



ARAPAHOE COUNTY

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# Arapahoe County

## Board of County Commissioners Study Session

### Meeting Minute Summaries

Tuesday, May 5, 2026  
11:00 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  
Rhonda Fields

**Others Present**

John Christofferson  
Michelle Halstead  
Cooney Sarracino  
Callie Pecore  
Nico Johnson  
Kendra Davis  
Ed Bowditch  
Jennifer Cassell

Ryan Seacrist  
Jim Katzer  
Eric McKinnon  
Daniela Villarreal

**STUDY SESSION TOPICS**

11:00 AM \*Youth Engagement Proposal

**Attachments:** [Board Summary Report](#)  
[AC Decision Support Framework](#)  
[Presentation](#)  
[Youth Engagement Memo](#)  
[Draft Youth Internship Program Overview](#)

The purpose of this study session was the Board of County Commissioners was asked to provide feedback and direction on a youth engagement proposal that includes details on possible formats, a review of available options within the County and through neighboring jurisdictions, and a recommendation for a youth internship program that fits the County's capacity and priorities, as well as an opportunity to provide more structured engagement options for high school students.

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

The agenda and the background surrounding youth engagement programs were presented.

Commissioner asked for an example of why the creation of a youth forum could take up to a year.

Other youth engagement programs within the county and region were listed and reviewed.

Staff recommendations included an Arapahoe County Commissioners' Office Youth Internship Program and structured engagement for high school youth.

Details surrounding the Arapahoe County Commissioners' Office Youth Internship Program were reviewed.

The program overview was shared. Staff provided information regarding the ideal candidate, program goal, program timeline, duties, and qualifications.

Commissioner asked for clarification on who the intern would report to in the Commissioners' Office.

Commissioner inquired on the type of work the intern would complete.

Commissioner asked regarding the qualifications and requested clarification on if the intern would be allowed to be in high school or if it would be required for the intern to be enrolled in an accredited college or university.

How the county would include structured engagement for high school youth was shared. Staff recommend creating a pamphlet that would outline how to engage with public meetings at the county and to provide structured engagement opportunities specifically for high school students.

The next steps and timeline were reviewed.

Commissioner commented on the program and voiced interest in sitting in on a youth council meeting to provide information regarding county government.

Commissioner asked about the research behind youth forums as it pertains to budget and FTE involved.

Discussion was held regarding the program and the starting point for an intern to begin at Arapahoe County in the Commissioners' Office. Hourly payment was reviewed and commissioners spoke surrounding if the starting amount would be sufficient along with the invaluable experience and networking the intern would receive through the program.

Further discussion was made regarding the program qualifications, age of youth in the program and structuring next steps.

5-0 in favor of staff recommendations and starting point.

### **12:00 PM Administrative Meeting with the HR Director**

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 presented HB26-1429: The bill requires the department of health care policy and financing, in coordination with the department of human services and the department of early childhood, to contract with a single county department of human or social services to administer a centralized member integrity service to conduct fraud investigations concerning eligibility for Medicaid, the supplemental nutrition assistance program, the Colorado child care assistance program, temporary assistance for needy families, and adult financial programs (public assistance programs), and benefit overpayments. The bill creates the centralized member integrity service cash fund consisting of money recouped from member fraud investigations. In supervising the work of the public benefits delivery model, the state departments must designate up to 12 cohorts in the state that will work together to administer public assistance benefits. Staff recommended the BOCC take a support position.

Commissioner noted that CCI voted to support the bill and asked about where the rule making lies. Commissioner also inquired about Governor staff working with the bill.

Commissioner commented on signing authority and asked about the expansion of the group.

5-0 in favor to support.

Staff presented SB26-181: Works Program Reserves & Cost of Living Adjustment. The bill permits

counties to offer households that demonstrate good cause an extension of Colorado works program (works program) assistance beyond the 60-month lifetime maximum. The bill suspends the works program basic cash assistance grant cost of living adjustment during the 2026-27 and 2027-28 state fiscal years. Current law establishes minimum reserve balances for the total statewide county TANF reserve and the Colorado long-term works reserve (reserves). The bill removes those reserve minimums. The bill eliminates a requirement for each reserve to replenish money in the other under certain conditions and for the general assembly to effectively backfill the balances of both reserves if their balances fall below specified minimums. Staff is recommending the BOCC take a support position.

Commissioner commented on the backfill created in 2 years.

5-0 in favor of support.

Lobby team gave an update on the Long Bill. The Long Bill is currently on the Governor's desk.

Initiative 175 (I-75) was presented for BOCC awareness. I-75 is an amendment to the Colorado Constitution changing existing law on transportation funding, and, in connection therewith, increasing the amount of state revenue dedicated to road transportation; requiring state revenue collected from various transportation-related sources to only be used on "road transportation" defined to include building and fixing roads and bridges, improving driver safety, covering related planning and engineering costs, and funding for the Colorado State Patrol; and decreasing funding for other transportation-related services and programs provided by the state and local governments. Staff presented concerns to other funded areas if I-75 is passed by voters.

HB26-1430 negotiations were discussed. Lobby team discussed earmark funding and TABOR refunds as it relates to the proposed legislation and I-75.

Commissioner commented on the moving parts of the initiative and the amendments that would need to be implemented.

Commissioner stated that DRCOG had not taken a position.

Commissioner asked if there were concerns raised regarding the fiscal note. Commissioner also asked whether Pinnacle legislation had been introduced.

Commissioner asked about a proposed bill regarding state lobbying.

Discussion concluded without a vote.

2:00 PM \*C26-09 South Monaco Parkway and East Cornell Avenue ROW Quitclaim to City and County of Denver

**Attachments:** [Board Summary Report](#)  
[Quitclaim Deed - South Monaco Pkwy and East Cornell Ave](#)  
[Quitclaim Map](#)

The purpose of this study session was the approval and signature of the Board of County Commissioners for the donation of real property, Quitclaim Deed owned by the County. The property is located at the northwest (RW-05) and southwest (RW-04) corners of East Cornell Avenue and South Monaco Parkway.

Staff presented the intersection of East Cornell and South Monaco. Denver is anticipating adding traffic lights and intersection improvements and requires a quick claim deed to perform the work.

Commissioner asked about costs.

5-0 in favor to approve deed. Item will go to consent agenda.

2:15 PM \*Five-year Transportation Division and Road & Bridge Division Plan Update and 1A Investment

**Attachments:** [Board Summary Report](#)  
[AC Decision Support Framework Presentation](#)  
[2026-2030 5-Year R&B Plan](#)  
[Planned Reconstructs Map](#)  
[Reconstruct Roadway List](#)  
[2026-2030 5-Year CIP Plan](#)

The purpose of this study session was to update the Board on the five-year plans for both the Transportation and Road & Bridge Divisions along with the positive impact of the additional Proposition 1A funding.

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

Background of the 1A funds was presented.

Staff presented updates on road reconstructs within the county from \$6 million of Prop 1A. The different reconstructs were listed. An example of updates was displayed showing pavement reconstruction with a base layer above the subgrade.

The 2026 project schedule was reviewed for the current status and next steps.

A preliminary road list for Prop 1A reconstruct projects were discussed. A map of the 5-year reconstruct program within Arapahoe County was displayed and reviewed.

Commissioner asked for clarification of the sidewalk reconstruct.

A typical project timeline was presented. The projects were listed based on their current phase and the phase's estimated completion date. Previously CIP Funded Projects still active were also listed.

A handout presented to the BOCC was the Road and Bridge 5-year plan, a copy of which has been retained for the record. The handout was reviewed for the different projects and funding.

BOCC requested that staff add the pavement rating to the chart for the public.

Commissioner inquired about current projects and forecasted funding.

Commissioner asked for the difference between pavement preservation versus overlay maintenance.

Staff reviewed the gravel road maintenance and bridge maintenance.

A map of the county and projects was reviewed in the handout.

A graph was presented for the county's budget and PCI. Discussion was held regarding increasing the PCI.

Staff presented a graph of the pavement conditions over a 12-year span. Commissioner asked about the different data that contributes to the graph.

Charts were presented for the Road and Bridge Maintenance Improvement Program Funding.

Commissioner asked regarding the amount of potholes reported and the cost.

Commissioner asked about a coordinated schedule of the work between the two divisions. Discussion was held surrounding the different department's coordination.

Staff further presented their analysis for the projects and comparative costs for in-house or contracted costs. There were over 200 projects identified by the MP plan.

Discussion concluded without a vote.

3:30 PM \*Aid to Agencies Program Overview

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

The purpose of this study session was to provide an overview of the Aid to Agencies program and seek concurrence to advance the 2026 grant cycle.

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

The background to the Aid to Agency Program was presented. It was established in 2008 to support

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non-profit organizations filling service gaps in the county. Aid to Agency has provided over \$30 million to 79 unique organizations since inception.

The program has over a \$3 million budget. Organizations are identified by Housing and Homeless Services, Food Assistance, Mental and Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse, Transportation.

The criteria that are required for organizations were reviewed, and the funding is on a 2-year cycle. Organizations must submit quarterly reporting for identified data.

Staff presented prioritized funding based on service needs. Charts were displayed by number of applicants and types of areas service.

A map of the organizations' locations was displayed.

The vulnerable populations served by funding category was presented.

A chart of program demand and funding over time

Staff discussed considerations for the BOCC to consider. First consideration is to add a cap for funding requests. The second consideration was to fund top scorers 100% of requests or a portion. The final consideration was to set aside funding to support smaller organizations.

Discussion was held regarding the need for a cap on funding requests. The BOCC had concerns related to equity amongst larger organizations and smaller organizations. BOCC agreed to have no cap at this time.

Discussion was held regarding the funding of top scores a 100% of their requests. Concerns were also raised pertaining to larger organizations that have more resources and can test higher. BOCC agreed to not fund 100%.

Discussion was held whether or not to set aside funding to support smaller or startup organizations. BOCC agreed to not set aside funding for future considerations.

Staff presented the scoring criteria for applicants. The 5 voting criteria were to be a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit, serve Arapahoe County residents, align with at least one priority service category, demonstrate service to identified vulnerable populations, and meet reporting requirements.

The rubrics for each category were reviewed.

The county offers technical assistance and support by one on one or workshops.

The 2026 funding cycle timeline was reviewed.

5-0 in favor of application structure.

Commissioner asked about population reach and organizations aimed at a more specific group. Discussion was held as to the scoring of organizations serving Arapahoe County only.

Commissioner asked about the possibility of including a loss of federal funding question.

Commissioner commented on the interests of looking into other data such as demographics breakdown and enhanced information.

Commissioner asked about other partners that could benefit from using funds through Aids to Agency.

5-0 in favor of proposed scoring criteria.

**The meeting was adjourned.**

**\*Virtual/Streamed**