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**Minutes
Board of County Commissioners
Regular Meeting**

August 26, 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 August 26, 2025 was called to order at 9:00 AM by the Chair of the Board.

No public comment.

2. 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).

- a. Request for approval of Expenditures:
- b. Request for approval and authorization of Chair's signature on Fund Transfer Approval Forms (3) as approved by **Resolution 2025-026** (August 19, 2025):

3. 9:35 - General Business

- a. Request for Approval and Authorization of Chair's signature on the Educational Affiliation Agreement between Ouray County and the Colorado School of Public Health and on the Fiscal Impact Form:

Commissioner Padgett described the educational affiliation agreement.

Carolyn Dresler, Ouray County Regional Services Authority representative, explained the agreement further.

Commissioner Niece, Commissioner Padgett and Dresler discussed whether Public Health or the County as a whole should be the listed agency, and the collaboration allowed through the agreement.

No action was taken to allow for Cat Lichtenbelt, Community Paramedic, who was not present, to make a presentation. The Board decided to come back to this

when Lichtenbelt arrived.

9:55 AM

Lichtenbelt presented the Educational Affiliation Agreement with Colorado School of Public Health.

Commissioner Nauer, Lichtenbelt and Dresler discussed the purpose of the agreement, needs in the community, and costs associated with the agreement.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Padgett and seconded by Commissioner Nauer to Approve the Chair's signature on the Educational Affiliation Agreement between Ouray County and the Colorado School of Public Health and on the Fiscal Impact Form. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

- b. Request for Award of the Fuel Tank Replacement Project RFP and Approval and Authorization of the Chair's signature on the Fuel Tank Replacement Agreement and on the Fiscal Impact Form:

Ty Barger, Ouray County Road and Bridge Superintendent, recommended awarding Eaton Sales and Service LLC.

Commissioner Nauer and Superintendent Barger discussed the closure of the Ridgway fuel yard, and updating the fuel system in Ouray.

Commissioner Padgett, Superintendent Barger and Interim County Manager Kara Rhoades discussed the revenues that feed the budget line item for the fuel pump replacement.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Padgett to Accept the recommendation from the Road and Bridge Superintendent to Award the Fuel Tank Replacement Project RFP and Approve and Authorize the Chair's signature on the Fuel Tank Replacement Agreement for line item 1, which is the line item for the Ridgway Fuel Equipment replacement, and on the Fiscal Impact Form. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

- c. Request for approval and authorization of the Commissioners' signatures on a letter to the Colorado Department of Revenue to provide Interim County Manager access to all Revenue Online accounts:

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Padgett and seconded by Commissioner Nauer to Approve the letter to the Colorado Department of Revenue to provide the Interim County Manager with access to all Revenue Online accounts. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

- d. Consideration of the reappointment of Bob Johnson to the Visual Impact Review Committee with a term expiration of August 30, 2027:

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Padgett and seconded by Commissioner Nauer to reappoint Bob Johnson to the Visual Impact Review Committee with a term expiration of August 30, 2027. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

- e. Request for Approval and Authorization of Commissioners' Signatures on **Resolution 2025-029**, Authorizing a Lodging Tax Ballot Measure:

County Attorney Leo Caselli updated the BOCC with the FAQ for the Lodging Tax Ballot Measure.

Commissioner Padgett and Commissioner Niece discussed what kind of tourism marketing would be done and who would get childcare as topics brought forth by members of the public.

All three commissioners and County Attorney Caselli discussed the wording of the ballot question with regard to housing.

Commissioner Niece gave direction to add facilities after childcare and Affordable before housing in the ballot language, and for County Attorney Caselli to make any non-substantive changes necessary.

All three commissioners and County Attorney Caselli discussed changes to the ballot language and whereas statements in the resolution.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Padgett to Approve Resolution 2025-029 with the changes itemized by the County Attorney prior to the motion. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

- f. Request for Approval and Authorization of County Manager's and Chair's Signatures on Agreement Concerning Election Services:

Commissioner Padgett, Commissioner Nauer and County Attorney Caselli discussed potential financial impacts of the Agreement Concerning Election Services.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Padgett to Approve and Authorize the County Manager's and Chair's signature on the Agreement Concerning Election Services. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

4. 10:00 - The Board of County Commissioners will convene as the Board of Human Services to consider the following items

The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Human Services.

- a. Request for approval of the following reports and authorization of the Chair's signature on certification page:

Balance Sheet, June 2025:

Earned Revenue and Expenditures, July 2025:

Expenditures through Electronic Benefit Transfers, July 2025:

Check Register for the Month of July 2025:

County Allocation / MOE Report June 2025:

Presented by Linnea Edwards, Ouray County Human Services Director.

Douglas Tooley, San Miguel County resident made a comment.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner

Padgett to Approve the Balance Sheet for June 2025, The Earned Revenue and Expenditures for July 2025, the Expenditures through Electronic Benefit Transfers for July 2025, the Check Register for July 2025, and the County Allocation/MOE Report for June 2025 and Authorize the Chair's signature on the certification page. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

b. Caseload Report:

Presented by Linnea Edwards, Ouray County Human Services Director. Commissioner Padgett, Commissioner Niece and Director Edwards discussed staffing and work levels in the department.

No action was taken on this item.

5. 10:30 - Glenn Boyd, County Emergency Manager

The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

a. Request for adoption of the Ouray County Hazard Mitigation Plan:

Request for approval and authorization of Board Signatures on **Resolution 2025-028** adopting the Ouray County Hazard Mitigation Plan:

Ouray County Hazard Mitigation Plan and Appendices:

Presented by Glenn Boyd, Ouray County Emergency Manager.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Padgett to Adopt the Ouray County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

10:35 - The Board Recessed for a break.

6. 11:00 - Emergency Medical Services, Nate McCullough

a. Fire Authority Update:

Presented by Nate McCullough, Ouray County Chief Paramedic, and Devin Bullis, Ouray County Deputy Chief Paramedic.

Commissioner Padgett, Commissioner Niece and Chief McCullough discussed the staffing and cost model presented.

Commissioner Padgett, Chief McCullough and County Attorney Caselli discussed the needs of each of the potential participating districts.

Commissioner Nauer, Chief McCullough and County Attorney Caselli discussed having a service plan to share to help with educating the public and stakeholders.

No formal action was taken on this item.

b. EMS Update:

Presented by Nathan McCullough, Ouray County Chief Paramedic. Commissioner Niece, Commissioner Nauer and Chief McCullough discussed the number of responses for EMS. Chief McCullough discussed a Stryker agreement for EMT equipment that was shared during the agreement. Commissioner Padgett and Chief McCullough discussed the availability of the potential grants mentioned. Deputy Chief Bullis, Commissioner Niece and Commissioner Padgett discussed the equipment needs of the department. Deputy Chief Bullis presented the recent hirings and hiring attempts, as well as staffing and volunteer issues within the department. All three commissioners, Chief McCullough and Deputy Chief Bullis discussed potential solutions to the staffing and volunteer problems noted during the update.

No formal action was taken on this item.

7. 12:00 - Lunch

12:05 - The Board Recessed for Lunch.

8. 1:30 - Public Hearing

- a. Request for Continuance and Rescheduling of Gold Mountain Ranch SUP Hearing:

1:30 - Commissioner Niece opened the public hearing. Keller Herrin, Gold Mountain Ranch representative, presented the request for continuation. County Attorney Caselli presented potential dates for the continuation.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Padgett and seconded by Commissioner Nauer to Continue the hearing until December 16, 2025 at 1:30 PM. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

1:38 - Public Hearing closed

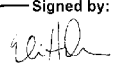
1:38 - With no further business, the Board of County Commissioners adjourned.

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on August 26, 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.

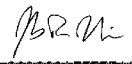
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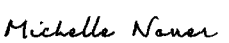
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Niece	X			
Nauer	X			
Padgett	X			

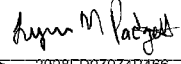
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