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# Arapahoe County

## Board of County Commissioners Study Session

### Meeting Minute Summaries

**Tuesday, April 8, 2025**  
**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  
Michael Westerberg  
Ed Bowditch  
Jennifer Cassell

10:30 AM \*Annual Financial Institution and Investment Policy Resolution and Discussion on Increasing Treasurer's Authority to Purchase Debt Securities

**Attachments:** [Board Summary Report](#)  
[Draft Resolution](#)

The purpose of this study session was for the Treasurer to request the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) approve the financial institution and investment policy resolution accompanying this report, including the language granting the Treasurer broader authority to purchase debt securities meeting at least certain specified requirements under the Board of County Commissioners authority in C.R.S. §24-75-601.1(1)(a-b).

A background of the request was presented.

Staff provided BOCC with a copy of previous resolution as well as proposed updated resolution with added language to broaden Treasurer authority to purchase debt securities. A copy of which has been retained for record.

Discussion was held surrounding the proposed amended language.

Staff asked BOCC for recommendation regarding the proposed increase in duration of said securities to have a maturity date of less than 10 years.

Commissioner clarified that there would be a maximum maturity date of 10 years. Commissioner also commented on the language indicating that proposed resolution would only stay in effect if current Treasurer were in office.

Commissioner voiced concern regarding the current market conditions while considering increasing the maturity date.

Commissioner asked staff in a worst-case scenario what the penalties would look like if liquidation were necessary.

Further discussion was held regarding the duration of maturity date for purchases on said securities. Concerns were raised about the length of maturity dates and the risk that come with them.

Staff discussed definition of “maturity date” to ensure statutes are being followed.

Commissioner voiced support for staff recommendations.

4-0 in favor of increasing the maturity date to 7 years and 10% of the portfolio.  
Commissioner Campbell absent and excused.

Discussion will be revisited next year to adjust if needed.

## **11:30 AM BREAK**

12:30 PM \*Legislative Update

**Attachments:** [Board Summary Report](#)  
[2025 Legislative Issues Guide](#)  
[Internal Legislative Report](#)  
[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 background information on Retail Food Bill draft. The bill would cause a 25% fee increase on retail food licenses based on size of restaurants for the first year starting January 1, 2026, and would change to 20% for 2027 and 2028. Staff is requesting a support position once the bill gets introduced.

Commissioner Fields and Commissioner Warren-Gully arrived at 12:36 PM.

5-0 in support of Retail Food Bill once it is introduced.

Updates on the Long Bill were discussed by lobbying team as well as the orbital bills. Long Bill has passed in Senate and will continue to the House.

Lobbyist team provided information indicating that Senator Weissman added footnote in the Senate to the Judicial Branch regarding judges to be in support of Arapahoe County receiving county judge.

Updates on SB25-246 Elimination of gray/black marijuana program were reviewed. Marijuana revenues have decreased over the past few years and the elimination of the program would save roughly a million dollars.

Lobby staff provided update on SB25-244 Reduced State Funding for ADA (Assistant District Attorney) salaries from 50% to 25% in 2026.

SB25-229 Eliminate Reimbursement for Community Health Workers was briefly discussed. The bill saves some general fund but makes implementation of Medicaid coverage subject to available appropriations.

Updates on SB25-208 DOC Inmate Phone Call Costs from 100% to 75% were discussed. Currently phone rates are funded by the State.

SB25-257 was reviewed and would modify General Fund transfers to state highway fund.

Commissioner clarified the reduction of the funds in coming years.

Discussion was held around HB25-1319 County Commissioner Vacancies. The bill would address vacancies for County Commissioners and there is a companion bill for the state legislators. Staff indicated there would be a budget impact as it is an unfunded mandate. Staff does not have

recommendation and asked BOCC for guidance but included that CCAT is at an amend position.

Commissioner commented on the current staggering process for terms and asked how the bill would affect the current process.

Commissioner voiced proposed amendment to HB25-1319 to include some sort of funding. Further discussion was held regarding proposed amended language to include funding so that the county would not be fully responsible to fund an election if election is needed to fill vacancies.

Commissioner voiced support to the bill but recommended an amend position to allow time to speak to the County Clerk, CCAT and CCI.

5-0 in favor of amend position.

Staff provided updates on SB25-276 Protect Civil Rights Immigration Status. SB25-276 would impact the Sheriff's office. The bill would require release a defendant within 6 hours of posting bond. The bill would also prohibit a custodian from delaying a defendant's release for purposes of immigration enforcement and would prohibit a peace officer of a detention facility from allowing federal immigration authorities access to part of the detention facility that is not accessible to the public without a warrant.

Arapahoe County would be impacted by penalties regarding the personal identifiable information (PII) aspect of the bill. Currently the law applies to state agencies and state agency employees. This bill would expand current law to apply to political subdivisions and their employees. Political subdivisions and employees would be prohibited from providing PII for immigration enforcement purposes, prohibited from collecting information regarding immigration status, and employees who intentionally violate the prohibitions outlined would be subject to potential penalties unless required by State or Federal law to provide said information.

County Attorney brought attention to the conflict between the State and Federal law.

Discussion was held regarding language in the bill and how/when Arapahoe County and its employees would be affected. Discussion was also held regarding reporting procedure.

Commissioner voiced concern regarding the reasoning in sharing the PII and what the data is being used for and would like further clarification on language in the bill.

Staff is recommending a monitor position until BOCC can provide specific amendments to be included.

Proposed amendments were reviewed and discussed focusing on mode of request, and how much record keeping would need to be done and clarification between State and Federal law.

5-0 in favor of monitor position.

After the vote, next steps were discussed.

Staff provided update on HB25-1303 Funding for Motor Vehicle Collision Prevention. Bill does not have an impact to Arapahoe County. Staff did not provide a recommendation on position as update was meant for awareness.

Commissioner highlighted an update on HB25-1247 County Lodging Tax Expansion and that the Senate passed bill with the 6% amendment.

Discussion concluded without vote.

## **2:00 PM Administrative Meeting - Strategic Plan Follow-up**

**The meeting was adjourned.**

**\*Virtual/Streamed**