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Jeff Baker, District 3  
Nancy Jackson, Chair, District 4  
Bill Holen, District 5

# Arapahoe County

## Board of County Commissioners Study Session

### Meeting Minutes

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**Monday, January 25, 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**

Amendments to the Bylaws of the Arapahoe County Community Corrections Board

**Attachments:** [Board Summary Report](#)  
[ACCCB Proposed Bylaws Proposed 2021](#)

All Commissioners were present. Also present were Ron Carl, Michelle Halstead, Joleen Sanchez, Katherine Smith, Kurtis Niemeyer, Tara Porter, Cheryl Ternes, Jacquelyn Bayard, Erin Powers and Tyler Brown.

Proposed updates to the Arapahoe County Community Corrections Board were reviewed.

There was discussion regarding the length of the terms of the Community Corrections board appointees and term limits.

Commissioner Sharpe asked that there be clarification regarding referring to the "board chair". Mr. Kamby clarified that the document is referencing the chair of the community corrections board.

Commissioner Warren-Gully asked that there be parameters added regarding virtual attendance. Mr. Kamby explained why in-person meetings are preferred.

Senior County Attorney Tiffanie Bleau explained the need for these changes.

The Board agreed with the proposed changes as presented. An additional study session would not be necessary.

Meeting went into Recess

Meeting Reconvened

11:30 AM \*State Lobbyist Meeting

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

Cheryl Ternes, Erin Powers, Tyler Brown, Ron Carl, Greg Romberg and Kathy Smith were present for this discussion.

Liability caps related to Senate Bill 217 from 2020 were discussed. County Attorney Ron Carl said the county would like to limit claims to excessive force only.

There was discussion regarding possible impacts of SB 217 to child protective services with law enforcement.

Greg Romberg would invite Arapahoe County legislators to an upcoming webinar scheduled for February 10th.

Commissioner Warren-Gully asked if there are other organizations that see this as an opening to removing liability caps. It was stated that this law is limited to peace officers.

There was discussion regarding the district attorney accountability bill, which could be considered similar to the police reform bill.

There was discussion regarding Community Corrections.

The Preserving Family Relationships During Placement Bill was discussed. Commissioner Sharpe and Commissioner Jackson will attend upcoming meetings regarding this bill.

A summary of the Affordable Housing Bill was provided. The Board expressed concern about this bill.

There was discussion regarding transportation funding.

The Public Health Department Bill was reviewed. The Board expressed opposition to this bill.

An update and overview regarding the Redistricting Bill was provided. The Board explained they are opposed to this bill.

Commissioner Jackson and Commissioner Baker will meet with Representative Kennedy to discuss the details of this bill further. Mr. Romberg will organize the meeting.

Meeting went into Recess.

Meeting Reconvened.

## **Break**

### **2:00 PM Sheriff's Office Update Tyler Brown, Sheriff**

### **3:00 PM \*Executive Session**

**Executive Study 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 Baker and duly seconded by Commissioner Sharpe that the Board go into executive session pursuant to Section 24-6-402(4)(b) of the Colorado Revised Statutes, to receive legal advice regarding**

- 1) New lawsuits re: Sheriff's Office**
- 2) Withdrawal letter from CenturyLink re: Prism cable service**

**The motion passed Commissioner Holen absent and excused.  
(Commissioner Holen joined after the vote)**

## **\*To Be Recorded By Law**

### **Note**

All Commissioners were present for today's study sessions.

Brad Kamby, Tiffanie Bleau, Katherine Smith, Kurtis Niemeyer, Tara Porter, Jacquelyn Bayard, Michelle Halstead and Joleen Sanchez were also present.