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Board of County Commissioners Study Session

Meeting Minute Summaries

Tuesday, January 20, 2026
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
Mara Sheldon
John Criscuolo
Jack O'Shea
Katherine Smith
Amy Padden

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

11:00 AM Federal Lobbyist Update

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)

The purpose of this study session was to provide an update on federal advocacy activities to the Board of County Commissioners.

Item was not heard on this date.

12:00 PM BREAK

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

1:00 PM * Community Corrections Request a Waiver Per the Purchasing Policy

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[Select Source Waiver](#)

The purpose of this study session was to request that the BOCC approve a waiver per the purchasing policy process for select source contracts for community corrections between the County and CoreCivic, LLC, and GEO Reentry, Inc.

Staff presented background for the waiver request and the services they provide. Staff requires BOCC approval since the requests exceed \$100,000.

Providers are currently under contract but searches for new contracts will occur when the current one expires.

Commissioner asked for clarification as to the need of the waiver.

Commissioner asked about the contract timelines.

5-0 in favor of approval for waiver.

1:15 PM *2026 DA's Office Budget Requests

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[Presentation](#)
[Conviction Integrity Unit Staffing Costs](#)
[District Attorney Internship Program and Costs](#)

The purpose of this study session was to give the BOCC an analysis and supporting information regarding two budget items that were not approved by the EBC and thus not included in the 2026 budget. These items were both identified in an October 17, 2025 memo to the BOCC, and DA Padden

and ADA Brackley attended the October 20th Study Session to address these issues. However, given that the BOCC was reviewing the budget for the entire county at that meeting, there was not time to discuss these requests in much detail. Accordingly, this additional Study Session was scheduled for January 20, 2026, to allow for additional discussion of these issues, and we appreciate the opportunity to address these two very important priorities in more detail with the Commissioners: 1. The creation of a Conviction (or Justice) Integrity Unit 2. Budget requests for our intern program and other temporary employees.

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

District Attorney presented the requests to staff a Conviction Integrity Unit and temporary employees and intern program.

The purpose of the Integrity Unit was presented. Examples of prior cases with misconduct were discussed. Purposes include trust in the criminal justice system and sentencing disparity. The unit will increase transparency and provide learning opportunities.

District Attorney presented the review process. Independence was highlighted to ensure effectiveness and transparency. The request for approval would be as soon as possible. Further discussion was held regarding which cases are to be reviewed.

Two options were presented regarding the potential staffing of the unit. The first option would be to fully staff the unit with 4 FTEs, which would include an experienced attorney, a paralegal, an investigator, and a victim witness advocate. The second option would only partially staff the unit with 2 FTEs, which would include an attorney and a paralegal.

Commissioner asked regarding staffing amongst other Integrity Units throughout the state.

Commissioner asked about the independence of the reviews and the possibility of a statewide review process.

District Attorney also presented an additional request for temporary staff funds to include an internship program. The purpose of the intern would be to provide law school students an opportunity to present cases. The hours and cost of the internship program were presented with a 3L and 2L program.

Commissioner commented on the importance of the programs and asked about the priority of staffing within the office.

Commissioner asked about temporary staffing for employees on leave.

Commissioner asked about funding the internship program and history of funding. Commissioner also asked regarding benefits for these temporary employees and processing the internship program.

Commissioner voiced their support for the internship program and asked about the estimated amount of people suffering from sentencing disparities and outcomes.

Presentation concluded without a vote.

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

There was no Executive Session on this date.

The meeting was adjourned.

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