



ARAPAHOE COUNTY

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Arapahoe County

Board of County Commissioners Study Session

Meeting Minute Summaries

Monday, June 14, 2021

Virtual Meeting (details in agenda)

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Commissioners Present

Carrie Warren-Gully
Nancy Sharpe
Jeff Baker
Nancy Jackson
Bill Holen

Others Present

Brett Collins
Michelle Halstead
John Christofferson
Jacquelyn Bayard
Joleen Sanchez
Eric Winterrowd
Katherine Smith
Chrisy Bougie
Frank Gomez
Scott Luedtke
Heather Lin

Kurtis Niemeyer
Manisha Singh
Joshua Medina
Tiffanie Bleau
Amanda Denning
Linda Haley
David Girard
Bob Prevost
Mark Nicastle
Jared Rowlison
Shannon Carter
Connor Hull

9:00 AM Calendar and Board Updates

Michelle Halstead, Director, Commissioners' Office

10:30 AM Strategy and Performance Update

Manisha Singh, Director, Strategy and Performance

11:00 AM Administrative Meeting - Benefits Review and Prep (Presenter - Dusty Sash/Patrick Hernandez)

12:00 - 1:00 PM BREAK

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

1:00 PM *Veteran Services Office Updates and Direction

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)

The purpose of this study session is to provide information to the Board and to seek direction regarding the future activities of our Veteran Services Office.

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

A brief staffing composition and funding structure of the Veteran Service Office (VSO) was discussed.

Veteran statistics in Arapahoe County were presented.

Veteran resources and opportunities to increase the VSO scope of services were discussed.

Commissioner Holen expressed gratitude for the work that the VSO has provided, and expressed interest in working with the VSO, along with Commissioner Baker.

Information on supporting VSOs in other counties was presented.

Commissioner Sharpe expressed thanks for the VSOs hard work.

Commissioner Sharpe inquired if there was anticipation on developing programs with other counties based on a percentage of veterans in each county.

Commissioner Baker agreed with an initiative to partner with other surrounding counties.

Commissioner Holen commented on the strategies to increase the scope of VSO services and outreach.

Commissioner Warren-Gully inquired if the VSO was in contact with homelessness programs. Staff indicated that they would refer veterans to organizations that help with housing issues.

All commissioners expressed support for the program. Commissioner Baker reminded staff to be mindful of budget constraints.

2:00 PM *Drop In

Board of County Commissioners

Colorado Works (CW) and Colorado Childcare Assistance (CCCAP) Memorandum of Understanding between Arapahoe County and Colorado Department of Human Services Division (CDHS)

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[Memorandum of Understanding - Final](#)

Meeting went into Recess

Meeting Reconvened

The purpose of this study session was to discuss changes to the MOU between Arapahoe County and the Colorado State Department of Human Services (CDHS) for Fiscal Years, 2021- 2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 (three years) and identifies the County's duties and responsibilities in implementing these programs.

The Board agreed with the request as presented.

Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) Grant

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[Arapahoe Budget 2021 COSSAP](#)
[2021 COSSAP Grant Information](#)
[Application for Federal Assistance SF-424 COSSAP Grant](#)

The purpose of this study session was to discuss the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office's interest in applying for the COSSAP grant offered through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office to accept funds from the COSSAP.

Jared Rowlison explained the purposed of the COSSAP program and grant.

The request to fund 2 FTEs for 3 years for custody discharge planning was discussed. Needed support for discharged people was discussed.

Commissioner Jackson expressed support for the application.

Commissioner Warren-Gully asked for clarification on the job duties of the FTEs to be added.

Commissioner Sharpe inquired about the financial sustainability of the grant as the opportunity is only 3 years.

Commissioner Jackson questioned who and how many people this program would benefit.

Commissioner Sharpe mentioned that it would be beneficial for the commissioners to have an update with the Sherriff's office on successes and opportunities.

The Board agreed with the request as presented.

2:30 - 2:45 PM BREAK

2:45 PM *Open Space Reauthorization Update

Shannon Carter, Director, Open Spaces and Intergovernmental Relations

The purpose of this study session was to discuss the preliminary results of open space sales and use tax and changes to the resolution behind it.

A PowerPoint presentation was reviewed.

Results from a poll of likely voters' favorability toward local government and parks was discussed.

Proposed ballot language was reviewed.

Commissioner Holen cautioned against getting complacent in light of good poll numbers.

Commissioner Sharpe and Commissioner Jackson inquired if there would be flexibility on how the funding is spent regarding purchasing land versus maintenance.

Staff recommended that the current percentages and categories remain the same.

Commissioner Sharpe discussed spending with discretion.

Commissioner Jackson inquired how funding would be distributed to different areas in Arapahoe County.

Commissioner Sharpe urged to keep some parameters on what funds can be spent on.

There was discussion regarding “landlocked” cities that do not have open space to acquire.

Commissioner Jackson inquired about next steps.

This meeting was informational only.

3:45 PM Administrative Meeting - County Computer Security Update (Presenter - David Bessen)

4:15 - 4:30 PM BREAK

4:30 PM *Executive Session

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 of this session)

John Christofferson, Deputy County Attorney

Executive Study Session was cancelled.

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