

**Minutes
Board of County Commissioners
Regular Meeting**

June 24, 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.

Randy Mathis, President of the Fairway Pines HOA, discussed changing the location of the mailboxes for the Fairway Pines neighborhood, and requested county assistance. Commissioner Padgett suggested the HOA work with Land Use staff and County Attorney Leo Caselli.

John Peters, Fairway Pines HOA Board member, provided some additional history on the issue and suggested moving the mailboxes to the original location.

Commissioner Niece directed staff to work with the HOA to move the location of the mailboxes.

Ken Miller, Ouray Cattlemen's Association, requested the Cattlemen's association take over the flying of the flags from Ouray County as they had done in the past through an MOU.

All three commissioners and Miller discussed the previous MOU between the County and the Cattlemen's Association, other ways the Association could help with the flags, and the reason for the request.

Glenn Boyd, Ouray County Emergency Manager, presented updated information on the Snowshed Fire on US Highway 550 south of Ouray.

Justin Perry, Ouray County Sheriff, thanked local businesses in Ouray for the hospitality for the emergency responders for the fire. He also discussed some communication failures they have experienced.

Commissioner Padgett, Sheriff Perry and Emergency Manager Boyd discussed the lack of availability of Crystal Reservoir to fight the fire.

Jeff Bockes, IT Manager, addressed the communication failures, and stated that they had received an offer from Verizon for additional communication help.

Emergency Manager Boyd stated that mobile service is not the issue, but rather the radio communication relied upon by emergency services.

B. 9:30 - Consent Agenda

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Padgett to approve the consent agenda. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

1. Request for approval of Expenditures
2. Request for approval of the following minutes:
 - a. February 25, 2025
 - b. March 18, 2025
3. Request for approval to appoint Planning Director Mark Castrodale as the County representative to the Housing Needs Assessment Steering Committee led by the Town of Ridgway:

C. 9:35 - General Business

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

Presented by Kara Rhoades, Interim County Manager.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Padgett to approve and authorize the County Manager and Chair's signatures on the Tri-River Area MOU with CSU and the Chair's signature on the Fiscal Impact Form. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

2. Request for approval and authorization of County Manager's signature on Federal Lands Access Program Red Mountain Pass Project MOA and the Chair's signature on the Fiscal Impact Form:

Presented by Kara Rhoades, Interim County Manager.

All three commissioners and Interim County Manager Rhoades discussed the MOA which included details about specific parking projects at Crystal Reservoir, the horseshoe parking south of Ouray and bathrooms at the project locations, as well as when funds would need to be obligated.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Padgett and seconded by Commissioner Nauer to approve and authorize the County Manager's signature on the Federal Lands Access Program Red Mountain Pass Project MOA and the Chair's signature on the Fiscal Impact Form and to give direction to the County Manager to discuss the County's preferences. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

3. Request for approval and authorization of Chair's signature on the Modification of Grant or Agreement as described in Exhibit A - Cooperative Law

Enforcement Annual Operating and Financial Plan between the Ouray County Sheriff's Office and the United States Forest Service (USFS) Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) and on the Fiscal Impact Form:

Commissioner Niece asked about a monetary addition listed that doesn't increase the amount from previous years.

Commissioner Niece, Commissioner Padgett, County Attorney Caselli, Interim County Manager Rhoades and Eli Holmes, Executive Assistant I and Deputy Clerk of the Board discussed the document.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Padgett and seconded by Commissioner Nauer to approve and authorize the Chair's signature on the Modification of Grant or Agreement as described in Exhibit A - Cooperative Law enforcement Annual Operating and Financial Plan between the Ouray County Sheriff's Office and the United States Forest Service (USFS) Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) and on the Fiscal Impact Form with the changes discussed during the meeting. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

4. Request for approval and authorization of the Chair's signature on the Contract with Stryker for Preventative Maintenance and Battery Service:

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Padgett to approve and authorize the Chair's signature on the contract with Stryker for Preventative Maintenance and Battery Service, and on the Fiscal Impact Form. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

D. 9:45 - Ellen Gross / Michelle Garrett, MGT Consulting LLC

1. Cost Allocation Report:

Presented by Ellen Gross and Michelle Garrett, MGT Consulting LLC.

Commissioner Nauer asked for clarification on whether calculations in the report were MGT's calculations.

Garrett confirmed and explained the calculations.

10:20 - The Board recessed for a break.

E. 10:00 - The Board of County Commissioners will convene as the Board of Human Services to consider the following items

10:30 - The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Human Services.

1. Request for approval of the following reports and authorization of the Chair's signature on the certification page:
 - a. Balance Sheet, April 2025:
 - b. Earned Revenue and Expenditures, April 2025:

- c. Expenditures through Electronic Benefit Transfers, May 2025:
- d. Check Register for the Month of May 2025:
- e. County Allocation / MOE Report April 2025:

Presented by Linnea Edwards, Ouray County Human Services Director.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Padgett to approve the Balance Sheet for April 2025, the Earned Revenue and Expenditures for April 2025, the Expenditures through Electronic Benefit Transfers for May 2025, the Check Register for May 2025, and the County Allocation/MOE report for April 2025. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

2. Caseload Report:

Presented by Linnea Edwards, Ouray County Human Services Director.

- 3. Request for acceptance of Deputy Human Services Director's signature on the Memorandum of Understanding concerning Ouray County's Collaborative Management Plan and approval and authorization of the Chair's signature on the Fiscal Impact Form:

Presented by Linnea Edwards, Ouray County Human Services Director.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Padgett and seconded by Commissioner Nauer to approve and authorize the Chair's signature on the Collaborative Management Memorandum of Understanding and on the Fiscal Impact Form. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

F. 10:30 - Justin Perry, Ouray County Sheriff

10:45 - The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

1. Annual Update:

Overall Department Update

Presented by Justin Perry, Ouray County Sheriff and Tammy Stroup, Ouray County Undersheriff.

Commissioner Nauer asked about the increase in calls from 2023 to 2024, and whether they are still seeing an increase.

Undersheriff Stroup stated that she doesn't have official figures, but expects another increase. She then continued the update.

Commissioner Padgett asked about livestock crimes.

Undersheriff Stroup explained the types of crimes involving livestock that they see. She then continued the update.

Patrol Division Update

Presented by Derek Linnell, Sergeant and Bernie Chism, Sergeant.

Commissioner Padgett asked for a real example of improved response times to help the

public understand the importance.

Linnell shared several recent examples of improved response times.

Commissioner Padgett asked whether the department had staffing issues at night, and wondered if the department was fully staffed.

Sheriff Perry stated that the department has one more position to fill to be fully staffed.

Commissioner Padgett and Sheriff Perry discussed liability issues with being understaffed.

Investigations Division Update

Presented by Gio Mendoza, Investigator.

Office Administrator Update

Presented by Jessica Tice, Evidence Technician.

Courthouse Security Division Update

Presented by Leo Rasmussen, Courthouse Security Officer.

Commissioner Nauer asked whether tourists who come to the courthouse are counted towards the total number of visitors.

Rasmussen stated that anyone that makes contact with the security team is counted.

Sheriff Perry asked whether they should be keeping track of that data.

Commissioner Padgett suggested that the data could be useful if it is convenient to track.

Evidence Division Update

Presented by Jessica Tice, Evidence Technician.

2. Victim's Advocacy Program Update:

Presented by Tabitha Champlin, Ouray County Victim's Advocate.

Commissioner Padgett asked for a work session to discuss the Victim's Advocacy position.

Sheriff Perry suggested that there needs to be additional discussion about funding for that position.

G. 11:30 - Public Hearing - Plat Amendment

[Public Comments may be submitted in writing prior to the hearing and should be received no later than 3:00PM on June 23, 2025. Alternatively, oral testimony will be accepted during the hearing.]

1. The purpose of the hearing is to review an application by the Jill Dorsey Hart Revocable Trust for approval of a Plat Amendment to Units 5 and 6 of the Pointe Escape Subdivision. The purpose of the Amendment is to combine Unit 5 and Unit 6 into one contiguous parcel and adjust the build area:

Commissioner Niece described the public hearing process.

Staff Presentation

Presented by Dan Hughes, Ouray County Planner.

Commissioner Padgett noted the unique request to combine the build areas from two separate parcels.

Hughes suggested that the reason for that is normally these requests include a property with a building present, and this request does not currently have a building present.

Commissioner Padgett asked whether the applicant was planning on using the whole build area.

Hughes stated that the applicant is only planning on a 3,000 square foot home or less.

Applicant Presentation

Presented by Jill Hart, applicant. She described the project as a retirement and family home. She explained that the reason for the large building envelope is to allow for some flexibility regarding the location of the home.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Deliberations

Commissioner Niece stated that he did not have concerns and is ready to move forward.

Commissioner Nauer said she is comfortable with the request.

Commissioner Padgett expressed her support for the request.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Padgett and seconded by Commissioner Nauer to approve the Hart Plat Amendment subject to the six conditions listed by staff. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

Rollcall vote was called:

Nauer - Yes

Niece - Yes

Padgett - Yes

H. 12:00 - The Board of County Commissioners will convene as the Board of Health concerning the following

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

1. Request for acceptance of Public Health Director's signature on the Memorandum of Understanding concerning Ouray County's Collaborative Management Plan and approval and authorization of the Chair's signature on the Fiscal Impact Form (This item is the same as item E3):

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Padgett and seconded by Commissioner Nauer to approve and authorize the Public Health Director's or the Chair's signature on the Memorandum of Understanding concerning Ouray County's Collaborative Management Plan and to approve and authorize the Chair's signature on the fiscal impact form. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

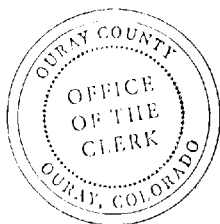
12:03 PM - Meeting Adjourned

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on June 24, 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; 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			

Attest:



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