

ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting Held in the BOCC Meeting Room

April 22, 2026 at 9:00 AM

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A. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pastor Bill Anderson of Son Country Community 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 9:00 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 April 2, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of April 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes
5. Approval of April 15, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes
6. Approval of CDS Development Projects Report

7. Approval of Liquor License Renewal for The Naked Goat

8. Approval of Liquor License Renewal for HI-TEST Liquor

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E. PROCLAMATION

1. A Proclamation for National Day of Prayer

Mary Powell of Elizabeth noted the National Day of Prayer is May 7, 2026, at Casey Jones Park at 6:00 PM. There will be a food truck available at 4:30 PM.

Commissioner Schroeder read the Proclamation out loud.

Motion: Recognize May 7, 2026 at the National Day of Prayer

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to Recognize May 7, 2026 as the National and County Day of Prayer. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

F. ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF REPORTS

OEM Director Jacob Love introduced Loren Schroeder as the new Assistant Manager of OEM.

G. CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

H. BOARD OF HEALTH

1. Quarterly Board of Health Presentation

Motion: To Open the Board of Health Meeting

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to Open the Board of Health Meeting. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

Board of Health Opened at 9:11 AM

Board of Health Director Sara McIntosh provided the quarterly update to the Commissioners.

Motion: To Close the Board of Health Meeting

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to Close the Board of Health Meeting. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None



Board of Health Closed at 9:24 AM

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Legislative Update with Consideration of Taking a Position on Bill(s)

Commissioner Schroeder discussed concerns with SB26-176 State Remedies for Constitutional Rights Violation – dubbed the “No Kings” bill. Sheriff Norton stated that the County Sheriffs Association, the Chiefs of Police Association and the District Attorneys Association were opposed to this bill. Attorney Lance Ingalls confirmed that the bill expands liability against local governments.

Motion: Move to Action Item J5

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to move Discussion Item I1 to action Item J5 in a position of oppose. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

Consideration of an IGA Concerning the Referral of Offenders from the 23rd Judicial District

2. (Douglas County, Lincoln County, and Elbert County) to the Arapahoe County Community Corrections Facility

County Attorney Lance Ingalls recommends this extension resolution move forward, as it is time sensitive.

Motion: Move to Action Item J6

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to Move Discussion Item I2 to Action Item J6. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

J. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration to Appoint Early Childhood Council for Elbert County

Commissioner Buck commented on this item.

Public Comment - None

Motion: Approve Consideration to Appoint Early Childhood Council for Elbert County

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to Approve Consideration to Appoint Early Childhood Council for Elbert County. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

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

County Attorney Lance Ingalls discussed the IGA

Public Comment - None



Motion: Approve IGA Between Kiowa Water and Wastewater Authority and Elbert County

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to Approve the IGA Between Kiowa Water and Wastewater Authority and Elbert County. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

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

The BOCC discussed the proposed updates and timing of implementation with Building Department Director James Trout.

Public Comment - None

Motion: Approve Updates to the Building Department Fee Schedule

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to Approve Updates to the Building Department Fee Schedule. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

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

The Board discussed the Resolution.

Public Comment - None

Motion: Approve Resolution for Acceptance of Spring Valley Ranch Filing 7 (Planning Area J) District Road

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to Approve the Resolution for Acceptance of Spring Valley Ranch Filing 7 (Planning Area J) District Road. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

5. Legislative Update with Consideration Taking a Position on SB26-176

Motion: Officially Oppose SB26-176

Commissioner Schroder made a motion to officially oppose SB26-176. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

6. Consideration of an IGA Concerning the Referral of Offenders from the 23rd Judicial District (Douglas County, Lincoln County, and Elbert County) to the Arapahoe County Community Corrections Facility

Motion: Approve an IGA Concerning the Referral of Offenders from the 23rd Judicial District (Douglas County, Lincoln County, and Elbert County) to the Arapahoe County Community Corrections Facility

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to Approve an IGA Concerning the Referral of Offenders from the 23rd Judicial District (Douglas County, Lincoln County, and Elbert County) to the Arapahoe County Community Corrections Facility. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay – None

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K. BOARD PLANNING

2. Workshops/Study Sessions

A) WSS April 22, 2026 at 2:30 PM - Water Monitoring

B) Special Meeting May 6, 2026 at 10 AM for Legislative Updates

C) WSS May 20, 2026 at 1:30 PM for a Solar Study

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Meeting with Legal Counsel to Discuss PUC Decision Regarding Xcel Power Pathway (C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b))

Motion: Enter Executive Session

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to Enter Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b)) to Discuss the Decision by the PUC regarding Xcel Power Pathway. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

Enter Executive Session at 9:44 AM.

Reconvene at 1:00 PM

Per County Attorney Lance Ingalls, no decisions were made during Executive Session.

Public Comment -

Don Gray - Kiowa

The Commissioners discussed PUC's decision favoring Xcel, and agreed that a request for reconsideration should be submitted

Motion: Instruct legal counsel to file a reconsideration to the PUC no later than May 1, 2026

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to instruct legal counsel to file a Motion of Reconsideration of

the decision of the PUC favoring Xcel no later than May 1, 2026. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion.

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

The BOCC will release a public statement regarding their decision.

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

1. None scheduled

N. 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 1:10 PM

NOTICE:

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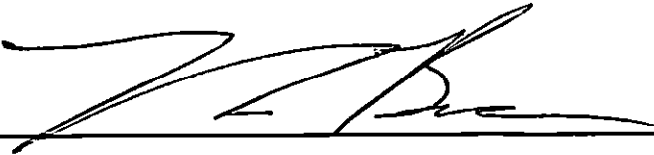
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Mike Buck, CHAIR, COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1



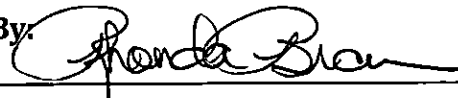
Dallas Schroeder, COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2



Byron McDaniel, VICE CHAIR, COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3

Attest: Rhonda Braun

COUNTY CLERK

By: 

CLERK TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS