



Board of County Commissioners' Hearing Minutes

April 7, 2026, 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, Chair
Commissioner Lesley Dahlkemper
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
Zahra Murad, Deputy Clerk to the Board
Jacob Pulido, Deputy Clerk to the Board

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Kerr called the meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Proclamation: National Public Health Week

The Board of County Commissioners declared April 6-12, 2026 as National Public Health Week in Jefferson County. Dr. Sarah Story, Jefferson County Public Health Executive Director, acknowledged her teams efforts and commitment to the community.

4. Public Comment

Lynn Clemens

5. Business Meeting

6. Approval of Minutes Dated March 31, 2026

Motioned by Commissioner Zenzinger

Seconded by Commissioner Dahlkemper

The Board unanimously approved the minutes dated March 31, 2026.

7. Consent Agenda

Motioned by Commissioner Zenzinger

Seconded by Commissioner Dahlkemper

The Board unanimously approved the following Resolutions:

7.1 Resolution CC26-096

Expenditure Approval Listings dated April 2, 2026

7.2 Resolution CC26-097

Abatement Refund of Property Taxes

7.3 Resolution CC26-098

Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) Approval – Foothills Regional Housing (Ives II Project) – Finance

8. Regular Agenda - No Agenda Items

9. Public Hearing

10. Hearing Consent Agenda

Motioned by Commissioner Zenzinger

Seconded by Commissioner Dahlkemper

The Board unanimously approved the following Resolution:

10.1 Resolution CC26-099

Case Number: 25-119946RZ Rezoning

Owners/Applicants: Kimberely B. Johnson and Joseph S. Johnson, and the Curtis Family Trust dated September 13, 2018

Location: 25668 Richmond Hill Road, and a portion of 25668 Richmond Hill Road, Conifer

Section 1, Township 7 South, Range 71 West Approximate Area: 2.94 Acres

Purpose: To rezone from Suburban Residential-Five (SR-5) and Suburban Residential-Two (SR-2) to Planned Development (PD) to reduce setbacks for existing structures and to allow for the reconfiguration of lot lines.

Today's Action: To continue the case to May 5, 2026, due to improper case notification.

Case Manager: Mary Sloan

11. Hearing Regular Agenda - No Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

No comments.

13. Reports

Commissioner Dahlkemper: Commissioner Dahlkemper congratulated Colorado School of Mines students and Evergreen High School students who participated in this year's biomass removal challenge. She noted that it was an exciting opportunity to follow the students' innovative efforts alongside several partners, including Evergreen Fire, Jeffco Open Space, Jeffco Sheriff, County Commissioners and others. Commissioner Dahlkemper promoted the Jeffco SLASH program and the two upcoming free drop off days. Residents can drop off storm related woody debris at the Tincup Ridge Slash Yard at 101 Rooney Rd in Golden on Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. She noted that companies and contractors are not authorized to dispose of material at the event. Commissioner Dahlkemper shared that the Mountain Pine Beetle Task Force held its second meeting last Wednesday in Jefferson County. At the meeting the task force established the relation foundation, the shared vision needed for effective class sector collaboration, they finalized the work stream structure, and governance decisions that will help guide the task force moving forward. The task force reached an agreement on the workplan scope timeline for their June 30th milestone for providing information back to the public. She noted that Jefferson County Open Space has done a tremendous job in response to the outbreaks and as a member of the task force. Commissioner Dahlkemper mentioned that the first session of the newly reformed Jeffco Early Childhood Policy Blueprint and Steering Committee occurred on Friday. She noted the committee's work picked up right where the previous Jeffco Early Childhood Blueprint last left off with past efforts from leaders in Public Health, EDC, Jeffco Schools, and Commissioner

Dahlkemper. At the meeting they explored the background, project roles, process, groups norms and work that's been done to date. They discussed the timeline of the committee such as groups that will be formed, policy goals and decisions which are expected around August through October and then three to five finalized policy goals in December. Commissioner Dahlkemper thanked the Colorado Gives Foundation for funding the effort and the Bell Policy Center for serving as a partner.

Commissioner Zenzinger: Commissioner Zenzinger attended the monthly Westminster Chamber Governmental Affairs meeting, where they talked about upcoming water restrictions set to start on April 15th because of the pending drought. She noted that many communities across Jeffco are involved in similar discussions and she encouraged residents that live within a municipality to check with their local water provider as to whether they are also implementing any kind of restrictions. Commissioner Zenzinger recently attended a meeting with CDOT concerning the Mountain Rail Project. She noted that Jefferson County is set to co-host the next Mountain Rail Coalition meeting with Adams County. At the meeting the Coalition discussed possible station locations for the early part of the Mountain Rail Segment. She noted that one station could possibly be in Adams County and one possibly located in Jefferson County. Commissioner Zenzinger attended a Station 68 construction kickoff with the North Metro Fire Rescue District that operates in the northern part of the county almost exclusively around the airport. The rest of the district is throughout Broomfield, Northglenn, and some areas of Weld County, which is where their current training facility is located. She noted that Chief Daugherty kicked off the event and talked about how given the presence of wildfire and the interactions with the WUI that there will be a fire truck dedicated specifically to helping put out brush fires, which are very common up in that area because of the tall grass in the prairie. Commissioner Zenzinger also attended the Headstart Parent and Community Advisory Board meeting this week. Last week she mentioned that there was a discussion about moving the schedule at the Arvada campus to align with the school schedule that is currently in place with the Lakewood locations. This means that the school week would be transitioning from five days to four days and that the open fifth day will be for staff development and planning. She noted that the transition to a shorter school week will begin next year and that all the Headstart locations will be on the same schedule. Commissioner Zenzinger appeared on the Apex Activated Podcast and she encouraged the public to listen to the episode. She mentioned that Apex Park and Recreation District serves the northern part of Jefferson County primarily the Arvada area and that they have a podcast where they focus on different ways of activating the community. Commissioner Zenzinger attended the Jefferson County Mental Health Board meeting last night. At the meeting they discussed the

upcoming Jefferson Spring Soirée, which is the annual fundraising event for the Jefferson Center, as well as some potential cuts that are coming from the state, including a proposed two percent rate reduction for providers. She noted that the two percent rate reduction will cost a significant amount of money for the Jefferson Center, as well as all other providers in this field.

Commissioner Kerr: Commissioner Kerr reminded Lakewood residents that today is the deadline for the special election and that ballots are due by 7:00 pm. Commissioner Kerr judged the Biomass Removal Challenge and noted that it was the toughest judging he's ever had to do. He mentioned that there were 10 teams competing, nine from School of Mines and one from Evergreen High School. The teams showcased their ideas on how to utilize the biomass produced from mitigation efforts to protect communities. The winning student was a freshman at the School of Mines. She came up with a way combining biochar from pine needles with ink to use as a conductor on computer chips. He noted how this event invoked hope within him for the future. Commissioner Kerr mentioned that he will be attending the Arvada State of the City - Community Impact Forum this Friday. Commissioner Kerr remarked that he will be testifying against house bill HB26-1334 later today and noted that the bill's approval would lead to Jeffco communities being less safe. Commissioner Kerr encouraged the public to check the Jeffco Open Space website for volunteer opportunities on April 18th. Commissioner Kerr mentioned that Volunteers of America officially opened the Lakewood Navigation Center. He noted that a lot of folks in the county put in a lot of time and effort into the center and that the county contributed three million dollars to make sure that this navigation center could open. Commissioner Kerr attended the groundbreaking for the new swimming pool at the Buchanan Recreation Center in Evergreen. This will be a state-of-the-art swimming pool for competitive and recreational swimmers. Commissioner Kerr recognized Evergreen Parks and Recreation for their amazing work in and around the Buchanan Recreation Center. Commissioner Kerr mentioned the recent Nasa mission to the moon and how the astronaut's remarks during pivotal points of the mission invoked feelings of poetry, hope, love, and adventure. He noted the stark difference these sentiments had to those expressed by current leaders about destroying entire civilizations here on earth.

County Manager: County Manager Kerby attended the Nuggets game last night and he noted that the referee was very entertaining. County Manager Kerby reminded the public of the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport's monthly Airport Advisory Board meeting scheduled for tomorrow night, April 8th from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. He noted that the meeting is hybrid and that folks can join either in person

or online. County Manager Kerby noted that the Planning Commission is holding a hybrid meeting tomorrow night at 6:15 pm in Hearing Room 1. At the meeting the commission will discuss the Comprehensive Plan.

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