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Arapahoe County

Board of County Commissioners Study Session

Meeting Minute Summaries

Tuesday, March 12, 2024
1:00 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
Bill Holen

Others Present

Ron Carl
John Christofferson
Michelle Halstead
Cooney Sarracino
Melissa Valentine
Todd Weaver
Ed Bowditch
Jennifer Cassell
Cheryl Ternes
Michelle Dossey
Suzanna Dobbins
Philip Savino
Katherine Smith

11:00 AM E-Team Chair Update

Todd Weaver, Finance Director, E-Team Chair

Kim Williams, Chief Deputy, Treasurer's Office, E-Team Vice Chair

12:00 PM BREAK

1:00 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.

Energy/Environment

· SB24-165 Air Quality Improvements. Staff presented background of bill and recommended a monitor position. 3-0 in favor to take a monitor position on SB24-165. Commissioners Warren-Gully and Commissioner Summy absent and excused.

Commissioner Warren-Gully joined the meeting virtually at 1:35 PM.

· Update on HB24-1235 Reduce Aviation Impacts on Communities. Staff indicated bill has passed the transportation committee and now moves to finance committee. Discussion concluded without vote.
· Update on HB24-1266 Local Government Utility Relocation in Right-of-Way. Staff presented purpose of bill. Commissioner stated their intent to testify. Discussion concluded without vote.

Housing/Land Use

· SB24-174 Sustainable Affordable Housing Assistance. Bill would require a housing need assessment every six years. Staff recommended taking an amend position. 3-0 in favor to take an amend position on SB24-174. Commissioners Warren-Gully and Commissioner Summy absent and excused.

Commissioner Warren-Gully joined the meeting at 1:48 PM.

· Update HB24-1313 Housing In Transit-Oriented Communities. Bill has passed out of committee and will move to finance committee. Staff indicated legislators are working on amendment language. Discussion concluded without vote.
· Update on SB24-106 Right to Remedy Construction Defects. Commissioners reviewed amendment language and discussed position based on amendments. Discussion concluded without vote.

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

· Update on HB24-1359 Public Notification of Hazardous Chemical Releases. Staff recommended a meeting to discuss operational issues prior to taking a position. Staff discussed concerns with the bill. 3-0 in favor of continuing dialogue. Commissioner Summey absent and excused, Commissioner Holen not present for vote. Discussion will be extended as to receive more information.

Bills For Awareness

- SB24-166 Air Quality Enforcement
- HB24-1350 Parental Responsibilities Proceedings Child Safety
- HB24-1355 Measures to Reduce the Competency Wait List.

Staff wanted to inform BOCC of bills. Discussion concluded without vote.

Addendum

· HB24-1322 Medicaid Coverage Housing & Nutrition Services. Staff presented a background of the bill and noted a fiscal note attached to the bill. Staff indicated Commissioner requested BOCC support. Commissioners discussed providing support. 3-0 in favor to take a support position on HB24-1322. Commissioners Warren-Gully and Commissioner Summey absent and excused.

· HB24-1230 Protections for Real Property Owners. Commissioners asked questions and had discussion about CCAT stance and BOCC support. 3-0 in favor to take a monitor position on HB24-1230. Commissioners Warren-Gully and Commissioner Summy absent and excused.

· HB24-1083 Construction Professional Insurance Coverage Transparency. Staff recommended taking a monitor position. 3-0 in favor to take a monitor position on HB24-1083. Commissioners Warren-Gully and Commissioner Summy absent and excused.

· HB24-1366 Sustainable Local Government Community Planning. Discussion will be extended as to receive more information.

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

2:00 PM *Approval of Assessment/Case Cap Stipend for Child Welfare Caseworkers

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[Assessment or Case Cap Stipend Policy](#)
[Stipend Tables](#)

The purpose of this study session was because the Colorado County Departments of Human Services are statutorily required to respond and intervene on child protection assessments and cases, regardless of the available number of caseworkers to manage these caseloads. As a result of significant vacancies within the CAPS Division, an Assessment/Case Cap Stipend policy has been drafted to mitigate these concerns. Approval by the Board of County Commissioners is being sought to implement the proposed Assessment/Case Cap Stipend policy.

A background of the request was presented.

Staff discussed issues with staff recruitment and retention.

Staff also indicated the lack of staff has reached a critical point. Currently, there are 35 open positions in the CAPS Division. Many case workers are working additional cases than recommended.

Staff requested additional compensation for staff, hoping the additional compensation would be an incentive to hire and retain employees.

Commissioner Baker recused himself.

Commissioner asked questions regarding other benefits to assist employees with stress and prevent burnout.

3-0 in favor to implement the proposed Assessment/Case Cap Stipend policy. Commissioner Summy absent and excused and Commissioner Baker recused.

2:30 PM *HS Connects Capability Assessment Report

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)

The purpose of this study session was to inform the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) about the findings of a comprehensive capability assessment conducted on the custom-developed application, HS Connects. The assessment aimed to identify the existing challenges, gaps, and potential future options concerning the continuation of the application's life cycle. By presenting a detailed analysis of the current state of HS Connects, this report will assist the BOCC in making informed decisions regarding the management and evolution of this critical application within the county's technology infrastructure.

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

A background of the request was presented.

Project objectives were presented. (Define drivers and imperatives, conduct a current state assessment, and provide results of assessment)

HSConnects Program Scope was presented. The purpose and design of HSConnects was explained.

Domain: Business Capability Assessment Overview and Current State was presented. Staff working with HSConnects heard feedback regarding system requests, customer support, and internal operations.

HSConnects spending, user base, and revenue generation was presented. Graphs of each were displayed.

Security Scorecard was presented. Four high risk areas, including application governance, data security, development processes, and logging, auditing, and monitoring, were identified.

Commissioner recognized the hard work of IT staff on HSConnects while also recognizing the need for increased security.

Accessibility Key Takeaways was presented. HSConnects currently lacks accessibility and different functionality.

Options Analysis was presented. Three options, including maintain status quo, upgrade current product, and expand to additional counties, were presented. Different paths to proceed moving forward were discussed. Costs for each option were discussed.

Investment summary and revenue potentials were presented.

Discussion will be extended as to receive more information. Discussion concluded without vote.

The meeting was adjourned.

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