



# JEFFERSON

COUNTY COLORADO

## Board of County Commissioners' Hearing Minutes

April 1, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Hybrid BCC Hearing - Hearing Room 1 and WebEx Webinars  
100 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden, CO 80419

BCC Present: Commissioner Andy Kerr  
Commissioner Lesley Dahlkemper, Chair  
Commissioner Rachel Zenzinger

Staff Present: Joe Kerby, County Manager  
Kym Sorrells, County Attorney  
Cassie Pearce, Public Affairs Director  
Maylee Barraza, Deputy Clerk to the Board  
Katie LaLiberte, Deputy Clerk to the Board  
Alanna Blomquist, Deputy Clerk to the Board  
Karina Madrigal Bedolla, Deputy Clerk to the Board  
Mitchell Yergert, Deputy Clerk to the Board

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**1. Call to Order**

Commissioner Dahlkemper called the meeting to order.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**3. Blue Envelope Autism Awareness Month**

The Commissioners recognized the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office's Blue Envelope Program to support community members with autism spectrum disorder and other conditions requiring awareness and accommodation and

declared April 2025 Blue Envelope Autism Awareness Month after a brief presentation.

**4. Public Comment**

Christine Catramados  
Josh Schlossberg  
Carolyn Farbman  
Mike Rawluk

**5. Business Meeting**

**6. Approval of Minutes Dated March 25, 2025**

Motioned by Commissioner Kerr  
Seconded by Commissioner Zenzinger

The Board unanimously approved the minutes dated March 25, 2025.

**7. Consent Agenda**

Motioned by Commissioner Kerr  
Seconded by Commissioner Zenzinger

The Board unanimously approved items 7.1 through 7.4. Commissioner Dahlkemper noted that at the March 25th hearing, Consent Agenda item 7.8 listed as Resolution CC25-079 was continued to today's hearing. However, Staff has requested this item be pulled from consideration and was not presented to the Board for action at today's hearing.

**7.1 Resolution CC25-083**

Expenditure Approval Listings dated March 27, 2025

**7.2 Resolution CC25-084**

Abatement Refund of Property Taxes

**7.3 Resolution CC25-085**

Abatement Refund of Property Taxes

**7.4 Resolution CC25-086**

Grant of Non-Exclusive Easement to Xcel Energy for a portion of Verve Innovation Park Filing 4, Tract A

**8. Regular Agenda - No Agenda Items**

**9. Public Hearing**

**10. Hearing Consent Agenda - No Agenda Items**

**11. Hearing Regular Agenda - No Agenda Items**

**12. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**13. Reports**

**Commissioner Zenzinger:** Commissioner Zenzinger announced the Jefferson Center for Mental Health selected their new CEO, Sarah Alquist. Commissioner Zenzinger thanked the Board of Directors for their hard work on this selection process. Commissioner Zenzinger shared she attended the Metro Area County Commissioners meeting this past week and discussed homeless initiatives between various counties and compared notes. Commissioner Zenzinger also noted she really enjoyed the Douglas County presentation on their Helitack Team to fight fires which was very engaging. Commissioner Zenzinger thanked Chief Judge Pilkington for meeting with her and for his mentorship in regards to the court structure in Jefferson County. Commissioner Zenzinger thanked the constituents for attending the District 1 Arvada Town Hall meeting hosted by Council Member Randy Moorman on Saturday. Finally, Commissioner Zenzinger toured Firefly Autism, a school which provides support for those with autism throughout the County and noted how inspired she was by Firefly Autism's person-centered approach and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy, a Medicaid eligible therapy, to teach functional skills. Firefly Autism is also a Blue Envelope Program site.

**Commissioner Kerr:** Commissioner Kerr met with a new group called the Sloans Lake Watershed Alliance. This group consists of community members as well as a collaboration between Jefferson County and the City and County of Denver. The group's goal is to improve Sloans Lake's water quality as well as the experience in the park. Commissioner Kerr shared additional collaborations with the City and County of Denver to work towards transit improvements in the Red Rocks and Dinosaur Ridge areas. Commissioner Kerr shared he enjoyed watching the progress of the reseeded of the Quarry Fire's burn scars by helicopter. These crews, led by Tom Hoby of Jeffco Open Space, were placing hay over hydroseeded portions of land to help recover the area. Commissioner Kerr noted we will continue to work towards wildfire resiliency in a safe, effective, and ecological way throughout Jefferson County. Commissioner Kerr shared there will be a Foothills Town Hall this Saturday from 9:15am-10:45am at the Evergreen Library. Discussion topics will include wildfire resiliency and homeowners insurance. Finally, Commissioner Kerr wished to remind everyone

now that it is April, prom season and spring sports are beginning and requested everyone be mindful when driving to ensure everyone arrives alive.

**Commissioner Dahlkemper:** Commissioner Dahlkemper shared in connection with Douglas County's Helitack Team who have provided support in Jefferson County in the past, and noted that we are very proud of the state's Firehawk helicopter that is housed at the RMMA. This helicopter is a retrofitted Black Hawk helicopter and provides aid in the event of a wildfire. Commissioner Dahlkemper shared that the recent seed drops in Deer Creek Canyon Park included a very interesting process. Our Jeffco Open Space team gathered seeds from our local parks and sent them to Washington where they grew more plants and created more seeds to send back to Jefferson County to be planted in this area with the burn damage. The goal in this reseeding is to prevent erosion and reduce water sediment which effects our drinking water. Commissioner Dahlkemper thanked Jefferson County Open Space for these efforts. Commissioner Dahlkemper shared the upcoming Evergreen Town Hall meeting will feature the Colorado Insurance Commissioner, Michael Conway to discuss the issue of homeowners insurance rates as well as Jefferson County Fire Management Officer, Brian Keating to discuss wildfire mitigation. Finally, Commissioner Dahlkemper shared on May 8th, the BCC will hold their Virtual Town Hall from 6-7pm to discuss next steps for 1A, wildfire preparation and mitigation, as well as recent federal executive orders and their potential impacts. Lastly, Commissioner Dahlkemper shared she was wearing University of Denver colors today to show her support for the DU Hockey Team who are moving on to the Frozen Four to have a rematch with Western Michigan. Commissioner Dahlkemper wished the DU Pioneers good luck in their upcoming matches.

**County Manager:** County Manager Joe Kerby shared there will a cybersecurity tabletop exercise later this week in the county. This exercise allows county employees to practice responses to cybersecurity incidents. County Manager Kerby also shared in reference to the earlier proclamation, and noted he is also a fan of the show Survivor and has admired how recent episodes have shed a positive light on autism. County Manager Kerby shared he admires the Sheriff's Office and their efforts with the Blue Envelope Program.

**County Attorney:** No reports.

#### 14. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

*These minutes summarize the final decision made by the Board at the referenced meeting. This meeting was also audio recorded and that recording is available for review. In the event there is confusion as to what the final decision of the Board is, the Board will rely on the audio tape to interpret the Board's intent. The audio tape shall act as an official record of these proceedings for any necessary purpose when, in the opinion of the Board, the minutes are in any way insufficient. An audio copy of the Board of County Commissioners' proceedings is available by contacting the Deputy Clerk to the Board.*

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Chair

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Deputy Clerk