



ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting Held in the BOCC Meeting Room

April 8, 2026 at 9:00 AM

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Rhonda Braun Recorder, Elbert County, Co



A. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Jim Kimbriel of Redemption Valley Church provided the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM. County Clerk Rhonda Braun called the roll.

Dallas Schroeder - Present

Mike Buck - Present

Byron McDaniel - Present

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approval of Agenda as presented.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to Approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Approval of Consent Agenda as presented

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

1. Approval of CDS Mylars as needed
2. Approval of Vouchers as needed
3. Approval of March 25, 2026 Minutes
4. Approval of April 1, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes
5. Approval of CDS Development Projects Report
6. Approval of Liquor License Renewal for South 40 Bar and Grill



7. Proclamation Recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

E. ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF REPORTS

County Clerk Rhonda Braun thanked the local fire department and Road & Bridge for responding to a fire near Forest Ridge that happened in the middle of the night to get it fully contained.

Commissioner Schroeder provided an update to HB26-1334 - Modify Standards of Wildfire Resiliency Code Board. The bill was killed in committee 7-6, and there will be no delay in implementation.

Human Services Director Darcy Bolding introduced Misty Callahan, who read a Proclamation Designating April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Public Health Director Sara McIntosh noted that there will be a blood drive today in the AG building from 10A-2P. They have a record number of donors and still have some slots available for appointment.

F. CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Maggie Hanna - Eastern Colorado Grasslands Coalition

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Elbert County Early Childhood Council Convening Update and BOCC Consideration to Appoint ECECC for County - By Judy Pennington, Executive Director

Dr. Judy Pennington made a brief presentation about her work and her vision for Elbert County Early Childhood Council and requested support in re-appointment of ECECC for Elbert County.

2. Consideration of IGA Between Kiowa Water and Wastewater Authority and Elbert County

County Attorney Lance Ingalls noted the new IGA would reflect changes and updates to the Town of Kiowa Water and Wastewater Authority.

3. Consideration of Proposed Updates to the Building Department Fee Schedule

Building Department Official James Trout gave a brief presentation for the updates to the fee schedule, including showing a flat fee for simplification. This is a draft proposal presented to the BOCC.

Public Comment – None

4. Consideration of a Resolution for Acceptance of Spring Valley Ranch Filing 7 (Planning Area J) District Road

County Engineer Dale Guillian presented a final acceptance of Spring Valley Ranch Filing 7 Planning Area J District Road to the Commissioners. Public Works recommends approval.

Public Comment – None

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of a New Master Lease with Webster Public Finance Corporation for Vehicle and Equipment Leases



Finance Director Tiffany Hermes requested a new lease for competitive rates and better customer service for vehicle and equipment leases.

Public Comment – None

Motion: Approve a new master lease with Webster Public Finance Corporation for vehicle and equipment leases

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to Approve a new master lease with Webster Public Finance Corporation for vehicle and equipment leases. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay – None

2. Approval of a Resolution Certifying Costs of Prosecuting Crimes Alleged to Have Been Committed by Persons in the Custody of the CO DOC (Billing Correction from the Department of Corrections)

Finance Director Tiffany Hermes presented an amendment to the first invoice from October 2025 with the corrected amount to be invoiced.

Public Comment – None

Motion: Approve a Resolution Certifying Costs of Prosecuting Crimes Alleged to Have Been Committed by Persons in the Custody of the CO DOC

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to Approve a Resolution Certifying Costs of Prosecuting Crimes Alleged to Have Been Committed by Persons in the Custody of the Colorado Department of Corrections. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion.

Aye – Dallas Schroeder, Mike Buck, Byron McDaniel

Nay - None

3. Consideration to Adopt County Social Media Policy

Public Information Officer Wendy Holmes presented updates to a social media policy that was sent to all Department Heads, Elected Officials, and Directors for any feedback. Human Resources Manager Dolores Grady noted this policy will be included in the Employee Handbook upon approval.

Public Comment - None

Motion: Adopt County Social Media Policy

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to Approve the County Social Media Policy as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

**I. BOARD PLANNING**

1. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
2. Workshops/Study Sessions
3. Pending Hearings

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION - IF NECESSARY.

None

K. LAND USE HEARINGS 1:00 P.M.

The Land Use Hearings were called to order at 1:00 PM. County Clerk Rhonda Braun called the roll.

Dallas Schroeder - Present

Mike Buck - Present

Byron McDaniel - Present

1. Ensign EDZ Site Plan: EDZS-2025-003 (continued from March 11, 2026)**Motion: To Open a Public Hearing for Ensign EDZ Site Plan: EDZS-2025-003**

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to Open a Public Hearing for Ensign EDZ Site Plan: EDZS-2025-003. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

Public Hearing Opened at 1:02 PM

Community and Economic Development Director Jennifer Jones reviewed the application presented March 11th. All documents have been submitted.

The applicant, Candace Ensign, made a presentation to the Commissioners with updates as requested.

The Commissioners, applicant and Public Works Director, Monty Hankins, discussed the application.

The applicant agreed with the conditions of approval.

Motion: Approve Ensign EDZ Site Plan: EDZS-2025-003 with conditions

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to Approve Ensign EDZ Site Plan: EDZS-2025-003 with conditions as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

Motion: To Close a Public Hearing for Ensign EDZ Site Plan: EDZS-2025-003



Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to Close a Public Hearing for Ensign EDZ Site Plan: EDZS-2025-003. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck
Nay - None

Public Hearing Closed at 2:23 PM

2. Revisions to Subdivision Regulations, Article XI (continued from March 11, 2026) - TO BE CONTINUED

Motion: To Open a Public Hearing for Revisions to Subdivision Regulations, Article XI

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to Open a Public Hearing for Revisions to Subdivision Regulations, Article XI. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck
Nay - None

Public Hearing Opened at 2:23 PM

The Commissioners and County Attorney will schedule work study sessions and are not certain how quickly the revisions will be ready. When this item is ready to be heard, it will be re-posted and re-published.

Motion: To Close a Public Hearing for Revisions to Subdivision Regulations, Article XI

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to Close a Public Hearing for Revisions to Subdivision Regulations, Article XI. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck
Nay - None

Public Hearing Closed at 2:25 PM

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To Adjourn

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck
Nay - None

The meeting Adjourned at 2:25 PM

NOTICE:

Meeting minutes will be formatted as Action Minutes and summarize actions taken at the meeting. The full audio/video and agenda packet is available at <https://www.elbertcounty-co.gov>

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Mike Buck, CHAIR, COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1

Dallas Schroeder, COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2

Byron McDaniel, VICE CHAIR, COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3

Attest: Rhonda Braun

COUNTY CLERK

By:

CLERK TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS