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# Arapahoe County

## Board of County Commissioners Study Session

### Meeting Minutes

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Monday, January 11, 2021

Virtual Meeting (details in agenda)

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### Study Session Topics

#### 9:00 A.M. Calendar and Board Updates

**Michelle Halstead, Director, Communication and Administrative Services**

Communication Services Update

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

The County's communications manager and public information officer will provide the Board an update on county communication and engagement initiatives.

#### Break

Lobbyist Lunch

**Attachments:** [Board Summary Report](#)  
[2021 Legislative Principles](#)

All Commissioners were present for this discussion. Commissioner Elect Carrie Warren-Gully was also present. Also present were Cheryl Ternes, Michelle Halstead, Ron Carl, Joleen Sanchez, Kurtis Niemeyer, Jacquelyn Bayard, Greg Romberg, and Michelle Halstead.

An overview of the 2021 legislative session was provided by Lobbyist, Greg Romberg.

There was discussion regarding changes to 2020 Senate Bill 217.

There was discussion regarding proposed legislation related to Community Corrections funding.

Transportation funding was mentioned.

Proposed affordable housing bills and limiting the County's land use authority were discussed. CCI (Colorado Counties Inc.) would like feedback from the counties.

There was discussion regarding legislation related to county redistricting.

There was discussion regarding concerns related to preserving family relationships legislation.

Legislation regarding limiting the use of solitary confinement in county jails was discussed. Commissioner Jackson suggested that a study session be scheduled to study this topic.

Benchmarking on government buildings to conserve energy was discussed. Staff is reviewing that proposed bill.

Bills related to pre-trial services were discussed.

There was discussion regarding the creation of the 23rd judicial district. The Board agreed to submit a letter of support.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide information on the status of Colorado's state legislative session, potential impacts to Arapahoe County, and seek Board direction on legislative positions or specific advocacy activities. In preparation for the legislative session, the meeting will cover the following topics:

- SB 217 changes
- Community Corrections
- Transportation Funding
- Housing

- Redistricting
- Reserving Family Relationships
- Solitary Confinement
- Energy Benchmarking
- Pretrial Services
- 23rd Judicial District Preparation

**1:00 PM \*Drop In**

**Board of County Commissioners**

- a. Agreement with United Language Group for Translation Services

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

Clerk Joan Lopez, Karl Herrmann, Monica Kovaci, Peg Perl and Juan Guzman were present for this discussion.

This drop-in was informational only.

Discussion of a request from the Clerk and Recorder's Office regarding their intent to enter into an agreement with United Language Group (ULG) for the ongoing use of interpreter and translation services in an effort to expand communication and improve customer service. The agreement will be valued at under \$25,000 annually and is within the Clerk's signature authority.

**\*To Be Recorded By Law**