



ARAPAHOE COUNTY

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# Arapahoe County

## Board of County Commissioners Study Session

### Meeting Minute Summaries

**Tuesday, February 3, 2026**  
**1:00 PM**

**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  
Ed Bowditch  
Jennifer Cassell  
Jessica Savko  
Leanna Quint

**STUDY SESSION TOPICS**

1:00 PM \*Legislative Update

**Attachments:** [Board Summary Report](#)  
[Bill Review - February 3, 2026](#)  
[2026 Legislative Issues Guide](#)  
[2026 Internal Legislative Report](#)  
[2026 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.

Staff provided an overview on HB26-1063 Treating People with Behavioral Health Disorder for Arapahoe County BOCC to take a position.

An overview of HB26-1063 Treating People with Behavioral Health Disorder was discussed. This bill would require multiple changes to the current law in regard to the treatment of individuals with a behavioral health disorder, and, in connection therewith, reimbursing licensed providers who administer medication-assisted treatment and providing protections related to secure transportation for persons experiencing a behavioral health crisis. Staff went into depth on the changes to each section of the current law. Staff discussed the impacts on ACSO and to Arapahoe County. CALPHO is currently in an amend position. Staff recommending a monitor position.

Commissioner asked for clarification on staff recommendation for a monitor position.

5-0 in favor of monitor position.

Discussion was held regarding a draft bill that has not yet been introduced. The bill is for Strategy to Reduce and Prevent Homelessness and would require DOLA to submit and present a proposal for a statewide strategy on homelessness prevention and resolution in January 2027 for the Smart Act Hearing.

Staff provided background for other bills for the BOCC to be aware of moving forward. These bills include SB26-032 Promoting Immunization Access, SB26-061 Publication Counties without Legal Newspapers, SB26-073 Order of Additional Parent Time, HB26-1012 Consumer Protections to Promote Fair Market Pricing, HB26-1065 Housing and Transit Investment Zones, and HB26-1071 Local Government Access to Automated Vehicle Identification Systems. Staff explained that these bills are for BOCC awareness but that they are permissive, and BOCC would not need to take a position.

Commissioner asked for clarification on SB26-032.

SB26-032 Promoting Immunization Access was discussed. This bill would require multiple amendments to existing law and would add new provisions relating to access to vaccines. CALPHO is in an active support position.

Staff highlighted HB26-1071 Local Government Access to Automated Vehicle Identification Systems.

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This bill would authorize a local government to locate an AVIS on a highway that is part of the federal interstate highway system.

Commissioner confirmed that HB26-1071 is permissible.

Discussion was made surrounding the strategies behind supporting the alphabet organization's positions on permissible bills.

Commissioner noted the importance for awareness in regard to HB26-1036 Local Taxes on Vacant Residential Property.

Commissioner commented that HB26-1038 County Commissioner Redistricting was passed out of committee and that Arapahoe County's proposed amendments were all included.

Commissioner asked if the Homestead Exemption will be funded.

Director of Human Services presented updates within the department surrounding district models. Discussion was held regarding Human Services updates.

Commissioner thanked the Director of Human Services for the work, leadership, and dedication.

Commissioner asked regarding updates within the Children's Campaign Model and if they are aware of the proposals being drafted.

Commissioner asked if there had been any update regarding HB26-1001 Housing Developments on Qualifying Properties (HOME Act).

Discussion was made surrounding HB26-1001 and the amendment that Arapahoe County proposed regarding affordability. The zoning regulations within the bill were also discussed.

Commissioner asked who the Senators behind HB26-1001 are.

Discussion concluded without vote.

2:00 PM \*2025 Fourth Quarter Budget Review

**Attachments:** [Board Summary Report](#)  
[AC Decision Support Framework](#)  
[Presentation](#)  
[Q4 2025 Staff Report](#)

The purpose of this study session was to update the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on the status of the 2025 budget as of the fourth quarter, to review the fiscal status of Arapahoe County, and

identify issues that may arise in the near future. Various supplemental appropriation requests will be reviewed by the Executive Budget Committee and recommended for approval by the Board. These supplemental appropriation requests will be presented, and the Board will be asked to review these proposals and decide which should go forward to a public hearing on February 17, 2026.

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

An overview of the presentation was explained.

The economic outlook was shared. A data table was shared showing the economic indicators including Real GDP Growth, Unemployment Rate, Personal Income Growth, Wage and Salary Growth, Inflation, Housing Permit Growth, and Nonresidential Building Growth from 2023-2027.

Graphs were displayed showing the projected assumptions for the total actual value and new construction trend, and the total assessed value and revenue trend from 2010-2030.

Staff shared the projected assumptions for key expenditure growth from 2021-2030.

The General Fund was discussed. A table showing the total revenue, total expenditures, beginning fund balance, and the ending fund balance from 2024-2025 were presented and discussed. A table showing the General Fund data from 2024-2030 was also shared and reviewed.

Commissioner recognized that EBC tries to ensure the ending fund balance is being monitored throughout the years.

The Capital Expenditure Fund was discussed. A table showing the total revenue, total expenditures, beginning fund balance, the ending fund balance, and the funds available for appropriation from 2024-2025 were presented and discussed. A table showing the Capital Expenditure Fund data from 2024-2030 was also shared and reviewed.

The Social Services Fund was discussed. A table showing the total revenue, total expenditures, beginning fund balance, the ending fund balance, and the funds available for appropriation from 2024-2025 were presented and discussed. A table showing the Social Services Fund data from 2024-2030 was also shared and reviewed.

Staff discussed the Road and Bridge Fund. A table showing the total revenue, total expenditures, beginning fund balance, the ending fund balance and the funds available for appropriation from 2024-2025 were presented and discussed. A table showing the Road and Bridge Fund data from 2024-2030 was also shared and reviewed.

Staff presented the ALEA Fund. A table showing the total revenue, total expenditures, beginning fund balance, the ending fund balance, and the funds available for appropriation from 2024-2025 were presented and discussed. A table showing the ALEA data from 2024-2030 was also shared and reviewed.

Staff provided information regarding the featured fund Employee Flex Benefit Fund. The purpose of this fund was reviewed. A table was displayed showing the Employee Flex Benefit Fund data including total revenue, total expenditures, beginning funds available and the ending funds available for 2020-2025.

Commissioner asked for clarification on what the ending fund balance from the Employee Flex Benefit Fund is used for.

Supplemental requests for 2025 were listed and for the General Fund, Road & Bridge Fund, open Spaces Sales Tax Fund, Fair Fund, Grant Fund, Infrastructure Fund, Employee Flex Benefit Fund, Self-Insurance Fund, District Attorney Forfeiture Fund, and the Victim Compensation Fund. Staff listed requests that need discussion as well as the requests for new revenue/budget cleanup.

Commissioner asked staff for clarification on funds transferred to Open Spaces from the Fair Fund.

Supplemental requests for 2026 were listed and for the General fund, Sheriff's Office, Road & Bridge Fund, Central Services Fund, ALEA Fund and Grant Fund. Staff listed requests that need discussion as well as the requests for new revenue/budget cleanup.

Commissioner made note on the importance for the request that the Clerk and Recorder's Office have made regarding election equipment as the current equipment is unable to be used or serviced as the equipment is out of date.

The EBC recommendations were listed and reviewed. EBC recommended to move forward with all supplemental requests except for a few items. EBC has not recommended the District Attorney's Office request from the General Fund for \$238,369, and 2 FTE to start a Conviction Integrity Unit. EBC has not recommended the Sheriff's Office request from the ALEA fund for a fixed asset number. EBC has recommended the adjusted request of \$1.1 million from the Road and Bridge Fund for Public Works and Development instead of the full \$2.2 million.

Commissioners provided insight on EBC recommendations.

District Attorney spoke regarding the request for \$238,369, and 2 FTE to create a Conviction Integrity Unit and requested the support of BOCC to start the unit and is asking BOCC to reconsider EBC decision regarding the unit. DA also provided alternatives to save money. DA asked for BOCC vote.

Chair asked for motion and heard none. Further discussion may be made in the future regarding item.

Commissioner asked regarding the request for the \$10,000 from the Road and Bridge Fund and asked for clarification on if said fund shares back income with cities and if that would apply to the request.

Under Sheriff spoke in regard to the request of the fixed asset number. Staff explained the need for the purchase of the UTV for \$31,230 which would be paid for through the adopted budget. Sheriff's Office staff are asking for vote.

Commissioner asked staff how Sheriff's Office would get the UTV to the events or if any foreseen purchases would be needed for the UTV.

Commissioner asked if the UTV would be able to get to remote locations.

Commissioner clarified how many UTVs are needing to be purchased.

Commissioner asked for the priorities and the real need for the Sheriff's Office regarding the purchases for the future.

Commissioners commented on the amount of work being done by the Sheriff's Office and thanked their team and staff.

Commissioner made note regarding the ALEA fund and asked finance team on how the purchase would affect the fund if fixed asset number were approved.

County Attorney staff provided guidance on how item could move forward to Business Meeting by BOCC vote but official motion is not needed at this time.

Commissioner voiced support with EBC recommendation to not approve the fixed asset number from the ALEA fund.

Discussion was held on if the fixed asset number/purchase could be funded from a different fund.

5-0 in favor of moving request to the Business Meeting on February 17, 2026, for official vote.

Commissioner extended thanks to the EBC and their work with recommendations.

**The meeting was adjourned.**

**\*Virtual/Streamed**