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Board of County Commissioners Study Session

Meeting Minute Summaries

Tuesday, March 3, 2026
10:30 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
Leslie Summey
Rhonda Fields

Others Present

Ron Carl
John Christofferson
Michelle Halstead
Cooney Sarracino
Callie Pecore
Ed Bowditch
Jennifer Cassell
Jim Katzer
Steven Buckley

10:45 AM Administrative Meeting: CDS Project Direction

**11:30 AM BOCC and Director Meeting
Pikes Peak Conference Room**

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

1:00 PM *Legislative Update

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[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 information pertaining to HB26-1130: Diaper Changing Stations. This bill would require a building with an indoor restroom that is open to the public, including to customers or public visitors, and that does not include private offices or workspaces that are generally not open to customers or public visitors to have safe, sanitary, and convenient baby diaper changing tables. If passed, this bill would begin July 1, 2027. The requirements surrounding the diaper changing station were reviewed. Staff recommended a monitor position.

Commissioner noted that Arapahoe County has undergone an audit and was under the impression that the county was already in compliance with the exception of signage.

Commissioner clarified that the bill would now require changing stations to also be included in the men's bathroom.

Commissioner asked regarding the implementation date.

Discussion was held regarding a phased approach to the implementation of the changing stations. Further discussion was made surrounding the fiscal note and that the State would be exempting themselves.

Commissioners voiced support for a monitor position and that changing stations should be in men's restrooms and non-gender specific restrooms.

Commissioner recommended an amend position to request the State be included and that the fiscal note should reflect the cost of the implementations as well as including a phasing approach within the timeline.

5-0 in favor for amend. Commissioner Campbell appeared virtually.

HB26-1239: County Enforcement Authority was discussed. This bill would update and modernize county enforcement authority in connection with providing the removal of rubbish within the county,

providing the removal of weeds and brush from property within the county, and providing the removal or securing of any building or structure in the county with specific exceptions due to conditions. Staff recommended supporting the bill.

Commissioner asked regarding the language within the bill and if there were anything that could potentially lead to negative impacts in the future.

5-0 in favor of support. Commissioner Campbell appeared virtually.

Information regarding HB26-1260: Updates to Child Care Assistance Program was presented. This bill would extend the implementation date for capping family copayments for childcare at 7% of family income, for paying childcare providers in advance of the provision of services, and for utilizing grants and contracts to improve access to childcare for underserved populations from August 1, 2026, to August 1, 2028. This bill also clarifies that no more than 5% of money allocated to counties for childcare assistance may be used for administrative costs. Staff recommended a monitor position.

Commissioner asked about federal impacts and for clarification on their recommendation for a monitor position versus a support position.

Commissioner asked if funding was still on a freeze.

5-0 in favor for monitor. Commissioner Campbell appeared virtually.

Staff discussed HB26-1278: Local Government Approval of Transmission Infrastructure. This bill would require an investor-owned electric utility to receive a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the public utilities commission and obtain all necessary local government land use approvals and permits prior to initiating any condemnation proceedings related to a high-voltage transmission infrastructure project requiring the certificate. This bill would not change the existing application and review process. Staff is recommending a monitor position.

Discussion was held surrounding staff's recommendation for a monitor position and the strategy behind the recommendation.

5-0 in favor for monitor. Commissioner Campbell appeared virtually.

SB26-020: Child Care Provider Licensing & Quality was discussed. This bill would require the department of early childhood to make reasonable efforts to expand and standardize the use of digital data platform as a centralized digital file system for certain childcare provider information and begin conducting facility inspections and investigations using department personnel where possible by July 2026. Staff recommended a monitor position.

Discussion was made regarding the fees and licensing within the bill. Further mention was made that ensured Public Health's inspection process would not be hindered by the bill.

5-0 in favor for monitor. Commissioner Campbell appeared virtually.

The Joint Budget Committee “JBC” updates were discussed.

Commissioner asked regarding the Homestead Exemption.

Commissioner asked surrounding a projected budget for consideration.

Commissioner asked lobbying team regarding the conversion of Pinnacle from a State entity to a private entity. Commissioner also asked about Prop 123 funding. Commissioner inquired about the education and specific ownership tax.

Commissioner made note of the current enterprise that is part of CDOT called CTIO and discussed the current express toll system. There has been discussion surrounding the creation of a new tolling system to replace express toll. Commissioner expressed dissatisfaction surrounding the creation of a new tolling system and commented that the current express toll system has been in service for 10+ years and does not see the need for an additional system.

Human Services updates were shared.

Updates on the HOME Act were reviewed. Discussion was held regarding the proposed Senate amendments and CCAT amendments.

Commissioner made note on the voting process for CCAT meetings and BOCC discussed strategy for position on the HOME Act.

Cottage Food updates were discussed. Cottage Food passed in House 10-3 with a last-minute amendment that was included. Public Health does not plan on changing their oppose position.

Commissioner asked for clarification regarding the limitation included within the amendment.

Commissioner asked staff regarding the cap.

Staff shared information surrounding the Unification of Higher Education Workforce Development for BOCC awareness.

Presentation concluded without vote.

Meeting went into Recess

2:00 PM *Waiver per the Purchasing Policy for Third-Party Building Plan Review (Presenter - Michelle Halstead)

This item was not heard today.

2:15 PM *C15-002 Iliff Avenue Improvement Project, Sale of County Property on 2281 S Parker Road, Denver 80231 (Formally Barn Store)

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[Parcel Map and Data](#)
[Setbacks and Lot Standards](#)

Meeting Reconvened

The purpose of this study session was for the approval of the Board of County Commissioner for the disposal of real property (by sale) owned by the County, in fee, located at 2281 S Parker Road, Denver CO 80231. Further, approval was sought to authorize the Director of Public Works and Development to take such actions as may be necessary to facilitate the marketing and sale of the subject property.

Background information surrounding the parcel was discussed.

Staff is recommending the sale of the property as Arapahoe County Departments have not identified use for the land. Staff requested if land should sell that funding would be recouped in Fund 42.

Commissioner asked staff regarding the funding used for purchase of the Barn Store when bought and if the county is legally allowed to sell the property.

Commissioner asked regarding the process to return money to Fund 42. Commissioner also asked about the current zoning and other uses that the property could be used for.

Commissioner voiced disagreement with the sale of the property.

Discussion was made surrounding the location of the parcel and the value of the property.

Further discussion was held regarding what the county could use the property for and if there are community partners that could utilize the property.

Staff asked BOCC for clarification on who would be the primary party that would move forward in managing the property if BOCC vote to keep parcel.

Conversation concluded with BOCC requesting further conversations to decide usage of parcel. Commissioner Campbell appeared virtually.

2:30 PM *Arapahoe County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[AC Decision Support Framework](#)
[Presentation](#)

The purpose of this study session was to update the Board about the status of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, inform the Board about the feedback received from public engagement activities, summarize the key findings of crash data analysis, present a draft list of future safety enhancement projects that have been selected to correct identified safety issues, and to solicit the Board's feedback on the criteria used in project prioritization and plan implementation.

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

Staff discussed the agenda for the presentation.

The purpose and overview of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan was shared to reduce and eliminate serious and fatal crashes.

Staff presented the safe systems approach which highlighted safer people, safer roads, safer speeds, safer vehicles, and post-crash care.

The current challenges, emerging opportunities, and policy direction were reviewed.

Commissioner asked for clarification regarding Safe Streets for All (SS4A) and if it is connected with DRCOG for funding.

Commissioner asked staff regarding the differences between surface transportation block grants and SS4A funding.

The study process and timeline were reviewed and discussed.

The public engagement and stakeholder engagement were shared.

A crash analysis was conducted utilizing data over 7 years to determine the types of improvements that could reduce and eliminate serious and fatal crashes within unincorporated Arapahoe County.

Graphs were shared that depicted the percentages of crash trends in the West and East parts of Arapahoe County.

Commissioner asked for clarification on how staff define "fixed object."

Maps were displayed showing the serious injury and fatal crash locations in the West and East parts of Arapahoe County.

Commissioner asked staff regarding crashes along county road 50 and if those were included within the data since there are multiple counties surrounding the area.

The core plan strategies for the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan were presented. Strategy 1: Safe System structure, Strategy 2: Promote a culture of safety, Strategy 3: Policy and process alignment with

the Safe System Approach, Strategy 4: Strategic project selection for safe streets, and Strategy 5: Progress, transparency, and accountability. The purpose and example actions for each strategy were reviewed.

A map showing the project locations for the West part of the county was presented as well as the types of countermeasures. These countermeasures included signal improvements, roadway improvements, and asset improvements.

A map showing the project locations for the East part of the county was presented as well as the types of countermeasures. These countermeasures included rural road improvements, and intersection visibility improvements.

Staff shared BOCC reaffirmation to safety and that Arapahoe County has a goal of zero serious injuries and fatalities on roads within the unincorporated county but that the year has not been set for the goal yet. Staff is recommending setting the goal year based on the cost estimation for the work needed.

Commissioner asked regarding the predicted year that other jurisdictions have set their safety goal for zero serious injuries and fatalities on roads.

Commissioner clarified when the staff will be coming back in front of the BOCC. Commissioner asked regarding the CIP and the allocations for the safety program.

Presentation concluded without vote. Commissioner Campbell appeared virtually.

The meeting was adjourned.

3:30 PM Administrative Meeting with HR on Referenced Based Pricing (RBP)

***Virtual/Streamed**