



Board of County Commissioners' Hearing Minutes

May 13, 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
Carey Markel, Deputy County Attorney
Cassie Pearce, Public Affairs Director
Maylee Barraza, Deputy Clerk to the Board
Ana Cendejas, Deputy Clerk to the Board
Karina Madrigal Bedolla, Deputy Clerk to the Board
Zahra Murad, Deputy Clerk to the Board

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Dahlkemper called the meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Proclamation - Wildfire Awareness Month

The Commissioners proclaimed that May is Wildfire Awareness Month. Sheriff Marinelli spoke as the Fire Marshall for Jefferson County about the efforts and thanked various departments for the collaboration related to wildfire awareness.

4. Public Comment

Christine Catramados

5. Business Meeting

6. Approval of Minutes Dated May 6, 2025

Motioned by Commissioner Kerr

Seconded by Commissioner Zenzinger

The Board unanimously approved the minutes dated May 6, 2025.

7. Consent Agenda

Motioned by Commissioner Kerr

Seconded by Commissioner Zenzinger

The Board unanimously approved the following Resolutions:

7.1 Resolution CC25-122

Expenditure Approval Listings dated May 8, 2025

7.2 Resolution CC25-123

Policy Part 1, Chapter 3, Section 4 Regarding Declaration of Disaster or
Emergency Policy- Emergency Management

7.3 Resolution CC25-124

Policy Manual Part 5 Staff Policies, Chapter 3 Reimbursements, Section 2
Regarding Candidate Interview and Relocation Assistance

7.4 Resolution CC25-125

Part 150 Airport Noise Study Focus Groups

7.5 Resolution CC25-126

Bowles Metropolitan District, Sunset Park Playground – Community
Partnership Program– Open Space

7.6 Resolution CC25-127

Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Jefferson Conservation District
(JCD) for operational support-Parks & Conservation

7.7 Resolution No: CC25-128

Petition for Annexation of Right-of-Way and 5044 Carr Street to the City of Arvada

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**
13. **Reports**

Commissioner Zenzinger: Commissioner Zenzinger thanked Alameda Connects for welcoming her to her first meeting with the group and expressed appreciation for their hospitality. She also attended the Arvada Chamber Awards Luncheon, where the Pioneer Award was presented to Bob West in recognition of his longstanding contributions and advocacy for Jeffco Open Space. Keith Cowling received the Man of the Year Award, and Barb Stolte received the Woman of the Year Award. Image Awards were also given to Chris Duncan, Kathy Kuehn, and Jack Emery. Commissioner Zenzinger highlighted the Rising Star Award recipient, Aaron "Junior" Aragon, a senior at Arvada High School. She spoke about how wonderful it was to meet him and how impressed she was by his fashion design project and entrepreneurial spirit. Commissioner Zenzinger also attended the Sheriff's Remembrance Ceremony for the first time and described the experience as truly beautiful. She participated in the Senior Heroes Award Celebration, an annual event sponsored by the Jefferson County Council on Aging and the Seniors' Resource Center. The event was emceed by Kerri Johnson, a longtime advocate and Director of Crime Prevention in the 1st Judicial District Attorney's Office. The celebration honored seniors in the community who have made significant contributions. Charlie and Sooze Gilbert were recognized for their work signing seniors up for emergency response lookout alerts. Stan Jacobson received an award for his service through the Seniors Resource Center, where he has been known as a "Stan of all trades." Al Blount was also recognized for his over 20 years of volunteer work at the Golden Train Museum, dedicating countless hours and contributing to special events. Bob Stjernholm was honored for his work in the IT department at Lutheran Hospital, where he played a critical role in the hospital's transition into a new facility. Cathy Loomis was acknowledged for her long-term commitment to championing community events. Jim Rose was also recognized for his work with the Apex Park and Recreation District, particularly for his involvement with the Senior Center and Project Angel Heart. Commissioner Zenzinger noted how rewarding the event was and emphasized that, although the recipients were

humble, they were clearly deserving of recognition. She continued her report with updates on the Jeffco Head Start and Jeffco Prosperity Project, both of which have been focused on the potential cuts to social safety net programs being discussed in Congress. She emphasized the power of sharing stories to illustrate the importance of these programs. The two programs came together at the request of Congresswoman Brittany Pettersen to highlight stories of mothers and families positively impacted by these services. Commissioner Zenzinger reported that cuts to the Social Services Block Grant Program now appear to be off the table, along with a scaling back of proposed cuts to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. She credited the community's storytelling efforts for this progress. However, she remains concerned about proposed changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Medicaid and urged the community to shift their advocacy focus to these areas. Commissioner Zenzinger also attended the Head Start Parent and Community Engagement Council meeting on May 12, where these topics were discussed further. The meeting included a call to action encouraging the sharing of uplifting parent stories to emphasize the importance and value of these programs. Head Start Director Rachel Meixner shared an opportunity to sign a letter to the President and Congress, advocating for the continued support of the Head Start program. Commissioner Zenzinger requested that the link to the letter be added to the Jeffco.us website to encourage public participation in the effort.

Commissioner Kerr: Commissioner Kerr reminded the public that high school and college graduations are taking place across the State. He plans to attend Red Rocks' graduation ceremony this Saturday and extended congratulations to all graduates. He also recognized the achievements of many high school sports teams that advanced to state competitions. In boys' lacrosse, teams from Ralston Valley, Columbine, Lakewood, and Chatfield qualified for the 5A playoffs, while Green Mountain, Golden, Dakota Ridge, and Evergreen made it in the 4A bracket. He also reminded the public that the State Track Meet is being held at Jeffco Stadium and advised avoiding 6th Avenue and Kipling during that time due to increased traffic. Commissioner Kerr mentioned upcoming events he plans to attend, including the Rotary Club of Golden's Ethics in Business Awards on Friday, May 16, and the Deer Creek Canyon Park field trip with the Mile High Flood District on Thursday, May 15, which will focus on upcoming flood prevention projects. He noted that the Jefferson County Sustainability Commission will be hosting retired chief meteorologist Mike Nelson this month. Nelson will discuss the science behind weather and climate, emphasizing the importance of science despite political pressure to downplay it. Commissioner Kerr also shared his experience attending an event at the Governor's Mansion last Monday, celebrating an agreement with Union Pacific regarding the Moffat Tunnel—a vital part of the nation's rail

infrastructure. This agreement ensures the tunnel remains open for both passenger and freight traffic. He highlighted a significant increase in ski train ridership this past season and shared hopes that next year will bring a new passenger rail line running from Denver to Granby, and eventually to Craig and beyond. Last Friday, Commissioner Kerr volunteered at Jeffco Eats, where his team was praised for their efficiency—packing 250 lunches by break time and completing 500 boxes by day's end. He encouraged residents to volunteer with local organizations, especially those focused on food access, as many are currently in need of help. He concluded his remarks with a "Go Nuggets!"

Commissioner Dahlkemper: Commissioner Dahlkemper recognized that May is Wildfire Preparedness Month and emphasized the importance of community safety. She gave a shout-out to Fire Management Officer Brian Keating, who recently updated the Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan (CWPP), which outlines key strategies to increase wildfire resiliency. She also discussed the role of "healthy fire" and controlled burns in mitigation efforts and noted that the definition of the Wildland-Urban Interface has been expanded in hopes of attracting more grant funding for community support. She expressed concern about the rising cost of homeowners insurance, which was a topic during the recent legislative session. Although two of the three bills addressing the issue did not pass, efforts will continue through the Colorado Fire Commission. Commissioner Dahlkemper thanked ambassadors and community members elected to boards and commissions for their continued work in support of firefighters and public safety. She also acknowledged that May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and highlighted the community's artistic contributions, not just during this month but throughout the year. She shared her excitement about meeting one of her favorite authors, Juhea Kim, who is of Korean descent. Commissioner Dahlkemper also attended the Alameda Connects meeting and expressed gratitude for their partnership. She attended the Sheriff's Remembrance Ceremony and noted how moving it was to honor those who gave their lives in the line of duty. Lastly, Commissioner Dahlkemper offered her appreciation to Jansen Tidmore, CEO of the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation, who is stepping down from his position. She thanked him for his five years of service and the significant impact he made in the community.

County Manager: County Manager Joe Kerby also thanked Jansen Tidmore for his contributions to Jefferson County. He encouraged the public to participate in upcoming County meetings, including the Airport Advisory Board Meeting and the Jeffco Idea Advisory Commission Meeting on May 14, as well as the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, May 16. He concluded by inviting residents to the Virtual Town Hall scheduled for Monday, May 19, offering an

opportunity to engage directly with the Board of County Commissioners and other County leaders.

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.

Chair

Deputy Clerk