

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

LAND USE HEARING

The Land Use Hearing for the week of May 19, 2025, was cancelled.

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with County Manager Lorenda Volker. Chair Stephens presided. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally and Commissioner Kefalas were present. Also present were Sarah Martin and Tom Clayton, Commissioners' Office, and Lindsey Jones, Deputy Clerk.

Chair Stephens opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment in person or online.
2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 12, 2025:**

MOTION:

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the minutes for the week of May 12, 2025.

Motion carried 3-0.

3. **REVIEW OF THE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 26, 2025:** Ms. Martin reviewed the upcoming schedule with the Board. The Board made several additions to the upcoming schedule.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

AGREEMENTS

1. **AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN OHANA RANCH CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT, FILE NO. 19-LAND3887**

2. AMENDMENT 1 TO EXHIBIT A: INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN LARIMER COUNTY OPEN SPACE INFRASTRUCTURE DURING CHIMNEY HOLLOW RESERVOIR CONSTRUCTION
3. A102 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BETWEEN OWNER AND CONTRACTOR

APPOINTMENTS

1. RECOMMENDED REAPPOINTMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD – Natasha Carr

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

1. LETTER OF SUPPORT TO COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF EDWARDS FARM

LIQUOR LICENSES

1. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – BEARTAGE CHATEAU LLC DBA COLORADO CHERRY COMPANY – BEER & WINE LICENSE – LYONS, COLORADO

MISCELLANEOUS

1. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER UPON LANDS
2. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER UPON LANDS
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4. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER UPON LANDS
5. WAL-MART REAL ESTATE BUSINESS TRUST STIPULATION AS TO TAX YEAR 2024 VALUE
6. WAL-MART REAL ESTATE BUSINESS TRUST STIPULATION AS TO TAX YEAR 2024 VALUE
7. WAL-MART STORES INC STIPULATION AS TO TAX YEAR 2024 VALUE
8. WAL-MART REAL ESTATE BUSINESS TRUST STIPULATION AS TO TAX YEAR 2024 VALUE

9. **WAL-MART REALTY COMPANY STIPULATION AS TO TAX YEAR 2024 VALUE**

10. **HARGROVE HOLDINGS LLC STIPULATION AS TO TAX YEAR 2023 VALUE**

RESOLUTIONS

1. **FINDINGS AND RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HELLER SHORT-TERM RENTAL SPECIAL REVIEW**

MOTION

Commissioner Kefalas moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Consent Agenda for May 20, 2025.

Motion carried 3-0.

5. **COMMISSIONERS' GUESTS:** The Board did not have any guests.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **2025 COMMUNITY MITIGATION GRANT AWARDS:** Josh Roberts, Mitigation Coordinator for the Office of Emergency Management, shared that the Larimer County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2025 Community Mitigation Grant Program awards. Approximately \$100,000 has been awarded to 19 different communities across the County in order to support community-driven mitigation projects that help to reduce risk and improve community resilience.

Mr. Roberts noted that members of many of the communities came to the meeting and thanked them for coming out. These grant recipients have demonstrated how much can be achieved when a whole community comes together to work on a common goal. The grant money will fund a variety of goals such as hazardous fuels mitigation, community slash chipping and removal programs, equipping communities with tools and supplies, acquisition of dump trailers, and much more. Mr. Roberts thanked the Board for their support of this program. Mr. Roberts also thanked the members of the communities that won these grant awards. Their hard work really makes a difference and makes their communities stronger. Mr. Roberts invited some of the grant recipients who were present to come forward and share their stories with the Board.

The following grant recipients addressed the Board: Dave Herder, Cherokee Meadows Road Association and Livermore Fire Protection District; Rachel Ownbey, Crystal Lakes Road and Recreation Association; Wayne Brautigam, Crystal Mountain Road Association; Tom Hausfeld, Red Feather Highlands Maintenance Association; Virginia Kent, Northridge Meadows Homeowners Association; Jan Nimlo, Jackpine Road Association; Pete Wells, Redstone Canyon community and Poudre Fire Authority Station 11; Cheryl Poage, Crystal Lakes; Liz Mrofka, Storm Mountain; and Kurt Kniegge, Sand Creek Park Landowners Association.

The grant recipients highlighted some of the fire mitigation efforts that have been done in their communities and how they plan to use the awarded grant funds. Communities have used past grant funds for building pull-offs and turnarounds for emergency vehicles, roadside fire mitigation, clearing debris from flooding events, restoring burned forest areas, purchasing equipment, wildfire assessments, improving ignition zone standards, and community education. Some planned uses of funding that were mentioned included teaching community members how to survive a wildfire, home ignition zone assessments, removal of dangerous trees, creating fuel breaks, increasing safety measures for emergency evacuations, and community slash chipping programs.

Mr. Roberts also shared that a small set of communities have been identified for assistance with their proposed community mitigation projects through a special partnership with the Northern Colorado Fireshed Collaborative, via the National Forest Foundation and the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests. This assistance is made possible by a \$65,000 award through the Northern Colorado Fireshed Collaborative, amplifying the Office of Emergency Management's ability to support and partner with communities in important wildfire risk reduction and community resilience work.

Corinna Marshall, Northern Colorado Fireshed Collaborative, explained that her organization is a large landscape collaborative consisting of federal, state, local, and nonprofit partners. Ms. Marshall shared that this program in Larimer County is very innovative. Mitigation is important, but this investment into community relationships is one-of-a-kind within the region and will last for generations.

The Board asked Mr. Roberts to expand on the need for funding, community interest, and the grant funds available. Mr. Roberts explained that 14 proposals were received in 2022, 21 proposals in 2024, and 34 proposals in 2025. Wildfire is at the top of Larimer County's risk profile, and as risk continues to increase, the need for these funds will also continue to increase. Risk reduction and mitigation efforts have a positive cost-benefit with an exponential rate of return on investment.

The Board commented that this investment is not only benefitting the grant recipients, but all of Larimer County today and in the future. This type of work must continue to be a priority. The Board thanked the grant recipients for being heroes in their communities and for coming out today to share their stories. The Board also thanked the Office of Emergency Management for their commitment to this cause and for building these community partnerships.

The Board asked what the process is for communities to apply for wildfire mitigation grants, and who decides how funding is distributed. Mr. Roberts answered that there is an online application that opens near the beginning of the year. OEM staff utilize clear review criteria to determine who receives funding and how much.

The Board gave a sincere shoutout to Mr. Roberts and his team. His enthusiasm has made the difference and allowed him to build these community connections. The Board also thanked Lori Hodges, Director of the Office of Emergency Management, for her incredible leadership, which gives her team the space to do the work that really makes a difference. This is a great example of government reinvesting public dollars back into private communities in order to strengthen resilience and empower residents to improve their neighborhoods.

County Manager Volker emphasized the coordination and dedication of the Office of Emergency Management in creating this program, vetting applications, and distributing funds fairly according to the review criteria.

The Board took a brief recess.

The Board reconvened.

7. COUNTY MANAGER UPDATE: County Manager Volker briefly detailed the events of the previous week.

8. COMMISSIONER ACTIVITY REPORTS: The Board detailed their attendance at events during the previous week.

9. LEGAL MATTERS: Executive Session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402(4)(b): Conferences with an attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice regarding Bird v. Drissel et al., 2025CV30209.

Executive Session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402(4)(b): Conferences with an attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice regarding Gassen v. Mitchell McGuinnis et al., 2025CV30235.

MOTION

Commissioner Kefalas moved that the Board of County Commissioners enter into Executive Session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402(4)(b): Conferences with an attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice regarding Bird v. Drissel et al., 2025CV30209 and Gassen v. Mitchell McGuinnis et al., 2025CV30235.

Motion carried 3-0.

The Board entered Executive Session.

The Board returned to session.

Deputy County Attorney David Ayraud gave a brief explanation of the two cases that were discussed during the Executive Session.

MOTION

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve Larimer County to defend and indemnify the Larimer County employees named in cases 2025CV30209 and 2025CV30235.

Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402(4)(b): Conferences with an attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice about the requirements of House Bill 24-1271 Concerning Regulation of Massage Facilities by Local Governments.

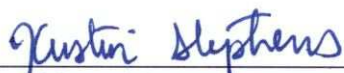
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Motion carried 3-0.

The Board entered Executive Session.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.



KRISTIN STEPHENS, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TINA HARRIS
CLERK & RECORDER

ATTEST:



Lindsey Jones, Deputy Clerk

