

ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting Held in the BOCC Meeting Room

May 27, 2026 at 9:00 AM

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Rhonda Braun Recorder, Elbert County, Co



A. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pastor Jim Kimbriel 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 May 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of Liquor License Renewal for Walmart

E. ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF REPORTS

None

F. CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Consideration of a Resolution: A Declaration of Sovereignty and Health Independence by the BOCC
Commissioner Schroeder gave a brief background of the resolution. In March 2026, Colorado applied to join the United Nations World Health Organization's Global Outbreak Alert Response Network (GOARN). This Declaration of Sovereignty and Health Independence clarifies that the BOCC will be making decisions for Elbert County on protocols in a medical emergency or outbreak. All Commissioners support the resolution. Commissioners McDaniel and Buck agreed this item be moved to Action items for the next BOCC meeting.

Public Comment - None

2. Consideration of an IGA regarding Dissolution and Distribution of Assets from the 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office

County Attorney Lance Ingalls commented that funds contributed prior to the dissolution from the 18th Judicial DA office would be returned to Elbert County. This has been approved by Lincoln and Douglas Counties.

Public Comment - None

Motion: Move Discussion Item G2 to Action Item I4

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to Move Discussion Item G2 to Action Item I4. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

H. LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD

1. PUBLIC HEARING — Special Event Liquor Permit for the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce
Motion: To Open a Public Hearing for Special Event Liquor Permit for the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to Open a Public Hearing for Special Event Liquor Permit for the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

Public Hearing Opened at 9:10AM

Executive Admin. Assistant Kayleigh Mannering presented the application to the Commissioners. Staff recommends approval.

Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce staff spoke on the special event that will be held May 30, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.



Motion: Approve Special Event Liquor Permit for the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to Approve a Special Event Liquor Permit for the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

Motion: To Close a Public Hearing for Special Event Liquor Permit for the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to Close a Public Hearing for Special Event Liquor Permit for the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

Public Hearing Closed at 9:17 AM

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration of Adoption of Wildfire Resiliency Code (Continued from Special Meeting, April 2, 2026)

Motion: To Open a Public Hearing for Consideration of Adoption of Wildfire Resiliency Code

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to Open a Public Hearing for Consideration of Adoption of Wildfire Resiliency Code. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

Public Hearing Opened at 9:17 AM

County Attorney Lance Ingalls gave a brief overview of the code.

Public Comment -

John Hill - Ranchland News

Motion: Adopt the Wildfire Resiliency Code

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to Adopt the Wildfire Resiliency Code. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None



Motion: To Close a Public Hearing for Adoption of Wildfire Resiliency Code

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to Close a Public Hearing for Adoption of Wildfire Resiliency Code. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

Public Hearing Closed at 9:21 AM

2. Consideration of a Resolution Consenting to the Applicability of the 2021 International Fire Code within the Tri-County Fire Protection District

Motion: Adopt a Resolution Consenting to the Applicability of the 2021 International Fire Code within the Tri-County Fire Protection District

County Attorney Lance Ingalls commented that this is only applicable within the Tri-County Fire District, and requires consent from the BOCC.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to Adopt a Resolution Consenting to the Applicability of the 2021 International Fire Code within the Tri-County Fire Protection District. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

3. Consider the Opportunity for Elbert County to Serve as Lead Applicant for the Agate Water Association Project

County Finance Director Tiffany Hermes - The Agate Water Association has requested that Elbert County submit grant applications on their behalf to assist with the repairs that are needed for their water infrastructure. Elbert County would serve as the lead applicant and manage the grants. This project is fully reimbursable and there are no county funds required.

- A federal Water Smart grant will cover up to \$50,000.
- A State Local Match Grant (LOMA) would cover the 50% match that is required from the Federal Grant, eliminating any out-of-pocket costs to the Town of Agate.

Ms. Hermes requested:

- Designation of Elbert County as the lead applicant and fiscal agent
- Authorization for Elbert County to apply for the Water Smart and LOMA Grants on behalf of Agate
- Approval to include the administrative percentage in the Elbert County grant budget
- Approval for Elbert County to manage all reimbursements and physical oversights

Sara Everhart with Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) discussed the grant application process. Tanya McBride and Richard Hendrix with Agate Water Association discussed the need for repairs and outlined their efforts to ensure that the Agate Town water was in compliance.

Public Comment – None

The Commissioners commended the Agate Water Association for their efforts in overcoming obstacles with their water situation.

Motion: Approve Elbert County to Serve as Lead Applicant for the Agate Water Association Project

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to Approve Elbert County to Serve as Lead Applicant for the Agate Water Association Project with all aspects and responsibilities on Elbert County as presented by the finance department. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

4. Consideration of an IGA regarding Dissolution and Distribution of Assets from the 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office

Motion: Accept an IGA regarding Dissolution and Distribution of Assets from the 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to Accept an IGA regarding Dissolution and Distribution of Assets from the 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

J. BOARD PLANNING

1. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

None

2. Workshops/Study Sessions

None

3. Pending Hearings

None

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION - IF NECESSARY

None

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

1. None scheduled

M. ADJOURNMENT

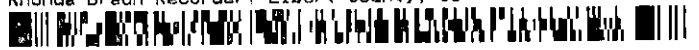
Motion: To Adjourn

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 9:37 AM



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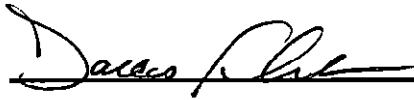
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5/27/26, and is incorporated into the Meeting Minutes.)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO



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