



ARAPAHOE COUNTY

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Board of County Commissioners Study Session

Meeting Minute Summaries

Monday, August 30, 2021

Virtual Meeting (details in agenda)

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Commissioners Present

Carrie Warren-Gully
Nancy Sharpe
Jeff Baker
Nancy Jackson
Bill Holen

Others Present

Ron Carl
Michelle Halstead
John Christofferson
Glenys Trost
Joleen Sanchez
Tiffanie Bleau
Stephanie Juneau
Glenn Thompson
Jennifer Ludwig
Nathan Fogg
Lisa Fedak
Cheryl Ternes
Joleen Sanchez
Chris Henning
Robert Hill

Kurtis Niemeyer
John Kellner
Jon Saultz
Tammy Townsell-
Twombly
Glenn Thompson
Stephany Juneau
Olga Fjaros
Tom Byrnes
Todd Weaver
Jeff Ulrich
David Bessen
Leanna Quint
Dr. John Douglas
Dan Perkins
Scott Kellar

9:00 AM Calendar and Board Updates

Michelle Halstead, Director, Commissioners' Office

10:30 AM Communication Services Update

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

11:00 AM *Discussion on District Attorney Funding Request

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[District Attorney Request Letter](#)

The purpose of this study session was to discuss supplemental funding request regarding positions and data storage costs related to the increase in workload following the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 20-217.

A \$130,000 supplemental budget request is to fund 3 FTEs (full time employees) to process body camera footage and \$70,000 in backup storage space locally was discussed.

Current processing time and costs were discussed.

Commissioner Holen inquired regarding the process of requesting footage from storage.

Commissioner Holen questioned how external video evidence is processed.

There was discussion regarding what Arapahoe County's share of the supplemental would be. It was clarified that this request is being expedited from the 2022 budget.

DA Kellner explained how the videos are stored.

There was discussion regarding why the DA is recommending 3 FTE.

Commissioner Holen inquired regarding the impact of the judicial process if the FTE request is not approved. It was noted that CORA requests must be met in a timely manner as well.

Commissioner Warren-Gully inquired if the current proposed system is the most efficient and how much exploration of other systems was done.

The request will be moved to the Executive Budget Committee for a recommendation.

11:30 AM * Drop in Board of County Commissioners

Updated Computer Usage Policy, renamed Acceptable Use Policy for Computers and Related Technology

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[Acceptable Use Policy for Computers and Related Technology - August 2021](#)

The Director of Information Technology presented an updated Computer Usage Policy, now renamed to the Acceptable Use Policy for Computers and Related Technology (AUP) prior to formal Board approval.

Updates to the policy were explained.

It was stated that a one-page summary of the policy would be circulated with the changes.

Commissioner Baker asked for clarification regarding prior presentations to the Executive Team and Attorney's Office.

There was discussion regarding downloads on county computers.

All commissioners concurred placing the policy to an upcoming consent agenda.

Request to Sell Retired Sheriff's Office Vehicle to the Town of Bennett

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)

The Public Safety Bureau is seeking approval to sell one retired vehicle to the Town of Bennett.

Details regarding modifying the vehicle in preparation for transfer of the vehicle were discussed.

All commissioners support the request.

Waiver for Select Source request for four Rigaku Handheld Raman Chemical Identifiers for the Regional Hazmat Teams within the North Central All-Hazards Region (NCR)

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[Signed Select Source Waiver](#)

The North Central All-Hazards Region (NCR) presented a request to approve a select source waiver to purchase four Rigaku Raman Handheld Chemical Identifiers through FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. These devices provide an upgraded chemical detection capability for the Region's HAZMAT and decontamination response to the 10-County Metro Region.

Background regarding staff request, training, and usage for the equipment was discussed.

All commissioners support the request.

12:15 - 1:00 PM BREAK

1:00 PM *Discussion of opt-out provision in the Tri-County Health Department school mask order dated August 18, 2021, and potential BOCC action regarding same

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[Public Health Order](#)

This was an informational session to obtain more information and discuss the current COVID-19 pandemic within Arapahoe County, the Tri-County Health Department's public health order, the opt-out provision, and constituent feedback to date.

Informational background, including the opt-out provision, regarding the public health order was discussed.

The County's Communications Manager provided a summary regarding how the survey results were obtained.

Emails directed towards individual commissioners were not included in the feedback results.

Tri-County Health's Executive Director Dr. John Douglas presented a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which has been retained for the record. An overview and background information of the Covid-19 Delta Variant was discussed.

Commissioner Sharpe asked for clarification regarding the average case rate per age group.

Trends in school outbreaks in the Tri-County Health area were discussed.

Vaccination rates were reviewed.

Dr. Douglas discussed the rationale for mask mandates in schools.

Commissioner Baker expressed thanks for the presenting staff. He clarified that there was no Covid-19 death data presented.

Dr. Douglas explained why he is disappointed that Adams and Douglas Counties have opted out.

Commissioner Sharpe inquired if the presented hospitalization data included all respiratory cases or only confirmed Covid-19 cases. She suggested that Tri-County be more interactive with the school districts.

Dr. Douglas stated that there are more hospitalizations due to RSV than COVID.

There was discussion regarding the agenda topics for the upcoming Tri-County Health Department meeting.

Commissioner Warren-Gully asked for clarification regarding the age brackets of the mask mandate.

Dr. Douglas explained why the age range begins at 2 years.

There was discussion regarding the difficulty with measuring prevention.

Commissioner Holen inquired about infection rates of children in states that have not taken action on mask mandates.

Arapahoe County's Office of Emergency Management, presented a PowerPoint presentation of severity metrics, a copy of which has been retained for the record.

Commissioner Baker commended Tri-County Health for their hard work, statistical presentation, recommendation, order, and opt-out availability. He commented that he would support a countywide opt out or a partial opt-out, but has no tolerance for threats of violence.

Commissioner Sharpe stated that elected school boards should make the decision regarding mask mandates for children.

An action item is scheduled for tomorrow's public hearing agenda. Tri-County Health is holding a Board of Health meeting this afternoon. Staff was given direction regarding tomorrow's public hearing agenda pending potential outcomes of the board of health meeting.

2:30 PM Department Director Mid-Year Update

Patrick O'Neill, Director, Facility & Fleet Management

3:30 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 Holen 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) Proposed settlement following mediation of the Windstream property condemnation case
- 2) Proposed “walk-away agreement” in Cummings v. Sheriff
- 3) Proposed settlement following mediation in Hussain v. Sheriff
- 4) Isbill Road easement
- 5) County legal notices solicitation
- 6) Opt-out provision in Tri-County school mask order

The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned.

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