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Damon Todd, Clerk and Recorder, Ouray County, CO

**Minutes
Board of County Commissioners
Regular Meeting**

January 27, 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 January 27, 2026 was called to order at 9:00 AM by the Chair of the Board.

Ramona Gaylord, San Miguel County resident, commented on the Frisbee golf course at the Top of the Pines (TOP). She asked the board to reconsider their plan for Prairie Dog mitigation at TOP.

Suzanne Goller urged the board to consider non-lethal methods for Prairie Dog control. She questioned whether the noticing was done appropriately for the first round of lethal management for the Prairie Dogs.

Commissioner Niece stated that TOP followed the plan that was approved, and that there were several meetings on this topic.

Commissioner Padgett asked whether noticing was done appropriately for the control efforts and asked if there was visual proof.

Commissioner Niece stated that it was done appropriately and that there is evidence of it.

Dan Chancellor, Placerville resident, stated that the notice came out in the paper the same day as the control efforts.

Commissioner Padgett asked if there were any statistics that showed how many were killed, and what protocol was used to collect carcasses.

Commissioner Niece stated that there was a treatment area, and that they didn't have a set number of Prairie Dogs that were killed, and that carcasses were not collected because they were in their holes.

a. Written Comments:

2. 9:15 - Consent Agenda

Commissioner Niece asked to pull all items from the consent agenda.

a. Request for approval of Expenditures:

Commissioner Niece asked about payments for Worker's Comp that were included in the Expenditures.

Sherry Peck, Ouray County HR Director, stated that this was the annual premium.

Commissioner Niece asked whether Enterprise covers tires and glass.

Glenn Boyd, Ouray County Emergency Manager, stated that these are not covered by Enterprise.

Vicki Lane, Ouray County Executive Assistant II, stated that only preventative maintenance is covered, and tires are not included in that.

Commissioner Nauer and Commissioner Padgett asked about fuel costs in the expenditures.

HR Director Peck stated that the fuel cost was from all deputies for November and December of 2025.

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

- b. Request for approval and authorization of the Chair's signature on the Designation of Representative to County Health Pool form, designating County Manager, Antonio Mendez, as the official representative for Ouray County at all County Health Pool Members' meetings for 2026:

Commissioner Niece asked to change Ouray to Ouray County.

Commissioner Padgett, HR Director Peck, and Leo Caselli, Ouray County Attorney, discussed the County Health Pool designation form and whether this was removing Commissioner Padgett as Ouray County's representative to the County Health Pool board.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Padgett to approve and authorize the Chair's signature on the Designation of Representative to County Health Pool form, designating County Manager, Antonio Mendez, as the official representative for Ouray County at all County Health Pool Members' meetings for 2026. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

- c. Request for approval and authorization of Chair's signature on the following Memorandums of Understanding (MOU):

Commissioner Niece asked whether these were supposed to be filled out or if this was just to approve the use of the form.

Commissioner Nauer gave background on the form.

Commissioner Niece asked for the motion to include submission of the forms.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Padgett and seconded by Commissioner Nauer to authorize County Manager Mendez and staff to complete the MOUs and authorize the Chair's signature on the MOUs for Control of

Confidential Data for Sales Tax and State Retail Marijuana Sales Tax. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

- i. MOU for Control of Confidential Data for Sales Tax:
- ii. MOU for Control of Confidential Data for State Retail Marijuana Sales Tax:
- d. Request for ratification of the Chair's signature on the Clerk's MV and ERTB Remittance Forms for December 2025:

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Padgett and seconded by Commissioner Nauer to ratify Clerk Damon Todd's signature on the Clerk's MV and ERTB Remittance Forms for December 2025. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

- e. Approval and Authorization of Chair's Signature on CDHS Certification of Compliance, 2026-2027

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Padgett to approve and authorize the Chair's signature on the CDHS Certification of Compliance, 2026-2027. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

3. 9:20 - General Business

- a. Request for approval of the following minutes:

Commissioner Nauer noted that the Clerk's attestation section needed to be updated to Damon Todd, from former Clerk and Recorder, Cristy Lynn. She also noted that the motions in the July 29 meeting listed commissioner names rather than titles. She asked that these be consistent moving forward with Commissioner titles.

- i. July 29, 2025:

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Padgett to approve the July 29, 2025 minutes as presented. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

- ii. August 19, 2025:

Commissioner Nauer asked to correct the clerks name.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Padgett to approve the August 19, 2025 minutes with the correction to show Damon Todd in the attestation of those minutes. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

- iii. August 26, 2025:

Commissioner Nauer asked to correct the clerks name.

Commissioner Padgett asked to fix a minor typo in the minutes.

Commissioner Nauer asked if the entity for the fuel pump install should be included in the motion.

Commissioner Padgett asked for additional context to understand who received the

award.

Commissioner Niece asked if this could be included in the motion.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Padgett and seconded by Commissioner Nauer to approve with correction to the minor typo access, and adding into the discussion above the Motion for the Fuel Pump RFP the company who is being awarded, and updating the attestation block to reflect the current Clerk and Recorder, Damon Todd. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

- b. Request for approval of Resolution 2026-002 adopting the 2026 Noxious Weed Management Plan:

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Padgett to approve Resolution 2026-002 adopting the 2026 Noxious Weed Management Plan. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

- c. Request for approval and authorization of the IGA with Ouray Public Library District for use of Ouray Public Library Facilities for Emergencies:

Presented by Glenn Boyd, Ouray County Emergency Manager.

Commissioner Padgett asked if the EOC team would be trained in the satellite EOC locations.

Boyd stated that this could be something that would be useful.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Padgett to approve and authorize the IGA with Ouray Public Library District for use of Ouray Public Library Facilities for Emergencies with the correction to Amy Vann's name. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

- d. Coroner Case Update

Presented by Glenn Boyd, Ouray County Coroner.

County Attorney Caselli, commented on the legal complexity of the case described.

Commissioner Padgett, County Attorney Caselli and Coroner Boyd, discussed whether there were statutory requirements for burial or another method of disposition.

Commissioner Padgett asked whether the decedent was a veteran.

Coroner Boyd stated that he was not a veteran, but has a Canadian birth certificate, so he is checking with the consulate to see what their laws say.

Commissioner Nauer asked about a general cemetery for similar situations.

Coroner Boyd stated that there is a Potter's field in Olathe that has unclaimed remains.

4. 9:45 - 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. Request for authorization of Director's signature on Amendment #2 CDPHE LPSP reduction in funding:

Presented by Kristin Kelley, Ouray County Public Health Director.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Padgett to authorize the Public Health Director's signature on Amendment #2 CDPHE LPSP reduction in funding. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

- b. MOU between Ouray County Public Health Agency and the Telluride Foundation

Presented by Kristin Kelley, Ouray County Public Health Director.

Commissioner Nauer asked whether this was supposed to be for women specifically, or if single dads could benefit.

Director Kelley stated that this grant was designed to help women and women with kids.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Padgett to approve the MOU between Ouray County Public Health Agency and the Telluride Foundation. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

Commissioner Padgett asked if this was for assistance with opioids specifically or for any substance use.

Director Kelley stated that she would need to get more clarification, but thought it was more geared towards opioids.

County Attorney Caselli thought it would include all substances since the original grant funding included other substance-use disorders.

5. 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 and chair's signature of presented Human Services Financial Reports:
 - Balance Sheet, October 2025
 - Earned Revenue and Expenditures, October 2025
 - Expenditures through Electronic Benefit Transfers, November 2025
 - Check Register for the Month of November 2025
 - County Allocation/ MOE Report OCT-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 Chair's signature on the Balance Sheet for October 2025, Earned Revenue and Expenditures for October 2025, Expenditures through

Electronic Benefit Transfers for November 2025, and the Check Register for November 2025, and the County Allocation/MOE Report for October 2025. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

b. Presentation of Human Services Caseload Reports

Presented by Linnea Edwards, Ouray County Human Services Director.

c. Update and discussions around letters sent by Federal Government to the State of Colorado on 1/6/2026 regarding potential freeze of funding for Child Care, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Social Services Block Grant (SSBG):

Presented by Linnea Edwards, Ouray County Human Services Director.

Commissioner Padgett asked whether there was a child care limit for a family of three to make less than \$475 a month, and whether that was true for Ouray County clients. Alex Van Sickle, Ouray County Human Services Deputy Director, stated that she believed that was for the TANF, rather than child care benefits. Director Edwards stated that she thought this may be for families that qualify for 100% assistance.

Commissioner Padgett made a statement about the illegality of the Federal Government's actions against the state of Colorado.

Van Sickle stated that Colorado is currently in good standing and referred to some of the tactics the state used to prove the unsubstantiated claims false.

Commissioner Niece asked for an update on the potential regional hub for Human Services.

Director Edwards described the potential regional hub.

Commissioner Niece added context for the hub concept.

Commissioner Nauer asked why Ouray County was included in the southern hub and asked where the northern hub was located.

Director Edwards stated that the northern hub was in Mesa County. She noted that there will still be services at the county level, but economic security is being sent to the regional hubs. She stated that Ouray was included with the southern hub due to the geographical and demographical similarities.

Van Sickle explained the options that are being explored for this change.

Commissioner Padgett asked how this will affect the cost allocation for the county.

Director Edwards stated that the allocation for 2026-2027 will remain the same.

All three commissioners discussed whether commissioner participation in hub discussions was necessary and whether any other commissioners would be interested in attending.

Director Edwards discussed the hub and the responsibilities that would be assigned to hubs.

Director Edwards, Commissioner Padgett and Commissioner Niece discussed how the board should receive more frequent updates regarding this transition.

6. 10:30 - 15-Minute Break

10:46 - The Board recessed for a break.

7. 10:45 - The Board of County Commissioners will convene as the Local Liquor Licensing Authority to consider the following

10:55 - The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Local Liquor Licensing Authority.

- a. Request for approval and authorization of the Chair's signature on the Liquor License Renewals for Ouray KOA Holiday:
 - i. Fermented Malt Beverage License:

Commissioner Nauer stated that it did not have a received by date. She noted that there are additional fees if a liquor license is received late.

Damon Todd, Ouray County Clerk and Recorder, stated that the State had said the fee was paid and that the late fee would not be charged.

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Padgett to Approve both the fermented malt beverage license and the beer and wine license. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

Commissioner Padgett asked if there was a process for stamping received on documents within the county.

Commissioners Niece and Nauer agreed with Commissioner Padgett and asked that departments mark documents with the date received.

- ii. Beer and Wine License:

The motion to approve was included in the motion for item 7.a.i.

8. 11:00 - Housing Needs Assessment

11:02 - The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

- a. Discussion and Review of the Housing Needs Assessment:

Presented by Mark Castrodale, Ouray County Planning Director.

Commissioner Nauer discussed the Housing Needs Assessment and thought it would be important to adopt the assessment and come up with some plans to address the needs of the community.

Commissioner Padgett agreed with Commissioner Nauer's comments and thanked the Planning Director for his efforts.

Commissioner Niece agreed with the other commissioners' comments. He shared his screen with the percentage of first-time home buyers in the County who can afford to

buy an average-priced home.

All three commissioners discussed the Housing Needs Assessment.

- b. Request for approval and authorization of **Resolution 2026-003** adopting a Regional Housing Needs Assessment in compliance with Senate Bill 24-174:

M/S/P Motion was made by Commissioner Padgett and seconded by Commissioner Nauer to approve Resolution 2026-003 adopting a Regional Housing Needs Assessment in compliance with Senate Bill 24-174. Motion Passed (3 - 0).

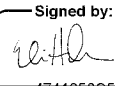
11:19 - With no further business, the Board of County Commissioners adjourned.

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on January 27, 2026. Those present for the session were Commissioner Padgett, 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 12th, 2026.

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

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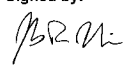
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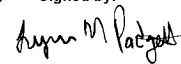
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