



ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting Held in the BOCC Meeting Room
June 10, 2026 at 9:00 AM

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Rhonda Braun Recorder, Elbert County, Co



A. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pastor Buddy Strachan of Kiowa Creek 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 9:01 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 27, 2026 Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of CDS Development Projects Report
5. Approval of Reaffirmation of the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) MOU Extension



6. Approval of the Annual Reaffirmation for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) MOU

7. Approval of Elizabeth Restaurant, LLC dba Spring Valley Golf Club Liquor License Renewal

E. ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF REPORTS

County Clerk Rhonda Braun - Ballots have been mailed to all eligible voters for the June 30, 2026 Primary Election. President Trump's recent executive order regarding mail in ballots does not affect this election.

OEM Director Jacob Love thanked the Board and all involved in the recent drought issues and fire resilience.

1. Grant Program Update — Ashley Deanne

Ashley Deanne, Summit Grant Solutions

Hazardous Mitigation Grant - Agate - \$425,768

Off-System Bridge Grant - County Road 162 - \$240,000

Federal Highway Grant - County Road 150 and 166 Bridge Repair

READY through DOLA - Fairgrounds - \$25,000

ERTB Extension approved

Agate Water Association - LOMA Grant - Match request for \$45,000 based on approval of a Water Smart Grant

Elbert Repave Project and County Road 9 & 118 projects – submitted through US House and US Senate were denied. The Town of Simla did receive those funds so the funds will be used for a jurisdiction within Elbert County.

Monitoring funding for future projects to include: Transportation infrastructure and Emergency Preparedness and Resilience, as well as capital infrastructure improvements.

F. CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Gray - Kiowa

Kerry Jibblits - Kiowa

John Hill - Ranchland News

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Presentation from Developmental Pathways and Annual Elbert County Report

- Matt VanAuken, Executive Director, CEO
- Dinah Frey, Director Community Engagement
- Kim Tenure, Director of Government Affairs

Public Comment – None

Slides from presentation are available on the video.

2. Consideration of a Resolution for Acceptance: Independence Filing 3, Areas 3 & 4 - Asphalt Maintenance, Sign Maintenance, and Snow Removal



Building Engineer Dale Guillen presented the Resolution to the Commissioners and answered questions.

Public Comment - None

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of a Resolution: A Declaration of Sovereignty and Health Independence by the BOCC

Commissioner Schroeder provided a background of the Declaration.

Public Comment - None

Motion: Accept Declaration of Sovereignty and Health Independence by the BOCC

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to Accept Declaration of Sovereignty and Health Independence by the BOCC. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

I. BOARD PLANNING

1. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Special Meeting June 29, 2026 at 10:00 AM in the BOCC for Budget Supplemental Appropriation

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION - IF NECESSARY

Motion: Enter Executive Session

Commissioner Dallas Schroeder made a motion to Enter Executive Session for the purpose of meeting with Legal Counsel to discuss PUC decision regarding Xcel Power Pathway and meeting with Legal Counsel to discuss proposed fee agreement with Shepard Solar in accordance with C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(b) and (4)(e). Commissioner Byron McDaniel seconded the motion.

Aye - Dallas Schroeder, Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck

Nay - None

Entered Executive Session at 9:42 AM and will reconvene at 1:00 PM.

Exited Executive Session at 1:00 PM

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

County Attorney Lance Ingalls commented on the Executive Session process. Two separate items were discussed with legal counsel in executive session:

- 1) Appeal of PUC decision in the Xcel Power Pathway case
- 2) Proposed Fee agreement with Shepard Solar

Motion: Direct County Attorney to work with outside council and file an appeal

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to direct County Attorney Lance Ingalls to work with outside council

to file an appeal in Elbert County District Court regarding the PUC decision. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion.

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

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2. Meeting with Legal Counsel to Discuss Proposed Fee Agreement with Shepard Solar (C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) and (4)(e)).

County Attorney Ingalls commented on the fee agreement for Shepherd Solar and inquired if the Commissioners were ready to move the item to a regular meeting.

Motion: Move forward a red-line copy of the fee proposal for Shepard Solar to a regular meeting in July.

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to move forward a red-line copy of the fee proposal for Shepard Solar to a regular meeting in July. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion.

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

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

1. None Scheduled

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 1:05 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>



(This signature page relates to Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes, dated 6/10/26, 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~~ *COREY S JOHNSTON*

COUNTY CLERK

By:

CLERK TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS