



Rob Oquist - Commissioner Dist. 1
Tim Knabenshue - Commissioner Dist. 2
Jim Baldwin - Commissioner Dist. 3
Kaysie Schmidt - County Administrator
Rose Pugliese – Interim County Attorney

Otero County Board of Commissioners

AGENDA January 12, 2026

1. Opening Prayer
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Call to Order
4. Public Comment (limit of 3 minutes)
5. Presentations
6. Consent Agenda. *The Chair will remove any Consent Agenda item upon request by any Commissioner or assigned staff. Items removed upon request will be considered separately by the Board immediately following the action on the remaining Consent Agenda, to be continued to another meeting date, or handled in a manner otherwise determined at the discretion of the Board.*
 - a. Approval of Minutes
 - b. Approval of Bills & Payroll
 - c. Board of Health Appointment – Dr. RJ Nelson
7. Old Business
8. New Business
 - a. Consider approval of Resolution 2026-01 Resolution to Appoint Chairman and Pro Tem
 - b. Consider approval of Resolution 2026-02 Resolution to Authorize Depositories
 - c. Consider approval of Resolution 2026-03 Resolution to Provide 2026 Information
 - d. Consider approval of Resolution 2026-04 Resolution to Appoint County Attorney and Enter into Contract
 - e. Consider approval of Liquor License renewal – The Beer Joint, Lyn Scott
9. Departmental Reports
 - a. Clerk & Records Office Closures in February, Lyn Scott
10. Commissioners' Report
11. Discussion
12. Announcements
 - a. Clerk & Records Office closures in February, Lyn Scott

December 22nd, 2025

The Board of County Commissioners now meets pursuant to adjournment.

Present:	Rob Oquist	Chairman
	Tim Knabenshue	Commissioner
	Jim Baldwin	Commissioner
	Kaysie Schmidt	Administrator
	Holly Huerta-Hudak	Deputy Clerk

Guests in attendance in person: Nancy Harrington, Bette McFarren, Danny Chavez, Sharon Jones, Chris Menges, and Rick Ritter.

Chr. Oquist asked everyone to stand for Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chr. Oquist called the regular meeting to order.

Rick Ritter recognized Chris Menges, who received the Colorado Behavioral Health Administration Community Champion Award.

Chr. Oquist called for approval of the consent agenda. The agenda includes approval of the minutes from December 8th and 15th, 2025, bills and payroll for December 1st through December 15th, 2025, and Department of Human Services Financial Report ending November 30, 2025. Co. Knabenshue motioned to approve the consent agenda. Co. Baldwin seconded. Motion carried.

Admin. Schmidt presented for approval the Valley-Wide Secure Transportation License for three years and three permits for 2026. Co. Baldwin motioned to approve. Co Knabenshue seconded. Motion carried.

Admin Schmidt presented for approval to submit the DOLA Administrative Planning Grant. Co. Knabenshue motioned to approve. Co Baldwin seconded. Motion carried.

Danny Chavez presented for approval the Master Services Agreement with Chloeta Holdings, LLC. Co. Baldwin motioned to approve. Co Knabenshue seconded. Motion carried.

Admin Schmidt presented for approval the Memorandum of Understanding- Southern Colorado Integrated Health Consortium (HRSA-25-038). Co. Knabenshue motioned to approve. Co Baldwin seconded. Motion carried.

Admin Schmidt presented for approval Resolution 2025-25- A Resolution to Declare Non-Implementation of the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code as an Unfunded Mandate and Affirming Local Control Pursuant to C.R.S. 29-1-304.5. Co. Baldwin motioned to approve. Co Knabenshue seconded. Motion carried.

Admin Schmidt presented for approval Resolution 2025-26- A Resolution Opposing the Colorado Public Utilities Commission "Clean Heat" Natural Gas Phase-Out and Advocating for Energy Choice and Affordability. Co. Knabenshue motioned to approve. Co Baldwin seconded. Motion carried.

Sharon Jones presented the Public Trustee Report for the 3rd Quarter.

Admin Schmidt presented the Sales Tax report for October 2025 funds that were received in December 2025.

Co. Baldwin attended a Public Works Land Use dinner.

Co. Knabenshue attended the following meetings and events: Otero County Landfill Incorporated, Emergency Management Meeting, Regional Housing Meeting, Colorado Counties Incorporated Renewable Energy Meeting, Southeast Transportation Meeting, and the Public Works Land Use Dinner.

Chr. Oquist attended the following meetings and events: Otero Partners Incorporated, Region Six Alcohol & Drug Abuse Corporation, County Holiday Lunch, Lower Ark 1041 meeting, Public Works Land Use dinner

Admin. Schmidt mentioned the announcements as follows: Otero County offices and Landfill will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas, December 24th and 25th also on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, December 31st and January 1st.

With no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting will be a Special Public Hearing on Monday, January 12th, 2026, at 1:30 pm.

Clerk

Chairman

OTERO COUNTY PAYMENTS
DECEMBER 16 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

Check #	Vendor	Description	Department	Amount
131153	INTEGRATED VOTING SOLUTIONS	PRINTING/POSTAGE	ELECTIONS	17,075.06
131154	AVRMC - PATIENT ACCOUNTS	MEDICAL SERVICES	JAIL	614.13
131155	BEYOND BETTY LLC	SECOR HR	HEALTH	95.00
131156	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	SENIOR CENTERS	35.13
131157	BRIGITTE BROWN	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	315.00
131158	CHRISTOPHER M MENGES	SECOR HR	HEALTH	130.91
131159	CITY OF LA JUNTA	PURCHASED SERVICES-COMM	E911	1,567.70
131160	CITY OF LA JUNTA - UTILITIES	UTILITIES	SHERIFF/R&B	384.18
131161	CITY OF ROCKY FORD	UTILITIES	LAND USE/HEALTH	292.27
131162	COLORADO DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	HEALTH	566.00
131163	COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION	SALARIES/TRAVEL/OPERATING	EXTENSION	8,372.28
131164	COLORADO VETERINARY CLINIC PC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	ANIMAL CONTROL	370.30
131165	ESTATE OF RICHARD L FOWLER	PRINTING	TREASURER	225.00
131166	FRONTIER DINER	SPECIAL PROJECTS	ADMIN	1,995.00
131167	GOBIN'S INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	HEALTH	79.70
131168	JACK'S BODY SHOP	REPAIR/MAINT-MOTOR VEHICLES	SHERIFF/TRANSPORT	300.00
131169	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	G&B	21.99
131170	KENNETH SHEARER	TRAVEL	AAA	79.61
131171	KIMBALL MIDWEST	PARTS/SERVICE	G&B/R&B	785.79
131172	LARRY CHATMAN	DONATIONS EXPENSE	HEALTH	668.75
131173	LEONARD TAFOYA	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	695.64
131174	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	G&B/R&B	560.50
131175	OFFICE DEPOT, INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	SHERIFF/JAIL/HEALTH	231.60
131176	PERKINS MOTOR COMPANY, INC.	REPAIR/MAINT-MOTOR VEHICLES	SHERIFF	231.50
131177	PITNEY BOWES, INC	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	VARIOUS	466.41
131178	POWER MOTIVE CORPORATION	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	330.87
131179	ROBINSON PRINTING, INC	OPERATING/SHOP SUPPLIES	R&B	579.80
131180	ROCKY FORD DAILY GAZETTE	ADVERTISING/LEGAL NOTICES	LAND USE	61.56
131181	SHRED AMERICA COLORADO	OPERATING SUPPLIES	SHERIFF/JAIL	26.38
131182	STATE OF COLO DPA ACCOUNTING	POSTAGE, BOX RENT, ETC	CLERK	1,038.38
131183	SUTHERLAND LUMBER CO.	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	339.41
131184	SUTHERLAND LUMBER CO.	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	G&B/JAIL	610.26
131185	TASCOSA OFFICE MACHINES, INC	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	VARIOUS	597.80
131186	TERESA GOMEZ	OPERATING SUPPLIES	SEP	41.63
131187	VIAERO WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	VARIOUS	1,376.35
4898	NAME REDACTED	FSSP CLIENT SUPPORT	FSSP	1,000.00
4899	911 SOLUTIONS, INC	CONSOLIDATION STUDY	E911	10,450.00
4900	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	JAIL	2.43
4901	NAME REDACTED	FSSP CLIENT SUPPORT	FSSP	500.00
4902	BACA HOME CARE AGENCY, INC	CAREGIVER SUPPORT	AAA	3,282.00
4903	CARDIO PARTNERS INC	EMS	AMBULANCE SERVICE	4,921.70
4904	NAME REDACTED	FSSP CLIENT SUPPORT	FSSP	800.00
4905	DANIEL DAVIS	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	187.00
4906	DITCH & RESERVOIR COMPANY ALLIANCE (DARCA)	WATER QUALITY PROJECT	ADMIN	1,500.00
4907	EATON SALES & SERVICE, LLC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	2,462.64
4908	ELSIE MAE KLEIN	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	182.67
4909	FLOYD R WARD JR	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	409.52
4910	GALLS, LLC	UNIFORMS	JAIL	478.04
4911	GRAINGER, INC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	34.94
4912	GT INDEPENDENCE	FMS CLIENT SERVICES/FEE EXPENSE	VDC	26,354.61
4913	HD SUPPLY	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	VARIOUS	919.95
4914	NAME REDACTED	FSSP CLIENT SUPPORT	FSSP	500.00
4915	JOHNETTE SUE FULLER	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	158.89
4916	NAME REDACTED	FSSP CLIENT SUPPORT	FSSP	500.00
4917	LAMAR AREA HOSPICE	CAREGIVER SUPPORT	AAA	1,610.25
4918	LYNDA SCOTT	TRAVEL	CLERK	131.70
4919	MARDONA L MORELAND	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	97.00

Check #	Vendor	Description	Department	Amount
4920	MEDINA'S TIRE SERVICE, LLC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	264.00
4921	MEI TOTAL ELEVATOR SOLUTIONS	COURTHOUSE BUILDING	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	7,249.13
4922	NAME REDACTED	FSSP CLIENT SUPPORT	FSSP	500.00
4923	QUILL CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	ADMIN	383.41
4924	RESERVE ACCOUNT	POSTAGE	LAND USE/ELECTIONS	724.00
4925	ROBERT L KLINKERMAN	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	95.00
4926	ROCKY FORD FOOD MARKET LLC	FOOD/OPERATING	JAIL	4,628.87
4927	NAME REDACTED	FSSP CLIENT SUPPORT	FSSP	1,050.00
4928	SAGE SERVICES, INC.	CONGREGATE/HOME DELIVERED MEALS	AAA	35,152.13
4929	SANDRA LEE ESTEP	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	116.00
4930	SHELLY R BAUER	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	40.00
4931	NAME REDACTED	FSSP CLIENT SUPPORT	FSSP	500.00
4932	VIRGIL K LENZ, JR	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	557.64
4933	WALMART / TREVIPAY	OPERATING SUPPLIES	VARIOUS	539.36
4934	WEGENER LANE & EVANS, PC	CONTRACT SERVICES	LAND USE/ADMIN	3,250.00
				<u>152,694.77</u>

Fund Summary

010 - GENERAL FUND	49,211.14
012 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	7,249.13
020 - ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	5,565.56
040 - AAA FUND	68,412.79
070 - GENERAL HUMAN SERVICES	6,626.54
080 - HEALTH FUND	2,480.25
090 - CLERK HIRE FUND	1,131.66
095 - E-911	12,017.70
<u>152,694.77</u>	



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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Serving Crowley & Otero Counties

Executive Director
Richard Ritter

Program Directors
Chris Coffield, RHC
Marie Mora-Menges, Nursing/WIC
John Miller, Business
Dr. Janell Maier, Epidemiology/EPR
Donna Starck, Tobacco Control
Su Korbitz, Environmental
Dee Leyba, CTC
Chris Menges, SUD
Larry Chatman, Housing Navigator

Website: <https://oterocounty.colorado.gov/>

La Junta Office
13 West 3rd Street, Room 111
La Junta, CO 81050
Phone: (719) 383-3040

Rocky Ford Office
811 South 13th Street
Rocky Ford, CO 81067
Phone: (719) 254-5300

Ordway Office
603 Main, Courthouse Annex, Room 116
Ordway, CO 81063
Phone: (719) 267-5247

Friday, January 2, 2026

Otero Board of County Commissioners
Kaysie Schmidt, Otero County Administrator
13 West 3rd Street, Room 212
La Junta, Colorado 81050

Dear Commissioners and Administrator Schmidt:

The Otero County Board of Health respectfully recommends to the Otero Board of County Commissioners the reappointment of Dr. R.J. Nelson to the Otero County Board of Health. If reappointed, Dr. Nelson's new five-year term would begin on 1/1/2026 and continue through and including 12/31/2030. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Richard Ritter
Executive Director, Otero County Health Department
Secretary, Otero County Board of Health

STATE OF COLORADO)
) ss.
County of Otero)

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for Otero County, Colorado, held at the Courthouse in La Junta, Colorado, on the 12th day of January, A.D., 2026, there were present:

- ☐ Rob Oquist, Chairman
- ☐ Tim Knabenshue, Commissioner
- ☐ Jim Baldwin, Commissioner
- ☐ Lyn Scott, Clerk to the Board
- ☐ Kaysie Schmidt, County Administrator

when the following proceedings were had and done, to-wit:

Resolution #2026-01

WHEREAS, Section 30-10-307, C.R.S., provides that at the first meeting of the Board of County Commissioners following election, the Board shall choose one of its number as Chairman, who shall preside at the meetings, if present, but in his absence, one of the members shall be chosen to serve as “temporary chairman” or “Chairman Pro Tem”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Otero, Colorado, that:

1. Rob Oquist shall serve as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Otero County, State of Colorado, until the first meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held in January 2027, or as otherwise replaced as allowed by law.

2. In Rob Oquist’s absence from any meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Otero County, State of Colorado, during his term as Chairman, Tim Knabenshue shall serve as Temporary Chairman or Chairman Pro Tem.

Adopted this 12th day of January 2026.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF OTERO COUNTY,
STATE OF COLORADO:

Clerk & Recorder

Rob Oquist

Tim Knabenshue

Jim Baldwin

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when the following proceedings were had and done, to-wit:

Resolution #2026-02

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners authorize the following depositories for Otero County for FY2026:

Colorado Bank & Trust
Community Bank of Rocky Ford
The State Bank – La Junta/Rocky Ford
U.S. Bank
Fowler State Bank
Multi-Bank Securities, Inc.
Bank of Oklahoma

ColoTrust
First National Bank of Las Animas/
La Junta/Fowler/Rocky Ford
U.S. Treasury and Agencies
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney
TBK Bank

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the terms and provisions of the Otero County Investment Policy adopted June 8, 2009, and amended October 5, 2015, shall apply with regard to said financial institution.

Adopted this 12th day of January 2026.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTERO COUNTY, STATE OF
COLORADO:

Clerk & Recorder

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when the following proceedings were had and done, to-wit:

Resolution #2026 – 03

BE IT RESOLVED that the following appointments and actions were taken, and that said appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners:

1. Appointments

County Administrator:	Kaysie Schmidt
County Attorney:	Rose Pugliese
Human Services Attorney:	Kim Verhoeff
Human Services Director:	Donna Rohde
Land Use Administrator:	Lex Nichols
Public Works Director:	Lex Nichols
Commissioner to Convey:	Sharon Jones
Emergency Manager:	Danny Chavez
Veteran's Service Officer:	Rick Ward
Budget Officer:	Tina Mascarenas
CDBG Certifying Environmental Official:	Danelle Berg
Building Official:	Lex Nichols
CDBG Grant, Responsible Administrator:	Danelle Berg
Colorado Oil and Gas Designee:	Lex Nichols
Designated Agent for Notice of Claim:	Kaysie Schmidt

2. Board Assignments/Representation

16 th Judicial District Community Corrections:	Tim Knabenshue
Arkansas Basin Roundtable:	Jim Baldwin Tim Knabenshue, Alternate
Board of Health:	Jim Baldwin (<i>ex-officio</i>) Kaysie Schmidt (<i>ex-officio</i>)
E911 Authority Board:	Rob Oquist Danny Chavez
Lower Arkansas Water Conservancy:	Tim Knabenshue
Otero County Landfill, Inc. (OCLI):	Tim Knabenshue Rob Oquist, 1 st alternate
Otero Partners, Inc. (OPI):	Rob Oquist, Tim Knabenshue, 1 st alternate
Region Six Alcohol & Drug Abuse (RESADA):	Rob Oquist Donna Rohde
SAGE Nutrition:	Rob Oquist Donna Rohde
Section 106 Administrator:	Rebecca Goodwin
Southeast Colorado Regional Housing Authority	Tim Knabenshue
Southeast Council of Governments (SECOG):	Tim Knabenshue Danelle Berg
Southeast Colorado All-Hazards Region (SECAHR):	Danny Chavez Tim Knabenshue
Southern Colorado Economic Development District: (SCEDD)	Rob Oquist Danelle Berg
Southeast Colorado Business Retention, Expansion & Attraction (SEBREA):	Rob Oquist
Southeast Colorado Enterprise Development, Inc.: (SECED)	Tim Knabenshue Danelle Berg

Southeast Colorado Opioid Region (SECOR):	Donna Rohde Rob Oquist
Southeastern Colorado Regional Emergency & Trauma Advisory Council (SECRETAC):	Jim Baldwin
Southeast Transportation Planning Region: (SETPR)	Tim Knabenshue

3. Designations

Newspaper-Bills Payable:	Rocky Ford Daily Gazette
Newspaper-Delinquent Real Estate:	Rocky Ford Daily Gazette
Newspaper-Delinquent Personal Property:	Rocky Ford Daily Gazette
Newspaper-Salaries:	Rocky Ford Daily Gazette
Newspaper-Semi-Annual Reports:	Rocky Ford Daily Gazette
Official Notice:	Courthouse Digital Boards/Website

4. Office Hours

Commissioners' Office:	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday
Clerk's Office:	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday
Treasurer's Office:	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday
Assessor's Office:	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday
Human Services' Office:	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday
District Attorney:	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday
Public Works Office:	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday
Health Department:	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday
Veterans' Office:	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday
Extension Office:	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday

5. Meeting Times

Human Services	Every 2 nd & 4 th Monday at 1:30 p.m.
Planning Review	Every 4 th Monday of the month following the Human Services Meeting

Regular Commissioners Meeting

Every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month following
Human Services/Planning Review

Adopted this 12th day of January 2026.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTERO COUNTY, STATE OF
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Rob Oquist,	Chairman
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tim Knabenshue,	Commissioner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jim Baldwin,	Commissioner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lyn Scott,	Clerk to the Board
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kaysie Schmidt,	County Administrator

when the following proceedings, among others, were had and done, to-wit:

RESOLUTION #2026-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OTERO COUNTY, COLORADO, APPOINTING A COUNTY ATTORNEY PURSUANT TO C.R.S. § 30-11-103 and § 30-11-106

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Otero County, Colorado, is authorized under C.R.S. § 30-11-103 and § 30-11-106 to appoint a County Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the position of County Attorney is currently vacant, and the Board finds it necessary to appoint a County Attorney to ensure continuity of legal services; and

WHEREAS, Rose Pugliese is qualified and willing to serve as County Attorney under the terms outlined in the attached Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OTERO COUNTY, COLORADO, THAT:

1. Rose Pugliese is hereby appointed as County Attorney effective January 1, 2026.
2. The Board approves the Agreement attached hereto and authorizes the Chair to execute said agreement on behalf of the County.

Adopted this 12th day of January 2026.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
OTERO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO:

Clerk & Recorder

Rob Oquist, Chairman

Tim Knabenshue

Jim Baldwin



PUBLIC NOTICE

Otero County Clerk & Recorder – DMV System Upgrade & Temporary Office Closures

The Otero County Clerk & Recorder's Office will undergo a significant upgrade to the State's motor vehicle system as the Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles transitions to the new **DRIVES Core 21** platform on **February 17, 2026**. This upgrade will require temporary adjustments to office hours and services.

Please note the following schedule changes:

- **Friday, February 13, 2026**
The Clerk & Recorder's Office will **close at 2:00 PM** to allow staff to shut down systems and complete required end-of-day balancing before the upgrade.
- **Monday, February 16, 2026**
The office will be **closed in observance of Presidents' Day**.
- **Tuesday & Wednesday, February 17–18, 2026**
The office will be **closed to the public**. These days are designated by the State for staff to train on and become familiar with the new **DRIVES Core 21** system.
- **Thursday & Friday, February 19–20, 2026**
The office will be **open by appointment only** for motor vehicle titles and registration renewals.
To schedule an appointment, please call **719-383-3020**.

The Clerk & Recorder's Office appreciates the community's patience and understanding as this important system upgrade is completed. Additional information will be posted to the **Otero County website** as it becomes available.