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Board of County Commissioners Study Session

Meeting Minute Summaries

Tuesday, April 30, 2024
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-Swanson
Leslie Summey
Bill Holen

Others Present

Ron Carl
John Christofferson
Michelle Halstead
Cooney Sarracino
Melissa Valentine
Ed Bowditch
Jennifer Cassell
ARPA Team
Michael Westerberg

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

9:30 AM *Legislative Update

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[2024 Legislative Issues Guide](#)
[2024 Internal Legislative Report](#)
[2024 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.

Commissioner Summey arrived at 9:32 AM.

This week, the lobbyist team will provide updates on the following bills that could impact Arapahoe County as well as other topics deemed appropriate:

- Property Tax Bill Draft from Senator Hansen. Staff presented background of bill with discussions of other departments. Bill would place a hard cap at 6% for property tax revenue. School finance would be decoupled from bill and would not have a cap. Discussion was held regarding the relationship with the bill and counties that currently are not debruced. Staff will look for updates on bill and meet with BOCC when needed.
- HB24-1313 Housing in Transit-Oriented Communities. There has been an agreement on bill, and the bill will be sent to appropriations committee. Arapahoe County's issues are being addressed by amendments.
- SB24-174 Sustainable Affordable Housing Assistance. Bill was introduced into the House. The amendments made to the bill addressed the County's concerns. 5-0 in favor to take a monitor position.

Bills For Awareness

- SB24-218 Modernize Energy Distribution Systems. Staff presented purpose of bill. Bill would establish a 1% fee. 5-0 in favor to take a monitor position and have staff ask partners questions.
- SB24-213 Exempt Certain Structures from County Regulation. Bill is related to mountain area exemptions, and staff indicated it may not apply to Arapahoe County.

Commissioner Holen and Commissioner Baker left at 10:26 AM.

Staff discussed a bill that would improve CBMS.

Staff is tracking tax policy analysis by the legislative branch, language access advisory board, racial equity study, treatment for substance use disorder, and the jail standards commission. Committees on American Indian Affairs and cell phone connectivity were added as committees.

Meeting went into Recess

10:30 AM BREAK

2:30 PM *ARPA Information Session and Quarterly Update

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

Meeting Reconvened

The purpose of this study session was to provide the Board an update on Arapahoe County's ARPA program, including funding and allocations to date. The ARPA Team will provide status updates on projects previously identified during the fourth quarter, including: Ridgeview Campus, Tri-Cities Navigation Center, SAFER, and various third-party water projects. Additionally, staff will seek board guidance on an updated funding request from Human Services regarding their Temporary Caseworkers project.

Commissioner Campbell-Swanson appeared virtually.

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

Commissioner Holen arrived at 2:36 PM.

Staff provided the background and overview of the ARPA program. Allocations to date were reviewed.

Staff explained ARPA's use for calculated revenue loss, and a chart of revenue loss from 2016 to 2023 was displayed. Projects and allocations were listed.

ARPA federal updates were presented.

Staff provided updates on projects and requests. Housing/Homelessness, Water/Sewer, and Education projects were presented. Staff gave updates for human services prevention caseworkers. Other closed projects were reviewed with the hopes of cleaning up any remaining funds to reallocate by the end of 2024.

4-0 in favor of staff recommended reallocations. Commissioner Warren-Gully absent and excused.

3:30 PM *Follow-up on Annual Resolution re: County Funds/Investments and Depositories

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[Draft Resolution](#)

The purpose of this study session was to request that the Board review the draft resolution provided and advise whether the Board believes any changes need to be made before the resolution is finalized. This is a follow up to a prior study session on February 20, 2024, in which the Treasurer discussed with the Board updating the annual financial institution resolution and investment policy.

Treasurer discussed updates with a draft resolution to update Treasurer responsibilities for spending. Points within the resolution that were discussed involved sufficient cash availability, amount of time to purchase securities, purchase price of securities to add PAR value, and ability to protect funds within

compliance.

The March 2024 Arapahoe County Report was referred to, a copy of which has been retained for the record.

Commissioner asked Treasurer about losses in March report.

4-0 in favor to place on consent agenda. Commissioner Warren-Gully absent and excused.

The meeting was adjourned.

***Virtual/Streamed**