



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026

LAND USE HEARING

There was no Land Use Hearing for the week of April 6, 2026.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS MEETING

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

Chair Pro-Tem Kefalas opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT: Chair Pro-Tem Kefalas opened the meeting to public comment.

Debrah Snider addressed the Board regarding speeding in Larimer County, particularly in northern Fort Collins near Terry Lake Road. Ms. Snider stated that speed limits are laws, and nine out of ten people on the highway are driving over the speed limit. Ms. Snider requested that something be done about the constant speeding near her neighborhood.

Patrick Erikson addressed the Board requesting that trespassing laws in Larimer County be re-written. Mr. Erikson believes that police unjustly kicked him out of two locations.

Chair Pro-Tem Kefalas closed public comment.

The Board noted that these issues pertain to the Sheriff's Department and offered to pass the comments along. The Board agreed that speeding is a prevalent issue throughout the County, and mentioned some possible solutions that the Sheriff's Office could consider. The Board also noted that they have been working with law enforcement regarding the proper way to approach those who are needing a place to stay and making sure that resources are made available to them.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 30, 2026:

MOTION:

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the minutes for the week of March 30, 2026.

Motion carried 2-0.

3. REVIEW OF THE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 13, 2026: Ms. Martin reviewed the upcoming schedule with the Board, and the Board made several additions.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

ABATEMENTS

1. PETITION FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF TAXES: P8288113 – Logi Metal Solutions LLC – Tax Year 2025

AGREEMENTS

1. STATE OF COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT HIGH FRICTION SURFACE TREATMENT ON COUNTY ROAD 23 NEAR HORSETOOTH RESERVOIR

2. INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

APPOINTMENTS

1. RECOMMENDED MIDTERM APPOINTMENT TO THE RODEO BOARD – Holly Spreitzer

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

1. LETTER OF SUPPORT – PROPOSED LAND EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE AND THE CITY OF GREELEY, COLORADO

LIQUOR LICENSES

1. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – MORIN & MORIN INC DBA SUNDANCE TRAIL GUEST HOUSE – RETAIL LIQUOR STORE – RED FEATHER LAKES, COLORADO

2. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – HANGLOOSE LIQUOR INC DBA HANGLOOSE LIQUOR – RETAIL LIQUOR STORE – LOVELAND, COLORADO

3. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – POUUDRE'S PUB LLC DBA POUUDRE'S PUB – HOTEL & RESTAURANT – BELLVUE, COLORADO

4. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – GVC ESTES PARK AERIAL TRAMWAY LLC
DBA ESTES PARK AERIAL TRAMWAY – BEER & WINE LICENSE – ESTES
PARK, COLORADO
5. FINDINGS AND ORDER IN THE MATTER OF SEED & SPIRIT, LLC DBA
SEED & SPIRIT DISTILLING – DISTILLERY PUB LICENSE – FORT
COLLINS, COLORADO

MISCELLANEOUS

1. RETAIL MARIJUANA STORE LICENSE
2. RETAIL MARIJUANA STORE LICENSE AND RETAIL CULTIVATION
FACILITY LICENSE
3. DEMAND FOR ISSUANCE OF LOST STOCK CERTIFICATE TO THE HANDY
DITCH COMPANY
4. STIPULATION FOR AMCAP HARMONY LLC AS TO 2025 TAX YEAR
5. STIPULATION FOR GPM RE LLC AS TO 2025 TAX YEAR
6. STIPULATION FOR COLLEGE HEIGHTS LLC AS TO 2025 TAX YEAR
7. STIPULATION FOR RISE 2354 LLC AS TO 2025 TAX YEAR
8. STIPULATION FOR KAUFFMAN RENTALS INC AS TO 2025 TAX YEAR
9. STIPULATION FOR ENSIGN PROPERTIES LLC AS TO 2025 TAX YEAR
10. STIPULATION FOR WALKER MANUFACTURING CO AS TO 2025 TAX YEAR
11. STIPULATION FOR FIRST NATIONAL BANK AS TO 2025 TAX YEAR
12. STIPULATION FOR BRINKER RESTAURANT CORP AS TO 2025 TAX YEAR
13. STIPULATION FOR M H MALL INC AS TO 2024 TAX YEAR
14. STIPULATION FOR COLORADO DELTA ASSN OF SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON
AS TO 2025 TAX YEAR
15. STIPULATION FOR SO FLATS AT THE OVAL OWNER LLC AS TO 2025 TAX
YEAR
16. STIPULATION FOR FC 1121 LLC AS TO 2025 TAX YEAR

17. STIPULATION FOR KENNETH A FRYE AS TO 2025 TAX YEAR
18. STIPULATION FOR HICKMAN MAY TRUST AS TO 2025 TAX YEAR
19. STIPULATION FOR WELLS PROPERTIES LLC AS TO 2025 TAX YEAR

RESOLUTIONS

1. RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTER FACILITIES IN LARIMER COUNTY COLORADO
2. FINDINGS AND RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MATHER SHORT-TERM RENTAL SPECIAL REVIEW
3. RESOLUTION REALLOCATING THE LARIMER COUNTY INTERAGENCY OVERSIGHT GROUP AND THE LARIMER COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL
4. FINDINGS AND RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MOUNTAIN WHITEWATER AND PADDLER'S PUB APPEAL
5. RESOLUTION APPROVING CERTIFICATION TO THE LARIMER COUNTY TREASURER OF ZONING VIOLATION PENALTIES AS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR: 7415 VICTORIA COURT, FORT COLLINS, COLORADO, 80525; PARCEL NUMBER 9613305024 AND 630 VICTORIA STREET, FORT COLLINS, COLORADO, 80525; PARCEL NUMBER 9613305049
6. RESOLUTION REGARDING REPAIRS/IMPROVEMENTS/RECONSTRUCTION ON OWL CANYON (LARIMER COUNTY ROAD 70) ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
7. RESOLUTION REGARDING REPAIRS/IMPROVEMENTS/RECONSTRUCTION ON OWL CANYON (LARIMER COUNTY ROAD 70) ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

M O T I O N

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Consent Agenda for April 7, 2026.

Motion carried 2-0.

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

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **PROCLAIM APRIL 6 – 12, 2026, AS NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK IN LARIMER COUNTY:** Tom Gonzales, Public Health Director, shared that the Larimer County

Department of Health and Environment is celebrating National Public Health Week. The 2026 theme is “Ready. Set. Action!” Mr. Gonzales explained that this is an opportunity to recognize the behind-the-scenes work that the Health Department does to keep the community safe and healthy. Mr. Gonzales added that this is an opportunity to reflect on the history of health in Larimer County. Mr. Gonzales detailed the history of the Health Department, noting that since the department’s founding 57 years ago, there have only been four appointed Public Health Directors. This is a testament to their leadership and continuity and the consistent support and partnership of the Larimer County Board of Health, the Board of County Commissioners, and Larimer County administration. This year’s theme perfectly embodies that partnership.

The following Health Department staff members provided context for the “Ready. Set. Action!” theme: Andrea Clement-Johnson, Deputy Public Health Director; Bob MacDonald, Environmental Health Services Director; and Kori Solt, Communications and Technology Manager. Ms. Clement-Johnson explained that the concept of “Ready” means understanding the health needs of the community and being prepared to respond. Mr. MacDonald explained that the concept of “Set” refers to all the systems, infrastructure, and partnerships that the department puts in place so that all Larimer County residents can make healthy choices in their lives. Ms. Solt explained that “Action” is how the Health Department shows up in the community by providing outreach, building trust, and making public health information clear and accessible. Ms. Solt also mentioned the Community Health Improvement Plan, in which the department partners with schools and community groups to reduce isolation, strengthen connection, and improve overall wellbeing.

The Board asked a series of questions regarding the current need for clinic services, as well as projects the Health Department is currently working on, such as the Community Health Improvement Plan and the Child Fatality Review Board. Mr. Gonzales provided some historical and current data regarding clinic services. Mr. Gonzales gave some examples of ways the department is working to increase inclusion and reduce isolation, especially in smaller communities such as Red Feather Lakes and Berthoud. Mr. Gonzales also explained their work on reducing preventable deaths in children under age 18 from causes such as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), traffic fatalities caused by distracted driving and speeding, and suicide.

Commissioner Stephens read the proclamation.

The Board thanked Mr. Gonzales and all of the Health Department staff and partners for the work they do, especially considering the difficulties they face due to public skepticism and funding issues.

County Manager Volker thanked the Health Department staff for their work, and commended them for the partnerships they have made across the state and the nation.

MOTION

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the proclamation declaring April 6 – 12, 2026, as National Public Health Week.

Motion carried 2-0.

The Board took a brief recess.

The Board returned to session.

2. PROCLAIM APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

MONTH: Thad Paul, Division Manager for the Human Services Child, Youth and Family Division, stated that every April, blue pinwheels are placed in yards across the country to symbolize a bright, healthy and uncomplicated childhood for every child. This proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month is a public promise to continue to focus on the urgent issues of child abuse and neglect. Mr. Paul also encouraged members of the community to join the effort by advocating, volunteering, or offering support to a parent in need.

Mr. Paul noted that the impact of childhood trauma does not end when a child turns 18. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) create ripples of impact across physical and mental health for generations. Child abuse can be prevented by building a village of support that includes educators, health care providers, law enforcement, community- and faith-based organizations, and local businesses. In the past year, Larimer County received 7,000 referrals involving over 5,500 unique children, 2,000 of which required a formal assessment. Instead of focusing on their friends and education, these children were facing circumstances that required intervention. Mr. Paul shared some success stories of families who sought and received help in the community.

The Board asked if the acuity or severity of child abuse in Larimer County has increased or decreased over time. Mr. Paul responded that the data has remained steady, so the number of referrals remains about the same from year-to-year. Many families are at a higher acuity level, meaning that they are facing budgetary challenges and lack of resources at a greater rate than in the past.

The Board also asked about the department's ongoing focus on kinship care and foster care, as well as what the County's role is with adoption. Mr. Paul responded that when a referral is received, the primary goal is to mitigate risk and safety issues to allow the child to stay in their home. The next best option is kinship care. Keeping children with family members who already know them and understand their daily lives and culture can make the transition much easier. If kinship care is not available, local foster care within Larimer County is the next option to allow the child to stay at their school and in their community. Congregate care such as group homes and residential facilities is a last resort. Mr. Paul also emphasized the need for more foster care providers in Larimer County and encouraged interested households to apply.

Commissioner Stephens read the proclamation.

The Board thanked Mr. Paul for highlighting the importance of prevention. Calling on the community to act can help get resources to families who need help. The Board thanked Mr. Paul and his team for their work, and noted that protecting children is the most important work that is done in the County.

County Manager Volker added that the County has many safety-net services, and that interventions do not have to be scary. The goal is always to keep children and families safe. Manager Volker thanked the team for their work and shared that foster care information can be found by searching the word "foster" in the search bar at www.larimer.gov.

MOTION

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the proclamation declaring April 2026 as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

Motion carried 2-0.

The Board took a brief recess.

The Board returned to session.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally joined the meeting by phone.

3. GRANT AWARD LETTER AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANT

AGREEMENT: Matthew Lafferty, Principal Planner, presented this discussion item, requesting that the Board of County Commissioners authorize receipt of a \$5,200,000 grant award from the Energy and Carbon Management Commission (ECMC) to support Larimer County in managing the plugging and decommissioning of fifty orphaned wells and two additional oil and gas locations within Larimer County, which were previously owned by Prospect Energy.

Mr. Lafferty provided some background on the work that Larimer County has done in recent years regarding air quality, water quality, and environmental protections. Larimer County adopted substantial oil and gas regulations that are some of the most stringent in the state. This allowed the County to pursue oil and gas operators that were flaring gases or had equipment that was leaking gases or fumes.

Mr. Lafferty explained that in a first-of-its-kind partnership, Larimer County will hire a contractor to complete plugging and site cleanup for 50 wells in the Prospect Energy oil field by July of 2028. The well sites have aging infrastructure that pose significant health and safety risks. The project will include full reimbursement from the state's Orphan Well Program. These efforts will improve regional air quality, reduce hydrocarbon emissions, support public health, and ensure responsible energy development. Mr. Lafferty also detailed the timeline of the project.

Matt Sura, special counsel for Larimer County, stated that the Community Development Department and the County Attorney's Office did most of the work on this project and collaborated very well with each other. Mr. Sura provided insight throughout the project regarding oil and gas matters, which is his area of expertise.

The Board asked what kind of soil, air, and groundwater quality mitigations will be done with this project. Mr. Lafferty shared that conversations have already taken place about how to research the soil health and other environmental factors, and explained how the plugging operations will help to mitigate future risk. Mr. Sura added that soil contamination is already evident, but the hope is that groundwater has not been contaminated.

The Board asked how the public will be informed, and Mr. Lafferty offered some suggestions. The Board asked about the expected timeframes for the project, and about the significance of the \$5.2 million grant award. Mr. Lafferty responded that hopefully operations will begin towards the end of summer 2026, and work should be completed by July of 2028 or sooner. Mr. Lafferty also explained

how this grant funding came about, and that Larimer County is the first in the state to pursue this type of funding. The Board and Mr. Sura discussed his role in creating partnerships across the state.

The Board thanked Mr. Lafferty and Mr. Sura for their work on this project. The Board also thanked everyone that was a partner on this project. This project will alleviate many environmental concerns. The Board also commended the community members who brought some of these issues forward when Prospect Energy was still operating. This project is an example of the County's dedication and commitment to shared values. Clean air, clean water, and clean land are shared values that everyone can agree on.

County Manager Volker commented that the state has entrusted Larimer County with \$5.2 million, which is a testament to the team's hard work. Plugging these 50 wells will be a great accomplishment for Larimer County.

MOTION

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Energy and Carbon Management Commissioner Orphaned Well Program Intergovernmental Grant Agreement.

Motion carried 3-0.

7. **COUNTY MANAGER UPDATE:** County Manager Volker updated the Board on various projects and activities.
8. **COMMISSIONER ACTIVITY REPORTS:** The Board detailed their attendance at events during the previous week.
9. **LEGAL MATTERS:** None requested.

With there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:20 a.m.


JODY SHADDUCK-MCNALLY, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TINA HARRIS
CLERK & RECORDER
ATTEST:


Lindsey Trachy, Deputy Clerk

