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Arapahoe County

Board of County Commissioners Study Session

Meeting Minute Summaries

Monday, March 10, 2025
9:00 AM

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

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Commissioners Present

Carrie Warren-Gully
Jessica Campbell
Leslie Summey
Rhonda Fields

Others Present

Ron Carl
John Christofferson
Michelle Halstead
Cooney Sarracino
Callie Pecore
Sarah White
Melissa Reese-Thacker
Bob Prevost

9:00 AM Calendar and Board Updates

Michelle Halstead, Director, Commissioners' Office

10:30 AM E-Team Chair Update

Katherine Smith, Community Resources Director, E-Team Chair

Karl Herrmann, Chief Deputy, Clerk and Recorder's Office, E-Team Vice Chair

11:00 AM Administrative Meeting

12:00 PM BREAK

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

1:00 PM *Joint Project Request - Lee Gulch Trail Pedestrian Underpass

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[Presentation](#)
[Funding Application](#)
[OSTAB Recommendation](#)

The purpose of this study session was that the City of Littleton (City) and South Suburban Park and Recreation District (SSPRD) presented a joint project funding proposal to construct a pedestrian underpass of the Lee Gulch Trail at Broadway and associated trail connections. Open Spaces staff and the Open Space and Trails Advisory Board (OSTAB) support the proposed project and recommend the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approve \$2,108,079 in Open Space Acquisition and Development funding.

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

An overview of the proposed underpass was presented.

A map of the Lee Gulch Trail was displayed. The master plans throughout different years were reviewed.

Photos of the current detour on the trail were displayed.

A rendering of the proposed design was displayed. Staff presented the design and improvements for the underpass.

The project costs were reviewed. The funding partners were presented.

Agencies in charge of operations and maintenance were discussed.

The proposed timeline was presented.

Commissioner asked staff about funding specifics regarding a joint project request.

4-0 in favor of proceeding with project. Commissioner Baker absent and excused.

1:30 PM *Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Reserve Purchases

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)

The purpose of this study session was that the Department of Human Services (DHS) was providing information regarding the SFY 2024-25 Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) reserves, the ability to purchase reserves using existing funding and the related Maintenance of Effort (MOE) costs associated with the increase to the DHS's TANF allocation. DHS was providing information to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on the current state of the TANF program relative to funding and reserve levels and is seeking approval to purchase additional TANF allocation from several other counties.

Background of the request was presented.

A spreadsheet was presented to staff, a copy of which has been retained for the record.

Staff reviewed TANF reserve balances and purchases.

Commissioner asked about providing staff with authority to purchase as much TANF reserves as possible.

Commissioner clarified with staff that since Arapahoe County is projected to overspend, the purchase of other county's TANF reserve funds would cover the projected overspending of county's funds.

4-0 in favor to proceed with purchases. Commissioner Baker absent and excused.

1:45 PM Administrative Meeting

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

The motion was made by Commissioner Campbell and duly seconded by Commissioner Warren-Gully 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:

- 1. Property damage claims along the High Line Canal, and**
- 2. A settlement demand in the Melissa Lammert case.**

The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Baker absent and excused.

The meeting was adjourned.

***Virtual/Streamed**