

Minutes of the Alamosa Board of County Commissioners Meeting

December 19, 2025 8:30 am Commissioners Chambers

Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101

Members Present:

Vern Heersink, Chair

Arlan Van Ry, Vice Chair

Lori Laske, Commissioner

Jason Kelly, County Attorney

Roni Wisdom, County Administrator

Jamie Greeman, Deputy Clerk

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

In the Appointment section, approval of a Structure Agreement was added. Also, at the end of the agenda, discussion on clean-up along the river was added.

motion/second, Laske/Van Ry motion to approve the agenda as amended

Motion passed unanimously

Approval of Minutes

motion/second, Van Ry/Laske motion to approve the December 10 Regular Commissioner Meeting Minutes, December 10 Public Hearing Minutes Final Budget Approval, December 10 Public Hearing Minutes Janda Minor Subdivision 6788 Cottonwood Ln, December 10 Public Hearing Minutes JDS Farms LLC Minor Subdivision 4186 Rd 100 N

Motion passed unanimously

Approval of Bills and Obligations

General Account Check numbers 169946 through 170028

Public Health Check numbers 36911 through 36917

motion/second, Van Ry/Laske motion to approve the bills and obligations

Motion passed unanimously

Presentation from the Public

Cindy New said that she was very excited for the Coroner's Office Building Dedication today.

Consent Agenda

Consent agenda items are; Resolution 2025 G-6 Opting Out of Regulation 86, Colorado Department of Public Health CORE Public Health Contract, Liquor License Renewal, Sally Corp DBA Great Sand Dunes Oasis

The renewal application for Sally Corp was pulled from the Consent Agenda.

motion/second, Laske/Van Ry motion to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items

Motion passed unanimously

motion/second, Van Ry/Heersink motion to approve the Liquor License Renewal for Sally Corp

Motion passed with 2 votes, Van Ry and Heersink yes, Laske abstained

Ceremonial Agenda

Alamosa County Coroner Building Dedication

The Commissioners presented Coroner Joe Dzurius with an official plaque that read, "The Alamosa Coroner's building is dedicated to the citizens of Alamosa County. The Coroner and the Deputy Coroners whose diligent efforts in investigating deaths and providing crucial support to the bereaved families are invaluable to our community. The statutory responsibilities of the coroner's office are simple; establish a cause and manner of death, identify the deceased, issue a death certificate and notify the family. But the human side is so much more. This building is a testament to the coroner and deputies who are dedicated to honoring the dead with dignity and respect, ensuring every life is remembered and every story is heard. Thank you for your work."

Bill Brown, Veterans Service Officer Retirement

Craig Rauwolf, incoming Veterans Service Officer recognized Bill Brown and read, "Bill has been a steady hand for veterans and families. You've learned to navigate a complicated system, and you treat people with respect when they're often having the hardest times of their lives. I'm grateful for the foundation you've built, an example you've set, which is professionalism, consistency, and veteran focus. On behalf of the veterans we serve and the County team you've supported, thank you for your service, your time and your commitment. Congratulations on your retirement."

Richard Hubler, CCICC Exceptional Commitment Award

Land Use Director Richard Hubler was presented with a plaque reading, "Exceptional commitment award presented to Richard Hubler for exceptional contributions above and beyond customary service levels for the betterment of the Colorado Chapter of the International Code Council, awarded by Colorado Chapter of The International Code Council."

Public Hearings

See December 19, Public Hearing Minutes – Resolution 2025 F-11 Supplemental Budget Appropriating Additional Sums of Money

The Public Hearing ended and the Regular Commissioner Meeting resumed.

motion/second, Laske/Van Ry motion to approve Resolution 2025 F-11

Motion passed unanimously

See December 19, Public Hearing Minutes – Brandon Beiriger, Minor Subdivision - 9305 & 9455 Lane 5 N, Parcel 513702200008

The Public Hearing ended and the Regular Commissioner Meeting resumed.

Lori Laske commented that she agreed with Cindy New and that she was glad to see some new development in the Mosca area.

motion/second, Laske/Van Ry motion to approve Minor Subdivision 25-16 with conditions.

Motion passed unanimously

See December 19, Public Hearing Minutes – Reactivate CO Development Stanley Rd Solar 1041 Permit

The Public Hearing ended and the Regular Commissioner Meeting resumed.

Arlan Van Ry said that he does not like the thought of solar development along the highway corridors into the San Luis Valley, but he is in favor of private citizens having the right to do what they want with their own property.

The Commissioners discussed the herbicide issue. Just because one property owner was prohibited from using herbicides, that would not prevent all neighboring property owners from using it. Also, it could be a catch 22 if the weeds were eliminated, there could be complaints from dust blowing. It was also noted that the weeds identified in the report were Class C which doesn't require eradication, so they could be mowed in order to keep them under control and maintain dust control.

Jason Kelly suggested the following revisions to the conditions. One, "the initial term of the 1041 permit shall wait 35 years from the date that the permit is issued. The applicant may request a maximum of two five-year extensions of said permit by making a renewal application to Alamosa County, which extension shall not be unreasonably withheld, provided the applicant is in compliance with all permit conditions at the time each renewal application". On the last sentence of Condition Six, "In the event the construction is not initiated within 24 months of the issuance of this permit, the applicant may request an extension of the construction initiation deadline for this permit from the permit authority. Said request shall only be considered after a public hearing."

Condition 11, "This permit is valid for use only by the applicant and its parent or subsidiary companies, or the successor of such parent subsidiary companies. Applicants shall have the right to transfer the permit to any third party only upon the express written consent of Alamosa County, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, but may include additional conditions. The applicant shall only be released from its obligations under this permit following assumption of all obligations by the assignee, any assignee will be subject to all applicable approved permit conditions, including, but not limited to any decommissioning and restoration agreement, road agreement or community development agreement, if applicable, as well as any state or federal permits. The foregoing, notwithstanding applicant shall have the right to collaterally assign any of its rights and obligations under the 1041 permit and any related agreements or approvals to lenders or other parties in connection with the financing for the project, without notice to the county, without the County's approval."

Condition 12, "On an annual basis, the applicant shall provide updated contact information to Alamosa County." Condition 13, "In the event that the completed project creates an unknown or

unexpected safety concern, as identified by any state or federal regulatory agency, the applicant shall make reasonable efforts to mitigate said concern as soon as possible.”

motion/second, Laske/Van Ry motion to approve the RDC CO Stanley Rd 1041 Permit Application with all existing and revised conditions

Motion passed unanimously

See December 19, Public Hearing Minutes – Reactivate CO Development Rd 116 Solar 1041 Permit
The Public Hearing ended and the Regular Commissioner Meeting resumed.

Lori Laske said that she does have some concerns about the traffic, but CDOT did not raise any concerns. And mostly, the high traffic times would be during construction which would only be for a short amount of time.

Arlan Van Ry said that dust control could become an issue during construction.

motion/second, Laske/Van Ry motion to approve the RDC CO County Rd 116 1041 permit application with conditions as noted on the record.

Motion passed unanimously

Appointments

Certification of Mill Levies

Maricruz Mora, Controller, read the Certification of Mill Levies for each of the special districts, school districts, cities and towns.

Lori Laske asked if any of the levies changed from last year.

Maricruz Mora said that there were no changes.

motion/second, Laske/Van Ry motion to approve the Certification of the Mill Levies for 2026

Motion passed unanimously

Senator Hickenlooper Office Federal Updates

Patrick Ortiz from Senator Hickenlooper’s office shared some updates with the Commissioners. On broadband, Senators Hickenlooper and Bennet welcomed the announcement that the National Telecommunications and Information Administration approved Colorado's proposal to invest more than \$420 million in bipartisan infrastructure funding. This means that 96,000 Coloradans are expected to get internet upgrades. Senator Hickenlooper also was a yes vote on the National Defense Authorization Act.

There was a Senate ENR subcommittee meeting for public lands, forest and mining. One of the co-sponsored bills by Hickenlooper, The Roadless Area Conservation Act, received a hearing and it would protect almost 60 million acres of national forest land by codifying the roadless rule.

The Colorado State Land Board had a board meeting, and the La Jara basin land transfer went through, funded by the Land and Water Conservation Fund that fundraised over \$43.5 million, including \$5.5 million for the Forest Service and \$9 million for the BLM. In 2025 it transferred 21,800 acres to Rio Grande National Forest, 21,700 acres to the BLM, and 2,224 acres around La Jara Reservoir to Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Senator Cleave Simpson, Senator Bennett's staff, and all three Conejos County Commissioners went up and testified on that because it is such an important legacy project for the grazing community, but also protecting the land for hunting and fishing.

Structure Agreement

Jason Kelly explained that this agreement is for Southwest Redi-Mix to update their mine reclamation plans. Anytime they do that, they have to notify anyone how they structure within the area. County Road 112 South is identified as a "structure" so the County has to enter into an agreement with them basically just stating that if they cause any damage to the structure, then they would reimburse the County.

motion/second, Van Ry/Laske motion to approve the Structure Agreement with Southwest Redi-Mix
Motion passed unanimously

Alamosa County Board Appointments

The Commissioners recently interviewed four applicants for three openings on the Planning Commission Board. They also interviewed one applicant for the Marketing District Board and have one more interview for the Marketing District Board scheduled.

motion/second, Laske/Van Ry motion to appoint Pat McDermott to the Planning Commission as a voting member
Motion passed unanimously

motion/second, Laske/Van Ry motion to appoint Leroy Teem to the Planning Commission as a voting member
Motion passed 2-1, Laske and Heersink yes, Van Ry no

motion/second, Laske/Van Ry motion to appoint Adam Bull to the Planning Commission as an alternate member
Motion passed unanimously

Board & Staff Updates

Richard Hubler provided an update on the electric vehicle charging station project at the Courthouse. The project had been pared down quite a bit and he provided quotes for equipment and installation. He just got notification of a grant award, but it would require a 10% cash match which would be about \$1,400 that the courts would be covering.

motion/second, Laske/Van Ry motion to approve the Colorado Energy Office Fleet Zero Program grant

Motion passed unanimously

Roni Wisdom updated the Commissioners on the fleet of vehicles that the Sheriff's Department had budgeted for 2026. This would be the first time that they have ever done a lease program. There was some confusion about the program structure and the budget numbers. Roni Wisdom reviewed the costs again for the Commissioners and explained the differences.

motion/second, Van Ry/Laske motion for the approval of the Unified Fleet Services proposal to lease 13 Ford F150's for the Sheriff's department

Motion passed unanimously

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Alamosa County Commissioners was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Jamie Greeman, Deputy Clerk

Vern Heersink, Chair

Arlan Van Ry, Vice-Chair

Lori Laske, Commissioner

Note: 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 located at the Alamosa County Service Center, (719) 589-4848, or [Email to Jamie Greeman](mailto:jgreeman@alamosacounty.org) jgreeman@alamosacounty.org.