



ARAPAHOE COUNTY

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# Arapahoe County

## Board of County Commissioners Study Session

### Meeting Minute Summaries

**Tuesday, April 29, 2025**  
**10:00 AM**

**Administration Building**  
**5334 S. Prince St.**  
**Littleton, CO 80120**  
**West Hearing Room**

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**Commissioners Present**

Carrie Warren-Gully  
Jeff Baker  
Leslie Summey  
Jessica Campbell

**Others Present**

Ron Carl  
John Christofferson  
Michelle Halstead  
Cooney Sarracino  
Callie Pecore  
Matt Bixenman  
Ed Bowditch  
Jennifer Cassell

**STUDY SESSION TOPICS**

10:00 AM \*Fair Fund Supplemental Request

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

The purpose of this study session was Open Spaces requested a transfer of funds from event revenue to the Fair fund in the amount of \$101,656.00.

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

Background of the request was presented.

Concerns regarding insufficient funding in the Fair Fund were presented. Staff requested a transfer from the Event Rental Fund.

Reasons for the shortfall were discussed such as inflation and the decrease in attendance. A chart showing the 2024 fair budget and the 2025 budget was displayed and reviewed.

A sample of increases to the fair's expenses were presented. The largest increase would be the carnival provider. Inflation will affect the equipment rental cost and professional services.

The background of the event rental revenue was presented. The balance of the Fair Fund was reviewed in relation to the transfer request and other planned expenses.

Commissioner asked about the time to rebuild the event rental revenue.

Projections for the fair were presented for 2026 and beyond. Long-term fair budget solutions were reviewed. Discussion was held to review the different options available. Some options discussed included the ticketing model and the reduction of fair days.

Commissioner asked about the landscaping changes at the fairgrounds.

Discussion concluded without a vote. Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Fields absent and excused.

### **10:45 AM Administrative Meeting with Public Works Director**

**\*Executive Study 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(s) of the session.)**

**Ron Carl, County Attorney**

**The motion was made by Commissioner Campbell and duly seconded by Commissioner Baker that the Board go into executive session pursuant to section 24-6-402(4)(f) of the Colorado Revised Statutes to discuss a personnel matter with the Director of the Department of Public Works and Development.**

**The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Fields absent and Excused**

## 12:00 PM BREAK

12:30 PM \*Legislative Update

**Attachments:** [Board Summary Report](#)  
[2025 Legislative Issues Guide](#)  
[Internal Legislative Report](#)  
[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 presented background information on SB25-313 Proposition 123 Revenue Uses. This bill would allow Proposition 123 funding to be used for construction and operations at the regional centers of Ft. Lyon and Ridgeview. Staff recommending a support position. Staff included the limited funding available from Prop 123 funds and that if funding changes that could sway the staff's support recommendation.

Discussion was held regarding funding and timeline surrounding SB25-313 as there would be no time to make any amendments due to end of legislative session.

Commissioner voiced concern regarding Prop 123 funding and the uncertainty in the language of the bill. Commissioner questioned if funding for Arapahoe County would be limited to Ridgeview and no other allocations would be available for affordable housing.

Commissioner asked staff regarding likelihood of bill passing and that a support position may be appropriate due to the predictions of the bill passing.

4-0 in favor of support. Commissioner Fields absent and excused.

Staff provided background information surrounding SB25-305 Water Quality Permitting Efficiency. Staff recommending monitor position. This bill would not necessarily affect Arapahoe County but pertains to pre-public notice associated with permitting through the state.

Commissioner clarified with Director of Public Health to ensure bill would not impact public health department.

4-0 in favor of monitor. Commissioner Fields absent and excused.

Staff presented information regarding HB25-1312 Legal Protections for Transgender Individuals. Lobbying staff included that some parties are pushing for amendments.

Commissioner voiced concern regarding groups pushing for amendments.

Discussion was held regarding position for BOCC to support the intention of bill and would be open to the amendments being presented by Pro Trans groups to protect the Trans community and their rights.

Lobbying staff provided a broad overview of proposed amendments and included that Boulder County is in an amend position and CCAT is currently in a monitor position. Staff will provide BOCC a copy of the list of proposed amendments.

4-0 in favor of amend while expressing support for the impacted community. Commissioner Fields absent and excused.

Updates on SB25-001 Colorado Voting Rights Act, and SB25-276 Protect Civil Rights Immigration Status were presented. Lobbying team included that there has not been progress on either bill, and the proposed amendments were rejected for both bills. SB25-276 did pass out of the second chamber committee. SB25-001 has essentially passed the house and continues to work through the process.

Lobbying team provided insight regarding the last days of the legislative session and discussion was held surrounding updates and additional information on existing and newly introduced bills.

HB25-1300 Workers' Compensation Benefits Proof of Entitlement was discussed, and lobbying team is confident that the bill will pass regardless of the amount of opposition that the bill faced. Proposed amendments were rejected.

Discussion concluded without a vote. Commissioner Fields absent and excused.

**The meeting was adjourned.**

**\*Virtual/Streamed**