

**Minutes
Board of County Commissioners
Regular Meeting**

June 10, 2025

A. 9:00 - Call to the Public

The "Call to the Public" agenda item is a time when the community members may bring forth items of interest or concern that are not already on the day's agenda. If you would like to speak about an agenda item, please hold your comments until that time in the meeting. The format is presentation, but the BOCC or staff may answer straightforward questions, and the Chair may limit speaker time to 3 minutes. No formal action may be taken on topics raised in Call to the Public due to Colorado Open Meetings Law. Any topics that require back-and-forth dialogue will be referred to commissioners or staff for discussion outside the meeting or placed on a future work session or agenda for action. Written comments can be submitted electronically via our website.

The meeting on June 10, 2025 was called to order at 9:00 AM by the Chair of the Board.

Mark Castrodale, Ouray County Planning Director asked about the housing needs study, and offered to be the County's representative.

All three commissioners, Kara Rhoades, Ouray County Interim County Manager, and Director Castrodale discussed the housing needs study and the County's representation.

Leo Caselli, Ouray County Attorney suggested this could come back for formal agreement at the next meeting.

B. 9:30 - Consent Agenda

Commissioner Padgett asked to pull the February 25, 2025 minutes.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Padgett to Approve the consent agenda with the exception of item B.2.a. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

All three commissioners discussed changes to the February 25, 2025 minutes, which included limiting back-and-forth conversation and improving context when referring to previous meetings.

All three commissioners agreed to bring the minutes back during a future meeting with the changes discussed.

1. Request for approval of Expenditures
2. Request for approval of the following minutes:
 - a. February 25, 2025

b. March 4, 2025

3. Request for approval of Public Trustee Report:

C. 9:35 - General Business

1. Request for adoption of Proclamation 2025-009 declaring June 2025 as Men's Health Month:

Presented by Kristin Kelley, Ouray County Public Health Director.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Padgett and seconded by Commissioner Nauer to adopt Proclamation 2025-009 declaring June 2025 as Men's Health Month. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

2. Request for adoption of Proclamation 2025-010 declaring June 2025 as Pride Month:

Presented by Ames Risch, with Ouray County Pride.

Commissioner Niece asked if there was a request to fly the pride flag.

Risch stated they would like the county to consider flying the pride flag during the month of June.

All three commissioners expressed support.

Risch explained changes made to the celebration for 2025.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Padgett and seconded by Commissioner Nauer to adopt Proclamation 2025-010 declaring June 2025 as Pride Month, and to fly the pride flag at the Fairgrounds during the month of June. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

3. Request for adoption of Proclamation 2025-011 Declaring June 2025 as Immigrant Heritage Month:

Presented by Kaisa Simon, with Tri-County Health.

Commissioner Niece noted that most American citizens are the descendants of immigrants, and that this is an important proclamation due to the federal government's current narrative on immigrants.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Padgett and seconded by Commissioner Nauer to adopt Proclamation 2025-011 declaring June 2025 as Immigrant Heritage Month. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

4. Request for adoption of Proclamation 2025-012 recognizing June 27th, 2025 as Scott Morrill Appreciation Day:

Presented by Jennifer Peterson, Ouray County Public Information Officer.

Commissioners Nauer and Padgett expressed their appreciation for Morrill's service and dedication to the Western Slope.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Padgett to adopt Proclamation 2025-012 recognizing June 27th, 2025 as Scott Morrill Appreciation Day. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

5. Request for approval and authorization of Chair's signature on the Special Event Permit and Agreement for the 2025 San Juan Trail Triathlon:

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Padgett and seconded by Commissioner Nauer to approve and authorize the Chair's signature on the Special Event Permit and Agreement for the 2025 San Juan Trail Triathlon. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

6. Request for approval and authorization of Chair's signature on the Special Event Permit and Agreement for the 2025 Hardrock Hundred Endurance Race:

Commissioner Padgett noted some inconsistencies regarding dates, some typographical issues and a URL that was incorrect.

Commissioner Niece asked if this could be approved with staff direction to correct the mistakes mentioned.

Commissioner Padgett expressed support for approving with the direction mentioned.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Padgett and seconded by Commissioner Nauer to approve and authorize the Chair's signature on the Special Event Permit and Agreement for the 2025 Hardrock Hundred Endurance Race with the contingency that the incorrect years, live stream URL, and aid station table within the 2025 operating plan are corrected by staff working with the event organizer. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

7. Request for approval and authorization of Chair's signature on the Special Event Permit and Agreement for the 2025 Mt. Sneffels Half Marathon - 10K:

County Attorney Caselli stated that changes need to be made to the waiver.

Commissioner Niece asked if this needed to be brought back at a future meeting.

County Attorney Caselli stated that this could be approved today with a contingency in the motion.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Padgett and seconded by Commissioner Nauer to approve and authorize the Chair's signature on the Special Event Permit and Agreement for the 2025 Mt. Sneffels Half Marathon - 10K contingent that the updated version of the waiver is approved by the City and the Town. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

8. Request for approval and authorization of County Manager and Chair's signature on the Tri-River Area MOU with CSU:

Commissioner Padgett stated she was unclear of the County's percentage of the total cost, and would have liked to see a fiscal impact form included to better understand the

costs to the County.

Interim County Manager Rhoades offered to bring it back to the next meeting with additional clarification and a fiscal impact form.

Commissioner Niece noted this item as tabled and asked to have it brought back at the next meeting.

No action was taken on this item.

9. Request for approval and authorization of County Manager's signature on Federal Lands Access Program Red Mountain Pass Project MOA:

Presented by Kara Rhoades, Ouray County Interim County Manager.

Interim County Manager Rhoades noted she was still gathering additional financial information.

Commissioner Padgett, County Attorney Caselli and Interim County Manager Rhoades discussed the fiscal impact on the County.

Tanya Ishikawa, Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership (UWP), suggested UWP would like to be part of this process and asked about the timeline for the project.

Interim County Manager Rhoades suggested reaching out to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for more information.

Commissioner Niece asked if this was ready for approval or if it should be brought back at a future meeting with direction for the Interim County Manager to join meetings regarding the project.

All three commissioners discussed.

Commissioner Niece noted this item as tabled and directed the Interim County Manager to participate in future meetings regarding the project.

No action was taken on this item.

10. Request for approval and authorization of County Manager's signature on Fuel Card Service Agreement through Wex:

Presented by Kara Rhoades, Ouray County Interim County Manager. She noted this was in response to the Road and Bridge fuel pumps going down.

Commissioner Padgett and County Attorney Caselli discussed accessibility for this program on the Western Slope.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Padgett to approve and authorize the County Manager's signature on the Fuel Card Service Agreement through Wex with the changes discussed during the meeting. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

11. Request for approval and authorization of Chair's signature on the Stryker Contract for Preventative Maintenance:

Commissioner Niece asked whether this had been budgeted for in 2025.

Interim County Manager Rhoades stated that it was not budgeted, but the contract is essential for EMS operations.

Commissioner Padgett expressed support for the agreement so long as the financial structure listed in the contract is adhered to.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Padgett and seconded by Commissioner Nauer to approve and authorize the Chair's signature on the Stryker contract for Preventative Maintenance with the condition that the price quote is still applicable, and that Interim County Manager Rhoades provides a fiscal impact form. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

D. 10:00 - The Board of County Commissioners will convene as the Board of Health to consider the following items

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Health.

1. Public Health Director Update:

Presented by Kristin Kelley, Ouray County Public Health Director.

E. 10:30 - Ty Barger, Road and Bridge Superintendent

The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

1. Road and Bridge Report:

Presented by Ty Barger, Ouray County Road and Bridge Superintendent.

All three commissioners and Superintendent Barger discussed seeding the area damaged by the rockfall disaster on County Road 361.

Superintendent Barger continued his update.

Commissioner Padgett and Superintendent Barger discussed whether the gas spill resulting from the damaged fuel pumps required a report to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).

Superintendent Barger continued his update.

Commissioner Padgett and Superintendent Barger discussed positive community feedback regarding the closure of County Road 361 above the Senator Gulch gate.

2. Request for approval and authorization of Chair's signature on 2025 Summer Road Maintenance Agreement with Miller Mesa Road Association, Inc. (MMRA) for County Road 5:

Presented by Ty Barger, Ouray County Road and Bridge Superintendent.

All three commissioners, County Attorney Caselli, Barger and Gary Hollowell, County Road 5 resident, discussed the 2025 Summer Road Maintenance Agreement.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Padgett to approve and authorize the Chair's signature on the 2025 Summer Road Maintenance Agreement with Miller Mesa Road Association, Inc. (MMRA) for County Road 5. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

F. 11:00 - Glenn Boyd, County Emergency Manager

1. Emergency Management Update:

Presented by Glenn Boyd, Ouray County Emergency Manager.

2. Request for Road & Bridge to Clear a Non-HUTF Road to Access the Red 3 Repeater Site:

Presented by Glenn Boyd, Ouray County Emergency Manager.

All three commissioners, Boyd and Superintendent Barger discussed the effects this project would have on the Road and Bridge Department, and other agencies who would benefit that could potentially help.

All three commissioners expressed hesitancy to grant this request, citing strained resources in the Road and Bridge Department.

No action was taken on this item.

Superintendent Barger reminded the board of a work session regarding a request from Cedar Hill Cemetery for Road and Bridge to provide gravel for their roads, but noted the county does not have the gravel to provide.

All three commissioners, Superintendent Barger and Interim County Manager Rhoades discussed the request.

G. 12:00 - Planning Commission Interviews

1. Kelly Ryan

Kelly Ryan introduced herself and described her interest in an appointment to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Niece, Commissioner Padgett, County Attorney Caselli and Ryan discussed the time commitment for the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Nauer and Ryan discussed the Master Plan, and whether it aligned with Ryan's vision for the community.

Commissioner Niece asked how Ryan would handle a conflict of interest.

Ryan explained that she would abstain or recuse herself from any conflict of interest.

All three commissioners expressed support for Ryan's appointment to the Planning Commission.

All three commissioners, County Attorney Caselli and Ryan discussed increasing working-age adult participation in the Planning Commission and highlighted recreation as her primary focus.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Padgett and seconded by Commissioner Nauer to appoint Kelly Ryan to the Planning Commission. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

12:50 - Lunch

H. 1:30 - Executive Session - The Board of County Commissioners may convene

into an Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) and (e); for a conference with legal counsel and the county manager to: receive legal advice on specific legal questions; and, if authorized, determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, develop strategy for negotiations, and/or instruct negotiators for Docket Nos. 2019CW3098, 2021CW3064, 2025CV30000.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Padgett to convene in an Executive Session as listed under item H on the agenda. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

County Attorney Caselli read the board into the Executive Session.

County Attorney Caselli read the board out of the Executive Session.

Participants in the Executive Session:

Commissioner Niece

Commissioner Nauer

Commissioner Padgett

Kara Rhoades - Interim County Manager

Leo Caselli - County Attorney

Marita Robinson - Deputy County Attorney

The following were participants only for docket number 2025CV30000:

Mark Castrodale - County Planning Director

Bryan Sampson - Senior County Planner

Steven Weggman - County Building Inspector

Bernard Woessner - Outside Legal Counsel

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Padgett to authorize settlement negotiations for docket number 2025CV30000 as discussed during the executive session. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

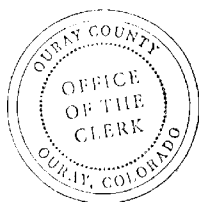
3:20 PM - With no further business, the Board of County Commissioners adjourned.

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on June 10, 2025. Those present for the session were Commissioner Padgett, Commissioner Niece, Commissioner Nauer; Kara Rhoades, Interim County Manager; Leo Caselli, County Attorney; Marita Robinson, Deputy County Attorney; Jennifer Peterson, Public Information Officer; Mark Chambers, IT Technician; and Eli Holmes, Executive Assistant I and Deputy Clerk to the Board.

These minutes were approved on December 9, 2025.

Commissioner	Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
Niece	X			
Nauer	X			
Padgett	X			

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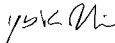


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Cristy Lynn, Clerk and Recorder
By: Eli Holmes, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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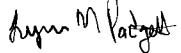
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