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Board of County Commissioners Study Session

Meeting Minute Summaries

Tuesday, January 27, 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

Ron Carl
John Christofferson
Michelle Halstead
Cooney Sarracino
Callie Pecore
Ed Bowditch
Jennifer Cassell
Courtney Stryker
Jim Katzer

11:00 AM Administrative Meeting - Human Services Update
Dan Makelky, Director, Human Services

***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 Summey and duly seconded by Commissioner Warren-Gully that the Board go into executive session pursuant to Section 24-6-402(4)(b)(f) of the Colorado Revised Statutes, to discuss a potential reduction and force at the Human Services Department.

11:30 AM BREAK

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

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 provided overview of new and upcoming bills for the 2026 year that could impact Arapahoe County. Discussion was held regarding HB26-1001 Housing Developments on Qualifying Properties (HOME Act), HB26-1033 Expanding the Colorado Cottage Foods Act, HB26-1038 County Commissioner Redistricting, and HB26-1039 Adding Municipal Jails to County Jails' Oversight Responsibilities.

HB26-1001 Housing Developments on Qualifying Properties (HOME Act) was discussed. This bill would allow residential development on real property that contains no more than 5 acres of land and is owned by a nonprofit organization with a demonstrated history of providing affordable housing. that does not contain an exempt parcel, subject to an administrative approval process. Staff recommended an amend position. Proposed amendments were presented and discussed.

Commissioner inquired about the language within the bill as it pertains to counties.

Commissioner asked staff about the amendment regarding affordability.

Commissioner asked regarding the other municipalities on their positions on HB26-1001.

5-0 in favor of an amend position.

HB26-1038 County Commissioner Redistricting was presented. This bill would require three counties to appoint independent county commissioner redistricting commissions, to modify the criteria for who may serve on these commissions and would require the BOCC of said counties to adopt a final plan that was one of the final plans approved by an independent county commissioner redistricting commission. Staff recommended BOCC take a monitor position. Discussion surrounding staff recommendation was held. Further discussion was made regarding the BOCC's abilities and specific language within the bill.

Commissioner voiced support of HB26-1038 and recommended an amend position over a monitor position.

Commissioner asked about the current problems the bill would be solving.

Commissioner asked staff for clarification on why their recommendation was monitor.

5-0 in favor of an amend position.

Lobbying staff inquired on the specific amendments being requested.

Staff provided overview of HB26-1033 Expanding the Colorado Cottage Foods Act. This bill would allow for the sale of homemade foods that require refrigeration and foods that include meat and meat products. Staff recommended an amend position and provided the reasonings for the amend recommendation.

Director of Public Health provided insight on CALPHO being in an active oppose position.

Commissioner voiced support on oppose based on CALPHO's active opposition position.

Commissioner asked for clarification on the reasonings behind the opposition.

Discussion was held on what if any amendments would sway the opposition position to an amend position. Further discussion was made surrounding strategy behind Arapahoe County's vote.

Commissioner asked for insight regarding overall reactions that the Director of Public Health may have noticed during any pre-meetings regarding the bill.

5-0 in favor of oppose position.

An overview of HB26-1039 Adding Municipal Jails to County Jails' Oversight Responsibilities was discussed. This bill would require municipal jails to comply with existing jail data collection requirements, standards, and oversights. This bill would also require prioritizing the health and welfare of pregnant persons, and to release a pregnant person from custody if jail staff have a reasonable belief the person is in labor. Staff recommended a monitor position and provided the reasonings for the recommendation.

Lobbying staff noted that HB26-1039 seems to be targeting the city of Aurora.

Commissioner voiced support for HB26-1039 and noted that the bill is focused more on pregnant people and their human rights and medical rights.

5-0 in favor of a monitor position.

Commissioners further discussed monitoring HB26-1039 and would like to receive feedback from the Sheriff's Office regarding this bill.

Staff provided oversight on Proposition 123 adjustments.

Commissioner noted that CCAT is requesting feedback on the adjustments and asked staff on timeline on when information can be sent to CCAT.

Staff provided insight on updates in workforce development. A proposed bill that has not yet been introduced would create a committee that would work on logistics surrounding the new department of higher education that was recommended based on an executive order.

Commissioner asked for clarification regarding the four workforce members and if there are descriptions of roles and titles. Commissioner asked if there is anyone elected for the education aspect and would advocate for another workforce director.

Staff presented updates on Human Services transition work and noted the importance in technology updates.

Commissioner asked regarding the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless prevention draft and if there are bills going to be introduced.

Requests for Public Health Panels were discussed. Public Health Director requested for an education panel for the house ag water and natural resources committee. Staff also requested support for staff testifying on a new bill that was introduced called Concerning the Promotion of Immunization Access. CALPHO actively supporting the vaccine bill.

Commissioner asked staff to provide further information regarding the requests.

Staff provided overview on bills for BOCC awareness and listed the bills.

Commissioner requested staff to bring further information surrounding H26-1030 Data Center and Utility Modernization, HB26-1036 Local Taxes on Vacant Residential Property, SB26-001 Workforce Housing and Housing Tax Credit, HB26-1054 Protections for Worker Safety, and SB26-005 Rights Violation in Immigration Enforcement Remedy.

Commissioner flagged bills that are not yet introduced regarding SNAP.

2:00 PM *Senior Resources Homemaker Medicaid Billing Request

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[CFC Fee Schedule](#)

The purpose of this study session was to seek approval from the Board of County Commissioners for Arapahoe County Senior Resources to apply for and become an approved provider of Homemaker services under the Colorado Community First Choice Medicaid In-Home Support Services (IHSS) program. Approval would allow Senior Resources to bill Medicaid for Homemaker services, thereby diversifying program funding and supporting future program expansion.

A background of the request was presented.

Senior Resources staff spoke surrounding the IHSS program and expansion.

Staff are requesting to apply for and to become an approved provider of Homemaker services where they would be able to bill Medicaid.

Staff provided background information surrounding costs and funding for the Homemaker program.

Commissioner asked regarding referrals and the types of services individuals are needing. Commissioner also asked about the age requirements of the program.

Commissioner thanked staff for their work and the support for the seniors and disabled individuals within the community.

5-0 in favor of the request.

2:15 PM *Grant Opportunity: Safety Grants and CIP Project Grants

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)

The purpose of this study session was for the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to consider approving the submission of a grant application to the Colorado Department of Transportation 2029 Highway Safety Improvement Program, U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) for the National Infrastructure Investments (BUILD Grant Program) and the Colorado Department of Local Affair Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance Fund grant and the future pursuit of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant. These grants will provide improvements to the County transportation network.

A background of the requests was presented. The requests are for the Public Works Department to apply for four grants that aim to provide improvements to the county transportation network.

Staff introduced the different grants and the purpose for each.

The Highway Safety Improvement Program is a federal grant but would be administered by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) with the county being responsible for 10% of the funding. This grant program is aimed to significantly reduce fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. Staff discussed project locations and preventions that could aid in reducing fatalities and serious injuries.

Staff provided information surrounding when the grant would be available if awarded. Staff also informed BOCC that local match could potentially come from oil and gas impact fees due to the type of improvements.

Commissioner asked for clarification regarding the timeline on when the county would need to come up with the local match.

5-0 in favor of the request.

The Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant is a federal grant that would aim to improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through the development of safety action plans. The minimum local match for the SS4A grant would be an anticipated 20%. Staff do not have an exact timeline for this grant at the moment but anticipate funding would be available in the spring.

Commissioner advocated for Platte Canyon Road within unincorporated Arapahoe County and asked if there would be any funds that could be utilized to ensure safety in that area.

Commissioner commented on the importance in the safety action plan and mentioned that Greenwood Village, Centennial, or Denver South could be good partners for the safety action plan. Commissioner made note regarding the anticipated funding and the projects that would be included and asked staff if they would be returning to BOCC to ensure BOCC are aware of the different projects.

5-0 in favor of the request.

The Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance Fund Grant (EIAF) grant would assist political subdivisions that are socially and/or economically impacted by the development, processing, or energy conversion of minerals and mineral fuels. The funding for the EIAF grant would be a 50% local match. This grant is due by February 13, 2026. Staff are proposing pursuing the grant for the Watkins Rd. and Muskrat Gulch drainage crossing project that had a fatality occur there in 2023. This grant has \$15 mil available with Tier I up to \$200,000, and Tier II having \$200,001-\$1,000,000. Staff are requesting to apply for Tier II.

Staff also informed BOCC local match could potentially come from oil and gas impact fees due to the type of improvements and that it is a haul route is used for oil and gas equipment.

Commissioner clarified that if \$1,000,000 is awarded, then Arapahoe County would have to come up with \$1,000,000.

Commissioner asked for the resurfacing project on Watkins Rd. and who completed the work historically.

5-0 in favor of the request.

Staff are also requesting to submit an application for the US Department of Transportation for the National Infrastructure Investments (BUILD) grant would fund projects that would have significant local or regional impact and improve transportation infrastructure. The BUILD grant would not require a local match. Staff are proposing pursuing the grant for the final design of the Gun Club Coal Creek Crossing project. This grant request would total approximately \$3.5 million, and staff are looking to partner with Aurora on the project. Staff anticipate applying for a construction grant in the future to assist with additional funding as the total anticipated cost for the bridge project is \$30 million.

Commissioner clarified the deadline for the grant and that funding would be for the final design of the bridge.

Commissioner asked staff if they have received any negative feedback from the community within the area where the bridge would be constructed. Commissioner also asked if the bridge would be going over any access roads to residential areas.

Commissioner asked if the project was included within the CIP 5-year plan.

5-0 in favor of the request.

The meeting was adjourned.

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