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Damon Todd, Clerk and Recorder, Ouray County, CO

**Minutes
Board of County Commissioners
Regular Meeting**

February 10, 2026

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 February 10, 2026 was called to order at 9:00 AM by the Chair of the Board.

Commissioner Padgett was absent from the meeting while in Washington, D.C., supporting the City of Ouray's Administrator during her testimony on the Crystal Reservoir Conveyance Act.

No public comment.

2. 9:15 - Consent Agenda

Commissioner Nauer asked to discuss the expenditures.

a. Request for approval of Expenditures

Commissioner Nauer commented on the large amount of expenditures and explained why this happens at the beginning of each year. She asked about two large transactions to CivicPlus.

Jenn Peterson, Ouray County Communications Administrator, discussed the social archival tool from CivicPlus.

Leo Caselli, Ouray County Attorney, talked about the social archival tool from CivicPlus. Commissioner Nauer asked about a transaction to Saul's Creek Engineering.

Jeff Bockes, Ouray County IT Manager, explained the transaction to Saul's Creek Engineering.

Commissioner Nauer asked about the Eaton Sales charge in the expenditures.

Sherry Peck, Ouray County HR Director, explained that this was for the fuel pumps and that the bill wasn't received in 2025.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Niece to approve the expenditures. Motion Passed (2 - 0).

b. Request for approval and authorization of the Chair's signature on the Clerk's

Monthly Remittance forms:

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Niece to approve and authorize the Chair's signature on the Clerk's Monthly Remittance forms. Motion Passed (2 - 0).

3. 9:20 - General Business

- a. Request for adoption of **Resolution 2026-004** Authorizing the County Manager to approve and sign contracts, agreements, and other documents for Calendar Year 2026:

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Niece to adopt Resolution 2026-004 authorizing the County Manager to approve and sign contracts, agreements, and other documents for Calendar Year 2026. Motion Passed (2 - 0).

- b. Request to adopt **Proclamation 2026-001** declaring February 2026 as Black History Month:

Presented by Jenn Peterson, Ouray County Communications Administrator.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Niece to adopt Proclamation 2026-001 declaring February 2026 as Black History Month. Motion Passed (2 - 0).

- c. Request for approval of the following minutes:
 - i. September 9, 2025:

Commissioner Nauer highlighted a typo in the motion for suicide prevention month for the year.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Niece to approve the September 9, 2025 minutes. Motion Passed (2 - 0).

- ii. September 22, 2025 - Special Meeting

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Niece to approve the September 22, 2025 - Special Meeting minutes. Motion Passed (2 - 0).

- d. Request for approval and authorization of the Chair's signature on the Meadow View Limited PUD - Final Plat:

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Niece to approve and authorize the Chair's signature on the Meadow View Limited PUD - Final Plat. Motion Passed (2 - 0).

- e. Request for ratification of Commissioner Padgett's signature on the support letter to Region 10, supporting the Enhanced Rural Enterprise Zone Contribution Proposal and 2026 application for the Ouray County Ranch History Museum:

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Niece to ratify Commissioner Padgett's signature on the support letter to Region 10, supporting the Enhanced Rural Enterprise Zone Contribution Proposal and 2026 application for the Ouray County Ranch History Museum. Motion Passed (2 - 0).

- f. Request for approval and authorization of the Board of County Commissioners' signatures on the 2025 HUTF Report:

Ty Barger, Road and Bridge Superintendent, discussed the choice not to make changes to this year's report.

Commissioner Nauer, Commissioner Niece and Superintendent Barger discussed the 2025 HUTF report.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Niece to approve and authorize the Board of County Commissioners' signatures on the 2025 HUTF Report. Motion Passed (2 - 0).

- g. Request for approval and ratification of the Chair's signature on the VALE Annual Report for 2025:

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

Commissioner Niece, Commissioner Nauer, and Champlin discussed the increase in Victim's Advocacy needs in Ouray County.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Niece to approve and ratify the Chair's signature on the VALE annual report for 2025. Motion Passed (2 - 0).

- h. Request for approval of the draft support letter for the Social Justice committee of the Ridgway Ouray Community Council (ROCC) in their effort to apply to AARP for membership in their Age-Friendly Network of Communities:

Presented by Vicki Warner-Huggins, Ridgway Ouray Community Council representative.

Antonio Mendez, Ouray County Manager, speaking for Commissioner Padgett, asked if the county was an applicant or if ROCC would be the applicant.

County Manager Mendez, Commissioner Niece, Commissioner Nauer and Warner-Huggins discussed the support letter and Commissioner Padgett's comments and questions.

Commissioner Niece outlined a change to the letter to state that Ouray County supports

ROCC's application, clarifying that Ouray County is not an applicant.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Niece to approve the draft support letter for the Social Justice committee of the Ridgway Ouray Community Council (ROCC) in their effort to apply to AARP for membership in their Age-Friendly Network of Communities with the change of language in the first paragraph as stated by Commissioner Niece. Motion Passed (2 - 0).

- i. Approval and Authorization of Chair's Signature on MOU Between Ouray County and Telluride Foundation-- Community Health Needs Assessment Funding

Presented by Cat Lichtenbelt, Ouray County Community Paramedic, and Devin Bullis, Ouray County Chief Deputy Paramedic.

Commissioner Niece asked what happened with the previous MOU which included the Ouray County Regional Services Authority (OCRSA).

Lichtenbelt explained the change that resulted in the RSA dropping out of the MOU.

Commissioner Nauer asked if there were changes to the agreement.

County Attorney Caselli stated that he didn't have any issues with the agreement and didn't change anything substantial from the original.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Niece to approve and authorize the Chair's signature on the MOU between Ouray County and the Telluride Foundation for Community Health Needs Assessment Funding. Motion Passed (2 - 0).

4. 9:45 - Patrick Willits, Trust for Land Restoration

- a. Request for adoption of **Resolution 2026-005** Supporting the Silver Mountain Mine Acquisition Project:

Presented by Pat Willits, Trust for Land Restoration representative.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Niece to adopt Resolution 2026-005 supporting the Silver Mountain Mine Acquisition Project. Motion Passed (2 - 0).

5. 10:00 - Ty Barger, Road and Bridge Superintendent

9:50 - The Board recessed for a break.

- a. Road and Bridge Update:

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

Commissioner Niece, Commissioner Nauer and Superintendent Barger discussed the

financial strain of the Road and Bridge department.

- b. Approval and Authorization of Chair's Signature on the 2026 Agreement for General Contractor Services with Kuboske Construction, LLC, for Corbett Creek Bridge Installation Project

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

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Niece to approve and authorize the Chair's signature on the 2026 Agreement for General Contractor Services with Kuboske Construction, LLC, for the Corbett Creek Bridge Installation Project. Motion Passed (2 - 0).

6. 10:30 - 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.

- a. Public Health Update:

Presented by Kristin Kelley, Ouray County Public Health Director.

Commissioner Niece asked if there was a public-facing option for the public to review data in the Alchemer system presented during the update.

Director Kelley stated that this is not data for the public and is designed to help Public Health departments.

Commissioner Niece asked when the funding for wastewater testing would end.

Director Kelley stated that the funding would end soon but didn't have an exact date. She said she had some additional funding that she could use that would temporarily extend the program.

- b. Request for approval and authorization of the Chair's signature on the Baby and Me Tobacco Free Program Agreement and on the Fiscal Impact Form:

Presented by Kristin Kelley, Ouray County Public Health Director.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Niece to approve and authorize the Chair's signature on the Baby and Me Tobacco Free Program Agreement and on the Fiscal Impact Form. Motion Passed (2 - 0).

7. 11:00 - County Attorney Performance Evaluation (for 2025)

10:43 - The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

- a. Annual Report: 2025 Accomplishments & 2026 Goals (Draft)

Presented by Leo Caselli, Ouray County Attorney.

Commissioner Niece and Commissioner Nauer agreed with the goals outlined during the presentation.

- b. 2024 Evaluation (Reference Only)
- c. Unscored Performance Eval. (To be Completed by BOCC)

Commissioner Niece discussed his review of County Attorney Caselli's performance during 2025.

Commissioner Nauer discussed her review of County Attorney Caselli's performance during 2025.

County Attorney Caselli thanked the board for their feedback and expressed appreciation for all the county employees and elected officials for their hard work.

Commissioner Niece, Commissioner Nauer and County Attorney Caselli discussed the department's workload and County Attorney Caselli asked for support from the BOCC to help get some projects from his backlog completed.

Commissioner Niece shared County Attorney's evaluation form on the screen to be completed by the BOCC during the meeting.

Commissioner Niece and Commissioner Nauer worked through the form.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Niece to approve the 2025 Evaluation for the County Attorney as shown and reviewed. Motion Passed (2 - 0).

- d. Executive Session (if necessary): The Board of County Commissioners may convene into executive session, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) and (f), with legal counsel and the County Manager and H.R. director participating, to receive legal advice on any issues reserved from open session, or receive legal advice on other legal priorities and objectives, and/or to discuss personnel matters particular to any employee(s) unless all such employee(s) have requested an open meeting.

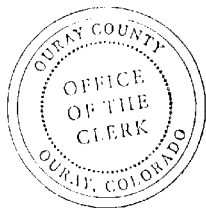
11:46 - With no further business, the Board of County Commissioners adjourned.

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on February 10, 2026. Those present for the session were Commissioner Niece, Commissioner Nauer; Antonio Mendez, County Manager; Leo Caselli, County Attorney; Robert Perry IV, 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 May 26, 2026

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

Attest:



Signed by:

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Damon Todd, Clerk and Recorder

By: Eli Holmes, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Board of County Commissioners of Ouray County,
Colorado

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Jake Niece, Chair

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Michelle Nauer, Vice-Chair

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