



ARAPAHOE COUNTY

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# Arapahoe County

## Board of County Commissioners Study Session

### Meeting Minute Summaries

**Monday, June 8, 2026**  
**9:00 AM**

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

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**Commissioners Present**

Carrie Warren-Gully  
Jeff Baker  
Jessica Campbell  
Leslie Summey

**Others Present**

John Christofferson  
Michelle Halstead  
Cooney Sarracino  
Callie Pecore  
Nathan Fogg  
Cedar Blazek

**9:00 AM Calendar and Board Updates**  
**Michelle Halstead, Director, Commissioners' Office**

**12:00 PM Administrative Meeting on State of the County**

**STUDY SESSION TOPICS**

1:00 PM \*Purchasing Waiver Approval for State Lobbying Services

**Attachments:** [Board Summary Report](#)  
[Waiver per Purchasing Policies](#)

The purpose of this study session was to request the Board approve a select source waiver per the purchasing policy for contracted state lobbying services

Staff presented the background of the request. The recommendation was to maintain the contract.

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

1:15 PM \*Updates on FEMA restructuring and impacts to Arapahoe County

**Attachments:** [Board Summary Report](#)  
[Presentation](#)  
[FEMA Impact Report - Arapahoe County](#)

The purpose of this study session was based on Executive Order 14180, a federal council was convened to conduct a systemic review of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The final report from the review was released on May 7, 2026. The study session aimed to provide an overview of the final report and the most likely impacts to Arapahoe County and its Office of Emergency Management, covering structural, financial, and disaster preparedness cycle impacts, among others.

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

Staff presented the background of Executive Order 14180.

FEMA's 2026 final report and Arapahoe County Impact Report were discussed. FEMA reform introduced systematic changes for the County.

Commissioner asked about the thresholds from the reform.

The key issues were presented. The reform has increased fiscal exposure, requires operational responsibilities, resource management, and new opportunities.

Staff presented alternatives to FEMA such as monitoring federal and state developments, alternatives to operations, and fiscal adaptations.

The anticipated fiscal impacts were reviewed. There increased damage thresholds create uncertainty in state cost match, limited public assistance funding, and needs for internal systems.

Commissioner asked about the possible partnerships.

Staff presented the next steps. This includes mitigation planning and monitor expected future changes.

Commissioner asked about the steps for sheltering and what is needed going forward.

Discussion was held regarding the recruitment, amount, and skillset for volunteers.

Commissioner asked about responsibilities for fire response.

Presentation concluded without a vote.

2:00 PM \*Discussion of fire season in Arapahoe County, the Fire Danger Rating System, and efforts to improve mitigation and response

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

The purpose of this study session was the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and the Sheriff's Office shared information on the anticipated fire season and its impact on the County along with an overview of the Fire Danger Rating System. Concluded with conversation about efforts intra and inter-county to improve our mitigation and response efforts to improve outcomes

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

The County is currently facing drought with a high fire risk.

A map and graph of Colorado's drought levels was displayed. Staff displayed and explained a 10 Hour Fuels chart.

Staff presented the County's Fire Danger Conditions. Federal maps for wildfire potential outlook were also displayed.

The Fire Danger Rating System was presented. The Wildfire-Initiated Community Conflagration was also presented. This is a community-scale command and communication function.

Conflagration scenarios include high winds and low fuel moisture, pre-planned resource levels, and auto-aid and staging. Early deployment improves outcomes and consistent evacuation terms helps the County.

Images of local fires were displayed.

Commissioner asked regarding other county measures and mitigation.

Commissioner asked about determinations and fire mitigation for oil and gas wells.

Discussion was held surrounding mitigation buffers.

Commissioners agree to advocate to Land Use Board.

2:30 PM \*On-Site Solar PV Project Proposal

**Attachments:** [Board Summary Report Presentation](#)  
[Arapahoe County Solar PV Detailed Cost Assumptions](#)

The purpose of this study session was to present the evaluation of a rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) opportunity across six County facilities including the Administration Building, ACJC Courthouse facilities, Centrepont Plaza, Sheriff/Coroner Building, and Fairgrounds. Staff are requesting Board direction to continue advancing project feasibility and approval to authorize an initial material procurement payment of \$393,674 by July 3, 2026, to preserve eligibility for a time-sensitive federal Clean Energy Investment Tax Credit (ITC) opportunity with a potential direct payment value of approximately \$2 million.

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

Background to the initiative and evaluation was presented.

There is a current opportunity for rooftop solar systems on 6 county facilities. Staff is requesting approval due to funding opportunity.

The Energy Performance Contract was presented with a timeline.

The county is able to receive a Section 48E Clean Energy Investment Tax Credit if criteria are met.

The current solar investments by the county were reviewed. The County currently has an offsite solar purchasing program.

The benefits of solar investment were listed. Solar aligns with the County's strategic plan.

Staff presented the proposed sites and impacts.

Commissioner asked about the impact of electrical usage and electrical costs.

A solar project timeline was displayed and reviewed.

Commissioner asked about the 5% safe harbor deadline.

Commissioner also asked about the procurement process.

The cost and benefits were compared both financing and not financing the project.

A risk analysis of the project was discussed. The different risks and likelihood were listed. Pros and Cons for the BOCC were presented.

Staff provided the BOCC with year-by-year cost charts, a copy of which has been retained for the record. Finance discussed the different possibilities. Discussion was held regarding the ongoing costs versus one-time payments.

Commissioner asked regarding cost of insurance.

Commissioner asked about possible changes to federal funding and focuses.

4-0 in favor to proceed. Commissioner Fields absent and excused.

### **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)**

**John Christofferson, Acting County Attorney**

**Administrative Item: Attorney' Office presented an extension of time for the purchase of the landfill. Background of the purchase was reviewed.**

**4-0 in favor to move to consent agenda. Commissioner Fields absent and excused.**

**Attorney's office presented updates on unfair employment practice decisions. Commissioner asked about the outcome and if it was expected. Commissioner asked about the County's duty to the employee for future steps.**

**The motion was made by Commissioner Baker and duly seconded by Commissioner Campbell 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 the following:**

- 1. Jessica Roe EEOC charge; and**
- 2. Lakeview Park cell tower case update**

**And pursuant to sections 24-6-402(4)(b)&(e) of the Colorado Revised Statutes to develop strategy and instruct negotiators, and receive legal advice, regarding the following:**

- 1. Mediation in the Cadona Case**
- 2. Coroner Vacancy**

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

**The meeting was adjourned.**

**\*Virtual/Streamed**