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Board of County Commissioners Study Session

Meeting Minute Summaries

Monday, November 17, 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
Elizzebeth Loomis
Jason Reynolds
Josh Garcia

Gunnar Zollinger
Sam Bahl
Molly Orkild-Larson
Raye Fields
Dusty Sash

9:00 AM Calendar and Board Updates
Michelle Halstead, Director, Commissioners' Office

12:00 PM BREAK

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

1:00 PM *Grant Opportunity: State of Colorado- Department of Local Affairs: Housing Planning Grant; Local Planning Capacity Grant Program and Incentives for Early Adoption of Fast Track

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[Grant Evaluation Form - Local Capacity Grant](#)
[Grant Evaluation Form - Housing Planning Grant](#)

The purpose of this study session was for the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to consider approving the electronic submission of grant applications to the State of Colorado, Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), for the following funding opportunities: the Housing Planning Grant Program (SB24-174) to develop a Local Housing Action Plan and assess housing needs within Arapahoe County, and the Local Planning Capacity Grant Program (SB24-1313) to strengthen local planning department capacity and improve land use, permitting, and zoning processes that support affordable housing development. We will also be notifying the Board of the Proposition 123 Incentive Grant to pursue early adoption incentives for streamlining land use code updates and implementing affordable housing initiatives.

Staff presented background for the two grant opportunities through the Department of Local Affairs. Staff informed the BOCC of the required matches.

The purpose of the Housing Planning Grant Program and Local Planning Capacity Grant Program and requirements were presented. Staff explained the how the grant can be utilized for the county for developing a housing plan and strengthening local planning.

Staff also presented the incentive grant which does not require a match.

Commissioner asked for clarification of the required match.

Commissioner asked about state funding for planning and voiced concerned about what follows.

Commissioner asked about the developers and how the county has collaborated with them historically.

Commissioner asked for clarification regarding the sources of funding for the required matches. Staff presented the three options that were considered for the funding.

5-0 in favor to proceed with applications. Commissioner Campbell appeared virtually.

1:15 PM *Colorado Parks and Wildlife Oil and Gas Compensatory Mitigation Grant Funding for Arapahoe County Open Spaces Shortgrass Prairie Restoration

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[Impact Area Map](#)

The purpose of this study session was for staff to present this funding opportunity through Colorado Parks and Wildlife and request approval to submit a project proposal for grant funding and if awarded, expend the funds.

Background of the Mitigation Grant Funding was presented.

Staff reviewed oil and gas legislation and how it established the grant program. Colorado Parks and Wildlife would use the funding to focus on habitat preservations.

A map of the proposed impact areas of the preservation was displayed and reviewed. The impact areas are the Richmil Ranch Open Space and the Kiowa Creek Annex. Staff reviewed the reasons for choosing these two locations.

Commissioner asked about grazing leases on the proposed land and the specific funding being requested by staff. Commissioner asked about the use of chemicals for the restoration and made comment to ensure safety of animals in the area.

Commissioner asked about the stage of oil and gas wells for the current and future mitigation funding.

5-0 in favor to proceed with application. Commissioner Campbell appeared virtually.

1:30 PM *LDC25-001-Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations - Land Development Code Amendment

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[AC Decision Support Framework](#)
[Presentation - Electric Vehicle LDC](#)
[EV Charging Station Regulations - Proposed LDC Text Amendment](#)

The purpose of this study session was to obtain further input from the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on the proposed land development code amendment to include electric vehicle (EV) standards as required by House Bill 24 -1173 (HB24-1173). This is an opportunity for the BOCC to review the final draft code before public hearings.

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

Background to the EV charging stations land development code amendments were presented. This stems from House Bill 24-1173 requiring county compliance.

The proposed changes were reviewed to include permitted uses, transportation, and definitions.

Staff presented the proposed changes for permitted and accessory uses for charging projects. Different definitions for EV charging were presented.

Public comments that were received by staff were reviewed. Concerns were raised by the public regarding fire safety.

Commissioner asked for clarification related to fire concerns.

Commissioner raised concern for in-home electric installation for charging.

Commissioner asked about the required setbacks.

Commissioner asked about the proposed changes for special use in particular areas and the differences with the state model.

5-0 in favor for LDC amendments. Commissioner Campbell appeared virtually.

Proposed timeline was presented.

2:00 PM *DA Weekend Court Pay for Exempt Employees

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[2026 Draft Weekend Court Coverage Policy](#)

The purpose of this study session was to present a requested change to the DA Weekend Court Coverage pay policy and ask for approval for this change effective January 1, 2026.

Staff presented exempt employee pay when staff work on the weekends.

The current program is \$500 for employees that volunteer on weekends. Staff proposed three tiers for weekend pay. The first tier would be a standard \$500 for administrative staff. The second tier would be \$700 for a prosecutor working on the weekends if they are working alone. The third tier would be if there are two or more prosecutors, and they would split \$1000.

The anticipated cost would be approximately \$18,000 annually.

Commissioners discussed the District Attorney's work over the weekends and what it includes.

Staff explained that 30% of the requested funds would be reimbursed through grants.

Commissioner asked about the impact of HR for the different tiers and how it compares to other counties.

5-0 in favor to proceed with DA recommendations. Commissioner Campbell appeared virtually.

2:30 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 Baker 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. A collective bargaining agreement with AFSCME, and**
- 2. A Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the 18th Judicial District Attorney, 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 Crown Castle cell tower case, and**
- 2. A request for testimony at an upcoming hearing before the Colorado Energy and Carbon Management Commission.**

The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned.

***Virtual/Streamed**