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Damon Todd, Clerk and Recorder, Ouray County, CO

**Minutes
Board of County Commissioners
Regular Meeting**

July 29, 2025

1. 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 July 29, 2025 was called to order at 9:00 AM by the Chair of the Board.

a. Mosquito Problem

Holly Bennett, Dallas Meadows resident, commented on a mosquito problem at the south end of the Ridgway State Park.

Kristin Kelley, Ouray County Public Health Director, spoke in support of the Dallas Meadows residents.

Commissioner Niece asked Public Health Director Kelley to reach out to the Town of Ridgway and Ridgway State Park and asked for a summary.

Commissioner Padgett asked Public Health Director Kelley to look for a late-season solution.

Public Health Director Kelley explained that a written agreement may have mitigated the issue.

Commissioners discussed the current MOU between the Town of Ridgway and the County, which includes an agreement for mosquito control.

Mark Borland, Dallas Meadows resident, spoke about the mosquito control district in Delta and how effective the district has been.

Commissioners Niece and Padgett discussed the long-term plan with regard to mosquito mitigation.

Joannie Lowery, County Road 24 resident, explained that mosquitoes have been a problem since the dam was installed in 1987.

Commissioner Padgett agreed and thought this year was an outlier and the county needed to figure out a quick solution.

2. 9:30 - Consent Agenda

Commissioner Padgett stated that item 2c is not in the public packet and is not on the public agenda.

Commissioner Padgett, Commissioner Niece, County Attorney, Leo Caselli, Interim

County Manager, Kara Rhoades, and Deputy Clerk of the Board, Eli Holmes, discussed the discrepancy between the packet and the agenda for item 2c.

M/S/P Motion was made by Michelle Nauer and seconded by Lynn Padgett to approve the consent agenda with items 2a and 2b. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

- a. Request for approval of Expenditures:
- b. Request for approval and authorization of Chair's signature on a 2025 Budgetary Transfer:
- c. Request to ratify the Chair's and County Manager's signatures on the Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement Fund Semi-Annual Report Form:

3. 9:35 - General Business

- a. Request for approval and authorization of Chair's signature on VALE Grant Application for Budget year 2026 and on the Pre-Grant Form:

This item was not considered and was moved to a later meeting.

- b. Appointment of District 2 Commissioner - Michelle Nauer - as a Representative to METSA with Sheriff Justin Perry as an Alternate Representative:

M/S/P Motion was made by Lynn Padgett and seconded by Michelle Nauer to Appoint District 2 Commissioner, Michelle Nauer, as a representative to METSA with Sheriff Justin Perry as an alternate representative. Motion (3 - 0).

- c. Request to adopt **Resolution 2025-023** - Delegating 911 Charge Authority

M/S/P Motion was made by Michelle Nauer and seconded by Lynn Padgett to adopt Resolution 2025-023. Motion (3 - 0).

- d. Request for adoption of **Resolution 2025-024** approving a Final Plat Amendment of Units 5 and 6 of the Pointe Escape Common Interest Community and the Chair's signature on the Final Plat: (This application was approved during the June 24, 2025 meeting.)

M/S/P Motion was made by Lynn Padgett and seconded by Michelle Nauer to Adopt Resolution 2025-024 approving a final plat amendment of units 5 and 6 of the Pointe Escape Common Interest Community and authorize the Chair's signature . Motion (3 - 0).

- e. Request for adoption of **Proclamation 2025-013** acknowledging appreciation for Tim Zirbel:

Presented by Jennifer Peterson, Public Information Officer.

Will Clapsadl, Facilities Manager, thanked the board for acknowledging Tim's work for the county.

Jeff Bockes, IT Manager, thanked Tim for his dedication.

M/S/P Motion was made by Michelle Nauer and seconded by Lynn Padgett to Adopt Proclamation 2025-013 acknowledging appreciation for Tim Zirbel. Motion (3 - 0).

- f. Request for adoption of **Proclamation 2025-014** declaring August 5, 2025 as National Night Out:

Presented by Justin Perry, Ouray County Sheriff.

M/S/P Motion was made by Lynn Padgett and seconded by Michelle Nauer to Adopt Proclamation 2025-014 declaring August 5, 2025 as National Night Out. Motion (3 - 0).

- g. Request for adoption of **Proclamation 2025-015** declaring the week of August 1-7 Breastfeeding Week:

Presented by Kristin Kelley, Ouray County Public Health Director.

M/S/P Motion was made by Lynn Padgett and seconded by Michelle Nauer to Adopt Proclamation 2025-015 declaring the week of August 1-7 Breastfeeding Week. Motion (3 - 0).

- h. Consideration of Thistle Community Housing's official request for the \$50,000 previously committed by Ouray County:

Presented by Commissioner Niece.

Commissioner Niece, Commissioner Padgett, Commissioner Nauer and County Attorney Caselli discussed terms and potential errors within the Deed Restriction document. They also discussed contingencies for approval.

M/S/P Motion was made by Lynn Padgett and seconded by Michelle Nauer to Approve the request contingent on approval by DOLA and the City of Ouray, and using the money in the grant match fund to pay the \$50,000. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

- i. Request for approval and authorization of Commissioner's signatures on Letter of Support for the Crystal Reservoir proposed Conveyance:

Presented by Commissioner Padgett.

This item was tabled for the next meeting.

Sheriff Perry expressed his support for this conveyance and explained how it would have helped with the fire on Red Mountain earlier in the summer.

- j. Review and examination by the Board of County Commissioners of the Semi-Annual Report of the Ouray County Treasurer (January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025):

M/S/P Motion was made by Lynn Padgett and seconded by Michelle Nauer to

acknowledge the Board's review and examination of the Semi-Annual Report of the Ouray County Treasurer. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

4. 10:00 - The Board of County Commissioners will convene as the Local Liquor Licensing Authority to consider the following:

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Local Liquor Licensing Authority.

- a. Renewal of Liquor License for Cornerstone Club and Change of Manager:

Commissioner Nauer commented that the 3rd attachment which is the change form is not signed on page 8 of the attachment.

M/S/P Motion was made by Michelle Nauer and seconded by Lynn Padgett to Approve the renewal of the liquor license for Cornerstone Club and the Change of Manager, contingent on the document receiving appropriate signatures. Motion (3 - 0).

5. 10:30 - 30-Minute Break

10:29 - The Board recessed for a break.

6. 11:00 - The Board of County Commissioners will convene as the Board of Health to consider the following:

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

- a. Request for Approval of Public Health Director's signature on the MOU between Ouray County Public Health and Western Colorado Health Network and the Chair's signature on the Fiscal Impact Form:

Presented by Kristin Kelley, Ouray County Public Health Director.

Commissioner Nauer, Commissioner Niece, Commissioner Padgett, County Attorney Caselli and Public Health Director Kelley discussed the MOU.

County Attorney Caselli and Public Health Director Kelley discussed the BC4U program.

M/S/P Motion was made by Michelle Nauer and seconded by Lynn Padgett to Approve the Public Health Director's signature on the MOU between Ouray County Public Health and Western Colorado Health Network and the Chair's signature on the Fiscal Impact Form. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

11:17 - The Board recessed for a break.

7. 11:30 - Blair and Associates, P.C.

The Board reconvened as The Board of County Commissioners.

- a. Presentation of 2024 Audited Financial Report:

Presented by Peter Blair, Blair and Associates P.C.

Commissioner Padgett, Commissioner Niece, Commissioner Nauer and Blair discussed the 2024 Audited Financial Report.

No action was taken on this item.

8. 12:30 - Lunch

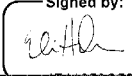
12:25 PM - With no further business, the Board of County Commissioners adjourned.

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on July 29, 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.

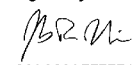
These Minutes were approved on January 27, 2026.

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

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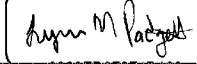
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