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Board of County Commissioners Study Session

Meeting Minute Summaries

Monday, July 29, 2024
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
Bill Holen

Others Present

Ron Carl
John Christofferson
Michelle Halstead
Cooney Sarracino
Melissa Valentine
Todd Weaver
Glen Poole
Jason Reynolds

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

12:00 PM BREAK

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

1:00 PM* Judicial District Transition Update and Staffing Discussion

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)

The purpose of this study session was to provide an update on the judicial district transition process and to receive Board feedback and approval. Members of the transition team from both the County and the DA's Office will provide an overview of the staffing proposal for the new DA's Office of the 18th Judicial District.

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

The purpose and process updates of the judicial district transition were presented.

Funding opportunities were reviewed. The state approved reimbursements for Arapahoe County for Fiscal Years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. Arapahoe County has set aside \$2.5 million for one-time funds.

2024 data for the 18th Judicial District and Arapahoe County's portions were reviewed.

Arapahoe County District Attorney further presented. A timeline for the 18th Judicial District within the District Attorney's Office was presented.

District Attorney staffing overview and comparisons were presented. Positions that were not included or cut were listed. Concerns with lack of positions were discussed.

The proposed District Attorney's Office structure was presented. The proposed structure and shared services were reviewed regarding IT, Human Resources, Finance, and Media & Community Relations. Surrounding counties were compared regarding staffing.

Commissioner asked about IT employee titles and full-time employees. BOCC discussion was held with District Attorney staff regarding needs of the 18th Judicial District.

Commissioner asked about providing adequate services to the public with a reduction of staff.

Presentation concluded without vote.

2:00 PM *Open Space Sales and Use Tax Fund Reallocation and Waiver Per the Purchasing Policy

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[Reso. No. 21-263 OS Sales Tax](#)
[Highline Canal Waiver](#)

The purpose of this study session was to request approval for reallocation of the funds listed in the report. Pursuant to Arapahoe County's Resolution No. 21-263 which outlines the available uses of the

County's 0.25% Sales and Use Tax for Open Space, Park and Trail Purposes, unspent fund balances may be reallocated to other allowable uses based on recommendations from the Open Space Trails Advisory Board (OSTAB) and approval by the Board of County Commissioners. Staff also requested the Board approve a waiver of the purchasing policy for a select source to use the same design and landscape architectural firm as the City and County of Denver for the High Line Canal enhanced trail, which would be Livable Cities.

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

The requests for approval of the reallocation of funds was presented. Staff is requesting a \$3 million fund from the Administration Fund to the Heritage and Maintenance funds.

The funds would be reallocated to deferred maintenance for fairgrounds repaving project, fairground center HVAC, and Highline Canal Enhanced Trail. The OSTAB recommended the approval of the reallocation from the Administration Funds to address Open Spaces deferred maintenance needs.

A map of the Highline Canal Enhanced Trail was displayed and reviewed.

5-0 in favor to both the waiver and transfer of requested funds.

2:15 PM *Proposition 122 Natural Medicine Implementation

Attachments: [Board Summary Report Presentation](#)
[Proposition 122 and SB 23-290](#)

The purpose of this study session was to discuss alternatives for the implementation of Proposition 122 (Natural Medicine) in Arapahoe County. Staff is seeking Board direction on several potential regulatory alternatives, which will be described in more detail below.

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

Background and regulations of Proposition 122 was presented. Proposition 122 prohibits local bans, and administration is on-site only at licensed facility.

The forms of local regulations were reviewed. Local regulations can limit time, manner, and place.

The types of state-licensed facilities were listed and reviewed.

State requirements for licensing, security, and operation were presented. Facilities would need a 1,000 ft buffer between other facilities such as schools.

Personal cultivation is permitted, and requirements were listed.

Staff asked if BOCC would prefer interpretation of Proposition 122 or revise the Land Development

Code.

5-0 in favor to have Land Development Code revised.

Staff proposed recommendations to zoning for the facilities.

Commissioner asked about zoning for the different state-licensed facilities.

5-0 in favor of zoning recommendations.

5-0 in favor to maintain state buffer requirements.

5-0 in favor of having no restrictions for hours of operation.

5-0 in favor to maintain state requirements for private cultivation.

The next steps for staff were presented.

Meeting went into Recess

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

Meeting Reconvened

The motion was made by Commissioner Campbell and duly seconded by Commissioner Summey 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 the following:

- 1. Indemnification in the case of Webber v. Hicks;**
- 2. Request for settlement authority on Ade Osazuwa Notice of Claim and the Jesus Martinez Notice of Claim; and**
- 3. Adjustment to the animal services resolution.**

The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned.

***Virtual/Streamed**