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Arapahoe County

Board of County Commissioners Study Session

Meeting Minute Summaries

Tuesday, February 27, 2024
12:30 PM

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-Swanson
Leslie Summey
Bill Holen

Others Present

Ron Carl
John Christofferson
Michelle Halstead
Cooney Sarracino
Melissa Valentine
Ed Bowditch
Jennifer Cassell
Elizzebeth Loomis
Michele Frishman

12:00 PM BREAK

12:30 PM *Legislative Update

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[2024 Legislative Issues Guide](#)
[2024 Internal Legislative Report](#)
[2024 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.

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

Commissioner Holen arrived at 12:36 PM

Housing/Land Use

- HB24-1313, Housing in Transit-Oriented Communities. Legislation designated "Transit-Oriented Communities". It would set housing goals based on transit stations. It would also create a grant program. Requires counties to make choices regarding affordable housing strategies. Maps of housing opportunity goals were displayed. Examples and proposed different builds were reviewed. With the proposed requirements, different water sources would be affected. The impacts and issues of bill were listed. Staff presented recommended changes to proposed bill. 5-0 in favor to take an amend position on HB24-1313.
- HB24-1304, Minimums Parking Requirements. Bill would require revision for maximum parking. 5-0 in favor to wait to take position until later meeting.

General Government

- HB24-1296, Modifications to the Colorado Open Records Act. Staff presented background of bill which would amend the required time to respond to open records requests. 5-0 in favor to take monitor position.

Human Services

- HB24-1223, Improved Access to the Child Care Assistance. Staff presented background of bill and recommendations. Bill would increase eligibility before review and would put a strain on funding. 5-0 in favor to take an amend position on HB24-1223.
- SB24-125, Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children. Supporting bill would add Colorado on a list of supportive states. 35 states need to adopt, and supporting would allow for Colorado to meet at federal level to write the rules. 5-0 in favor to take support position on HB24-1223.
- HB24-1034, Adult Competency to Stand Trial. Discussion will be held to a further time.

Additionally, the lobbyist and staff legislative team will provide updates on the following bills and topics:

- SB24-106, Right to Remedy Construction Defects. Staff updated that there will be amendments.
- HB24-1235, Reduce Aviation Impacts on Communities. Commissioner is going to testify for bill.

Permissive Bills

- HB24-1308, Effective Implementation of Affordable Housing Programs

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

2:00 PM *Emergency Rental Assistance Update

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)

The purpose of this study session was to review current data with the Board of County Commissioners and request further direction on the program's next steps.

Staff presented an update on Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA). There was a substantial number of denials based on federal restrictions.

Future options were considered so ERA funds would not be lost if not used. Options include allocating the funds to affordable housing, eviction prevention, or emergency rental assistance programs.

Staff provided their recommendations on the remaining ERA funding.

5-0 in favor to allocate funding to ERA and eviction prevention.

2:15 PM *2023 Annual Action Plan Re-allocations for Community Development Block Grant

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)

The purpose of this study session was Community Development, Housing and Homeless Services (CDHHS) was seeking approval to commit to \$577,000.00 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the reconstruction of the Tri-Cities Navigation Center also known as Ready to Work-Bridge House.

Staff presented background of funding. There was remaining funding from a project that no longer needed the allocated funding.

5-0 in favor to re-allocate funding to the reconstruction of the center.

2:30 PM *Grant of Drainage Easement to Town of Bennett on Kiowa Creek Open Space Property

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[Drainage Easement Deed](#)

The purpose of this study session was Open Spaces requested approval of the Board of County Commissioners to grant a drainage easement to the Town of Bennett on the Kiowa Creek Open Space property.

Staff presented background of the City of Bennett working on drainage improvement. Bennett is requesting drainage easement for the drainage improvement.

Impact of new drainage on county property is minimal but will reduce water damage to properties and culverts.

5-0 in favor to support new drainage easement.

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