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Arapahoe County

Board of County Commissioners Study Session

Meeting Minute Summaries

Tuesday, April 15, 2025
9:30 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
Rhonda Fields

Others Present

Ron Carl
John Christofferson
Michelle Halstead
Cooney Sarracino
Callie Pecore
Amy Padden
Katherine Smith
Ed Bowditch
Jennifer Cassell

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

9:30 AM *DA Transition Update and Supplemental Budget Requests

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

The purpose of this study session was to give the BOCC an update on various transition items. The District Attorney will also present an analysis and supplemental budget requests on the following issues:

1. The transition of Domestic Violence cases from Aurora municipal court to the 18th Judicial District
2. Results of HR's equity and market analysis of DA Office's employees and the District Attorney's request to create career progression opportunities for non-supervisory Deputy District Attorneys
3. The addition of an FTE for another Victim Compensation Specialist.
4. The conversion of a grant funded paralegal in the Organized Crime Unit to a permanent FTE upon expiration of the grant funding in October

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

An update on the judicial split and transition was presented.

Staff presented comparative analysis with other counties. Charts showing Judicial District size, Budget, Budget per Capita, Case Filings, Caseloads, Homicide cases, Felony trials, and Jury trials were displayed and discussed.

Commissioner asked about the different counties' prosecution structure.

Discussion was held to understand prosecution pleas and charges.

2025 trial data was presented that reflected trials since January 14th.

Staffing was reviewed and compared to other counties. Concerns were raised regarding number of FTEs and low supervisor-to-line DDA ration.

An update was presented regarding the transition of domestic violence cases. District Attorney presented proposals for staffing to address transition. Potential effects of HB25-1147 were presented. Concerns were raised from the influx of possible cases.

Discussion was held about the District Attorney's Office financial requests to match workload.

The proposed Deputy District Attorney structure was presented. Charts showing the proposed District Attorney jobs and grades were displayed. These different grades provide different salaries.

District Attorney presented the salary changes to create market equity. The total costs listed from the market equity analysis were reviewed.

A request was made for an additional Victim Compensation Specialist. The need is based on the recent transition and the need to serve victims.

An additional proposal was made for a full-time paralegal. The position was grant funded, but the funding is going to end. Additional requests were mentioned for BOCC consideration and other requests will be coming later.

Commissioner discussed the need to reach market equity to provide justice.

4-0 in favor of title changes of DA staff. Commissioner Summey absent and excused.
Vote was placed on the record during "HB24-1175 Right of First Refusal Next Steps".

10:30 AM *HB24-1175 Right of First Refusal Next Steps

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[HB24-1175](#)
[Multifamily Property Map for Unincorporated Arapahoe County](#)

The purpose of this study session was to provide information to the Board of County Commissioners on the research done on properties eligible for HB24-1175-Right of First Refusal and recommend next steps for the County's approach to this legislation.

Background of the bill was presented by staff. If a property is intended to be sold that meets the requirements under HB24-1175, the county has the right of first refusal.

Staff worked with the Assessor's office to research multi-family properties that might meet the criteria.

A map displaying these properties was displayed and retained for the record.

Staff reviewed the cost and sales of these properties, but none met the requirements as established in HB24-1175.

Staff proposed that they continue to assess the properties and will bring any that meet the criteria to the BOCC.

Commissioner commented on the need to amend the legislation. Current language in the bill may be too constrictive as it relates to times, and an amendment to the time would better allow the county to react. Commissioner will raise possible amendments to CCI and CCAT.

Commissioner raised concerns with the funding for any properties that would be available.

Discussion was held regarding possible next steps.

Discussion concluded without a vote. Commissioner Summey absent and excused.

11:30 AM BREAK

12:30 PM *Legislative Update

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[2025 Legislative Issues Guide](#)
[Internal Legislative Report](#)
[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.

Legislative update was cancelled on this date.

The meeting was adjourned.

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