  
Dan Perkins

Patrick Hernandez  
Dan Makelky  
Todd Weaver  
Bryan Weimer  
Ceila Rethamel  
Lisa Knerr  
Gini Pingnot  
Glen Poole  
Gabe Racz

#### **9:00 AM Calendar and Board Updates**

**Michelle Halstead, Director, Commissioners' Office**

## 11:30 AM Communication Services Update

Chris Henning, Deputy Director, Communication Services

## 12:00 PM BREAK

## STUDY SESSION TOPICS

1:00 PM \*Bureau of Justice Assistance FY25 Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA Grant - 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office

**Attachments:** [Board Summary Report](#)  
[Grant Evaluation Form](#)  
[Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant Website](#)

The purpose of this study session was the District Attorney's Office requested permission from the Board of County Commissioners to apply for the federal grant to support investigation and prosecution of violent cold case crimes where suspect DNA profile is already developed through advanced DNA testing and forensic genetic genealogy. Funds will be used to support a part-time paralegal position to manage and organize cold case investigations and to pay for forensic genetic genealogy searches.

District Attorney provided background for a cold case grant.

The difficulties and technologies related to cold cases were presented. The grant would go towards a paralegal focused on cold cases and other resources that are currently time consuming.

Commissioner asked for clarification regarding the status and language of the grant. Commissioner also asked about staffing related to the grant.

4-0 in favor requested approval. Commissioner Baker absent and excused.

1:15 PM \*2026 Annual County Fair Plan

**Attachments:** [Board Summary Report](#)  
[Presentation](#)  
[AC Decision Support Framework](#)

The purpose of this study session was for the Open Spaces Fairgrounds staff to present recommendations for key operational changes to the 2026 Fair and request Board approval to implement staff recommended changes.

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

Background of the fair fund operations and concerns were presented. The support of the other county departments was addressed.

The planning process for the 2026 County Fair was presented. The staff recommendations were listed for gate model & fair pricing, fair hours, and Pours on the Plains.

Charts were presented showing the fair's financial summary and fair attendance. Staff presented the balance of funds and project costs.

Charts reflecting the historical ticket prices and Saffire ticket prices were displayed.

Commissioner asked staff regarding the cause of the fair's shortfalls.

Commissioner asked about attendance numbers and vendor participation.

Discussion was held as to vendor pricing and cost structure. Discussion was related to balancing the cost of the ticket, attendance, and the attractions within the fair.

A chart showing projected incremental increases to ticket prices was reviewed.

Historical fair days and hours were presented. Staff recommends no changes to the current schedule based on losses and other variables.

Staff presented Pours on the Plains financial summary and recommended eliminating the event. The Pros and Cons of the decision were listed.

Commissioner asked for clarification on the revenue and expenses and possible replacements. Discussion was held regarding the possible replacements.

The BOCC discussed the affordability of the tickets for the fair while balancing the need to fund the fair through the General Fund.

4-0 in favor to proceed with staff recommendations. Commissioner Baker absent and excused.

## **2:00 PM Sheriff's Office Update**

**Tyler Brown, Sheriff**

## **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**

**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:**

- 1. Stormwater in the High Line Canal, and**
- 2. Short Term Rentals Ordinance.**

**The motion passed 5-0.**

**The meeting was adjourned.**

**\*Virtual/Streamed**