



Rob Oquist - Commissioner Dist. 1
Tim Knabenshue - Commissioner Dist. 2
Jim Baldwin - Commissioner Dist. 3
Amy White-Tanabe - County Administrator
Nathan Shultz - County Attorney

Otero County Board of Commissioners

AGENDA March 10, 2025

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, 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
7. Old Business
8. New Business
 - a. Resolution #2025-07 Support of Our Neighboring Counties and Their Resolutions Regarding the Proposed High-Power Transmission Line Project
 - b. Resolution #2025-08 Supporting the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District and Calling for Action
 - c. Resolution #2025-09 Appropriating Additional Sums of Money to Defray Expenses in Excess of Amounts Budgeted for 2024
 - d. Electronic Recording Technology Board Grant, Lyn Scott
 - e. Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Contribution
9. Departmental Reports
 - a. Sales Tax Report
10. Commissioner's Report
11. Discussion
12. Announcements



February 10th, 2025

The Board of County Commissioners now meets pursuant to adjournment.

Present:	Rob Oquist	Chairman
	Tim Knabenshue	Commissioner
	Jim Baldwin	Commissioner
	Amy White-Tanabe	Administrator
	Lynda Scott	Clerk

Guests in attendance in person: Danelle Berg, Darren Garcia, David Goebel, Nancy Harrington, Bette McFarren, and Adrian Hart.

Guests in attendance in zoom: Anne Boswell, Robert Ratcliff, and Kim Crawford.

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

Chr. Oquist called the regular meeting to order.

Chr. Oquist called for approval of the consent agenda. The agenda includes approval of the minutes from January 27th, bills and payroll for January 16th, through January 31st, 2025, along with Ratification of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Extension Request, and The Beer Joint Liquor License Renewal. Co. Knabenshue motioned to approve the consent agenda. Co. Baldwin seconded. Motion carried.

Admin. White-Tanabe presented Resolution 2025-06 Approving an Agreement Between Otero County, Colorado and Bent County, Colorado, Establishing the Hasty Water Authority to be located in Bent County, Colorado. This will allow the Hasty Water Company to obtain federal grants and low-interest rate loans from the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority. Co. Baldwin motioned to approve Resolution 2025-06. Co. Knabenshue seconded. Motion carried.

Admin. White-Tanabe presented the Hasty Water Authority Establishing Contract for signature. This will allow Otero and Bent Counties to establish a water authority to be used to develop water resources, systems and facilities for the benefit of inhabitants and service users. Co. Knabenshue motioned to approve signature of contract. Co. Baldwin seconded. Motion carried.

Darren Garcia presented bids for weed spraying. Southeast Colorado Weed Management, bid was \$22,898.50 and Teraline Works bid was \$108,820.00. Mr. Garcia recommended Southeast Colorado Weed Management. Co. Baldwin motioned to approve the bid for Southeast Colorado Weed Management. Co. Knabenshue seconded. Motion carried.

Danelle Berg thanked the Commissioners for Ratifying the CDBG Extension Request. Ms. Berg wanted to bring the Commissioners up to date on projects she is working on. Currently Otero Partners Incorporated (OPI) does not have grant funds available to help with loans to small businesses, non-profits, or communities, however, there are grant navigators available. Clean Valley Recycling is partnering with Circular Colorado to collect plastic bags and plastic wrap. They currently have enough recycling to garner a pickup, and this will be done at no cost to Clean Valley Recycling. OPI is currently working on the Judicial District Building. To date there is a new roof on the building and new windows, there is a floor plan currently in the works that will focus on electrical, heating and cooling. Otero County and the six County Region are currently working on a comprehensive economic development strategy that is required by counties and regions if they are looking at federal funding. There will be invitations sent in the fall to attend meetings for these funds. Southeast Business Retention Expansion and Attraction (SEBREA) is a regional organization that helps with educational opportunities, tourism, and entrepreneurship. The Economic Development Council of Colorado (EDCC) is a statewide non-profit that has educational opportunities and will advocate for programs that will help our area. They recently held a zoom knowledge network for water that was well attended and are working on statewide documentary. SECO Grow is an outdoor partnership that wants to bring people together using agriculture, outdoor recreation and conservation, increasing the access of these programs through participation.

Co. Knabenshue reported that he attended several meetings, the most noteworthy ones were the Transportation Planning Regional (TPR) meeting in Lamar, CO., Southeast Water Conservancy concerning the conduit, the Colorado Counties

Incorporated (CCI) Steering Committee meeting that concerns new legislation/bills coming out, and lastly, construction on the new Detention Center, it is almost completed.

Chr. Oquist mentioned he attended the same meetings as Co. Knabenshue with one extra. He attended the Courthouse Security meeting and found it to be very interesting.

Admin. White-Tanabe announced that the courthouse will be closed on February 17th for President's Day and that the meeting scheduled for February 24th, 2024, has been canceled.

With no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting will be March 10th, 2025, at 1:30 pm.

Clerk

Chairman

OTERO COUNTY PAYMENTS
FEBRUARY 1 THROUGH FEBRUARY 15, 2025

Check #	Vendor	Description	Department	Amount
129704	MATTHEWS & SONS ELECTRIC	REVOLVED LOANS	SBD	5,000.00
129705	A CUT ABOVE PEST CONTROL, LLC	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	G&B/SHERIFF	118.00
129706	ACM DIESEL, LLC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	351.00
129707	NAME REDACTED	FSSP CLIENT SUPPORT	FSSP	2,600.00
129708	AVRMC - PATIENT ACCOUNTS	MEDICAL SERVICES	JAIL	2,604.91
129709	BENT COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE	MEDICAL SERVICES	JAIL	75.00
129710	BENT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	STEPP GRANT	HEALTH	3,000.00
129711	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	VARIOUS	10,026.53
129712	BRIGITTE BROWN	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	343.80
129713	CHEYENNE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	STEPP GRANT	HEALTH	3,000.00
129714	CITY OF LA JUNTA	PURCHASED SERVICES-COMM	E911	779.11
129715	CITY OF LA JUNTA	CTC GRANT	HEALTH	500.00
129716	CITY OF LA JUNTA - UTILITIES	UTILITIES	SHERIFF	279.26
129717	CITY OF ROCKY FORD	BLDG UTIL/MAINT - RF	HEALTH	147.29
129718	COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	CONCEALED HAND GUN PERMIT	HEALTH	616.00
129719	COMPANION LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	LIFE INSURANCE & AD&D PREMIUMS	MEDICAL TRUST	2,577.60
129720	COUNTRY CHIROPRACTIC, PC	PRE-EMPLOYMENT COSTS	JAIL	50.00
129721	COUNTY SHERIFFS OF COLORADO	CONCEALED HAND GUN PERMIT	SHERIFF	200.00
129722	CROWLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	AAA GENERAL FUND	AAA	791.32
129723	DANCO LETTERING LLC	PURCHASES UNDER \$5,000	SHERIFF	406.74
129724	DEEP ROCK	MISCELLANEOUS	TREASURER	53.44
129725	DRURY BROTHERS ROOFING, INC	IT ROOM	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	1,200.00
129726	FALCON INDUSTRIES INC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	409.64
129727	GOBIN'S INC	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	LAND USE/CLERK	143.83
129728	GRAINGER, INC	PARTS/SERVICE	G&B/R&B	98.75
129729	GREAT AMERICA LEASING CORP.	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	ASSESSOR	145.22
129730	HERO 247	UNIFORMS	SHERIFF	1,005.02
129731	JOSH BROTHERS DENTALPLLC	MEDICAL SERVICES	JAIL	240.89
129732	KIMBALL MIDWEST	PARTS/SERVICE	G&B/R&B	574.74
129733	KOIS BROTHERS EQUIPMENT CO	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	441.58
129734	LA JUNTA TRADING COMPANY, INC	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	LAND USE/G&B/R&B	1,036.93
129735	LEONARD TAFOYA	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	608.60
129736	LYLE & SONS PLUMBING & HEATING, INC	HOUSING	CSBG	2,550.00
129737	MARTIN PIPE & STEEL, INC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	55.67
129738	OFFICE DEPOT, INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	SHERIFF/HEALTH	200.10
129739	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	PARTS/SERVICE	TRANSPORT/R&B	2,437.33
129740	OTERO COLLEGE	III-B SERVICES	AAA	42,348.36
129741	OTERO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	OPERATING	ADULT SERVICES	730.71
129742	OTERO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS- PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	ADMIN	17.58
129743	OTERO COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	REPAIR/MAINT-MOTOR VEHICLES	SHERIFF/JAIL/TRANSPORT	533.60
129744	OTERO COUNTY SHERIFF POSSE	UNIFORMS	JAIL	79.00
129745	OTERO TRUE VALUE	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	90.31
129746	PUEBLO DODGE CHRYSLER JEEP RAM	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	1,489.92
129747	RANCHERS SUPPLY OF LA JUNTA, INC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	36.66
129748	ROCKY FORD DAILY GAZETTE	ADVERTISING/LEGAL NOTICES	LAND USE/ADMIN	364.28
129749	ROCKY FORD FIRE DEPARTMENT	AMBULANCE SERVICES-ROCKY FORD	ADMIN	3,000.00
129750	SAFETY-KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	142.47
129751	SHANNON CASILLAS	TRAVEL	CLERK	121.90
129752	SHRED AMERICA COLORADO	DOCUMENT SHREDDING	VARIOUS	69.40
129753	SOUTHERN TIRE MART LLC	TIRES	R&B	165.84
129754	SUTHERLAND LUMBER CO.	OPERATING SUPPLIES	R&B	269.30
129755	SUTHERLAND LUMBER CO.	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	G&B	110.94
129756	TASCOSA OFFICE MACHINES, INC	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	TREASURER	20.65
129757	THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	SOFTWARE/HARDWARE RENTAL	SHERIFF	395.12
129758	TOWN OF FOWLER	UTILITIES	R&B	105.48
129759	TOWN OF SWINK	UTILITIES	R&B	116.96
129760	TRANE COMPANY	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	G&B	6,155.00
129761	TRIAD COMPUTER SERVICES, INC	SOFTWARE/HARDWARE RENTAL	ADMIN	26,148.85
129762	TRIPLE T AUTO PARTS	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	80.57

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129763	VALLEY AUTO PARTS, INC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	1,849.68
129764	VANESSA ROMERO	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	217.30
129765	VIAERO WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	EXTENSION	144.41
129766	VISA	DUES & MEETINGS/TRAVEL/OPERATING	VARIOUS	13,437.39
129767	NOT A CHECK			-
129768	NOT A CHECK			-
129769	WALMART / CAPITAL ONE	OPERATING SUPPLIES	HEALTH	85.94
129770	WALMART / CAPITAL ONE	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	G&B	61.56
129771	WALMART / CAPITAL ONE	MRC	HEALTH	50.72
129772	WALMART / CAPITAL ONE	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	G&B	171.36
129773	X-TREME H2O	REPAIR/MAINT-MOTOR VEHICLES	SHERIFF/JAIL/TRANSPORT	103.98
129774	ALTERNATIVE CREMATION	AUTOPSY	CORONER	1,505.00
4007	NUNN CONSTRUCTION, INC	DETENTION DEVELOPMENT	JAIL	800,000.00
4008	NUNN CONSTRUCTION, INC	DETENTION DEVELOPMENT	JAIL	255,048.85
4009	16TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT	16TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	54,975.17
4010	NAME REDACTED	FSSP CLIENT SUPPORT	FSSP	200.00
4011	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	VARIOUS	1,075.52
4012	AMY WHITE TANABE	DUES & MEETINGS	ADMIN	58.00
4013	NAME REDACTED	FSSP CLIENT SUPPORT	FSSP	500.00
4014	ARCSEARCH CORPORATION	ERTB GRANT	CLERK TECH	5,997.00
4015	ARKANSAS VALLEY ACCUMED	JAIL BASED SERVICES (JBBS)	STATE GRANTS	1,111.85
4016	BACA HOME CARE AGENCY, INC	CAREGIVER SUPPORT	AAA	2,941.00
4017	BRENDA DONALDSON	TRAVEL	SEP	65.19
4018	NAME REDACTED	FSSP CLIENT SUPPORT	FSSP	1,000.00
4019	CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE	E911/AAA	5,164.95
4020	NAME REDACTED	FSSP CLIENT SUPPORT	FSSP	400.00
4021	CLEAN VALLEY RECYCLING	UTILITIES	G&B/HEALTH	214.00
4022	NAME REDACTED	FSSP CLIENT SUPPORT	FSSP	1,000.00
4023	DEE ANN LYONS	MEDICAL SERVICES	STATE GRANTS/JAIL	3,045.63
4024	DIGITCOM ELECTRONICS, INC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	1,317.06
4025	ELSIE MAE KLEIN	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	732.60
4026	NAME REDACTED	FSSP CLIENT SUPPORT	FSSP	500.00
4027	FLOYD A ORNELAS JR	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	409.80
4028	FLOYD R WARD JR	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	507.60
4029	GALLS, LLC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	SHERIFF/JAIL	521.42
4030	HD SUPPLY	OPERATING/SHOP SUPPLIES	G&B/SHERIFF/R&B	1,010.93
4031	INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICE	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	1,494.96
4032	JACKI SHERIFF CLARK	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	533.80
4033	NAME REDACTED	FSSP CLIENT SUPPORT	FSSP	230.00
4034	JM TUCKER EXCAVATING	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	LAND USE	110.00
4035	JOHNETTE SUE FULLER	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	162.00
4036	NAME REDACTED	FSSP CLIENT SUPPORT	FSSP	500.00
4037	LAMAR AREA HOSPICE	CAREGIVER SUPPORT	AAA	1,785.00
4038	LAW OFFICE OF RANDA DAVIS-TICE	LEGAL FEE CONTINGENCY	AAA	1,093.75
4039	LYNDA SCOTT	TRAVEL	CLERK	121.90
4040	MARDONA L MORELAND	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	635.00
4041	NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	SIGNS	R&B	921.25
4042	NORTH AMERICAN RESCUE LLC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	SHERIFF	472.38
4043	OTERO PARTNERS, INC	DA BUILDING EXPENSES	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	982.04
4044	NAME REDACTED	FSSP CLIENT SUPPORT	FSSP	500.00
4045	PEACOCK-LARSEN FUNERAL HOME, INC	AUTOPSY	CORONER	825.00
4046	NAME REDACTED	FSSP CLIENT SUPPORT	FSSP	150.00
4047	QUILL CORPORATION	OPERATING	VARIOUS	877.37
4048	RESERVE ACCOUNT	POSTAGE	VARIOUS	2,006.00
4049	ROBERT BLAIR	TRAVEL	AAA	56.71
4050	ROBERT L KLINKERMAN	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	236.20
4051	ROCKY FORD FOOD MARKET LLC	OPERATING	R&B	546.00
4052	SAMANTHA PALMER	TRAVEL	SEP	73.67
4053	SHULTZ LAW OFFICE LLC	CONTRACT SERVICES	ADMIN	487.50
4054	SOUTHEAST COLORADO POWER ASSN	UTILITIES	R&B	1,177.41
4055	STEVEN MARTINEZ	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	198.80
4056	NAME REDACTED	FSSP CLIENT SUPPORT	FSSP	500.00

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4057	TYLA T HIATT	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	220.00
4058	VALLEY TRASH LLC	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	ADMIN	160.00
4059	VOIANCE LANGUAGE SERVICES, LLC	PURCHASED SERVICES-COMM	E911	13.80
4060	WARRIOR KIT	OPERATING SUPPLIES	SHERIFF	2,490.00
4061	WEX BANK	FUEL	VARIOUS	7,641.66
4062	NAME REDACTED	FSSP CLIENT SUPPORT	FSSP	200.00
				<u>1,310,087.31</u>

Fund Summary

010 - GENERAL FUND	144,215.75
011 - SMALL BUSINESS DEVELP RLF	5,008.00
012 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	1,200.00
020 - ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	18,144.48
025 - MEDICAL TRUST FUND	2,885.55
040 - AAA FUND	52,132.74
045 - INSURANCE FUND	9.87
050 - DETENTION CENTER FUND	1,055,048.85
065 - INTERNAL SERVICES FUND	406.74
070 - GENERAL HUMAN SERVICES	13,933.76
080 - HEALTH FUND	10,286.59
085 - CONSERVATION TRUST FUND	160.00
090 - CLERK HIRE FUND	700.75
095 - E-911	5,954.23
<u>1,310,087.31</u>	

OTERO COUNTY PAYMENTS
FEBRUARY 16 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2025

Check #	Vendor	Description	Department	Amount
129775	AARON OLIVIERI	SPECIAL PROJECTS	HEALTH	200.00
129776	ACM DIESEL, LLC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	1,351.30
129777	ALISHA JOHNSON	SPECIAL PROJECTS	HEALTH	200.00
129778	AVRMC - PATIENT ACCOUNTS	MEDICAL SERVICES	JAIL	1,067.40
129779	BACA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY	STEPP GRANT/AAA	HEALTH/AAA	3,162.00
129780	BART COATES	SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	HEALTH	600.00
129781	BENT COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE	MEDICAL SERVICES	JAIL	75.00
129782	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	VARIOUS	5,630.60
129783	BRIGITTE BROWN	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	523.80
129784	BUSINESS MACHINES INC	OPERATING	ADULT SERVICES	212.00
129785	CITY OF LA JUNTA	PURCHASED SERVICES-COMM	E911	779.11
129786	CITY OF LA JUNTA - UTILITIES	UTILITIES	G&B/R&B/SHERIFF	6,567.92
129787	CITY OF LA JUNTA TRANSIT	CITY OF LA JUNTA	AAA	1,425.00
129788	CITY OF LAMAR	AAA GENERAL FUND	AAA	4,460.55
129789	CITY OF ROCKY FORD	UTILITIES	LAND USE/HEALTH	282.70
129790	COLORADO DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	HEALTH	714.00
129791	COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE	DUES & MEETINGS	CLERK/ELECTIONS	40.00
129792	COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY	SECOR	HEALTH	18,684.74
129793	COMFORT DENTAL NORTH PUEBLO	MATERIAL AID	AAA	2,000.00
129794	EVERETT S NORRIS	SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	HEALTH	600.00
129795	FBI-LEEDA INC	DUES & MEETINGS	SHERIFF	50.00
129796	GOBIN'S INC	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	HEALTH	6,597.02
129797	GRAINGER, INC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	394.58
129798	GRAPHIC DESIGNS UNLIMITED	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	G&B	230.00
129799	GREAT AMERICA LEASING CORP.	CTC GRANT	HEALTH	84.94
129800	HANCOCK FROESE & CO., LLC	CONTRACT SERVICES	SBD	930.00
129801	INDUSTRIAL HEALTH SERVICE, INC	DRUG TESTING & DOT PHYSICALS	CLERK/G&B/R&B	193.60
129802	JACK'S BODY SHOP	REPAIR/MAINT-MOTOR VEHICLES	SHERIFF	240.00
129803	JANELL MAIER	SPECIAL PROJECTS	HEALTH	200.00
129804	JERRY D. BAY	P & Z BOARD FEES	LAND USE	78.00
129805	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	G&B	74.96
129806	JOSH BROTHERS DENTALPLLC	MATERIAL AID	AAA	2,000.00
129807	JR THOMPSON	P & Z BOARD FEES	LAND USE	60.90
129808	KIMBALL MIDWEST	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	138.00
129809	LAS ANIMAS-HUERFANO COUNTY HEALTH DEPT	STEPP GRANT	HEALTH	6,000.00
129810	LEONARD TAFOYA	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	273.60
129811	MATTHEW MCINTYRE	P & Z BOARD FEES	LAND USE	65.42
129812	MHC KENWORTH-PUEBLO	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	2,030.96
129813	MIGUEL A ESTRADA-HURTADO	BLDG UTIL/MAINT - RF	HEALTH	50.00
129814	MORGAN & SONS GLASS INC	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	G&B	75.00
129815	NORMAN JAY SMITH	P & Z BOARD FEES	LAND USE	77.10
129816	OFFICE DEPOT, INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	HEALTH	19.05
129817	OTERO COUNTY CLERK	REPAIR/MAINT-MOTOR VEHICLES	SHERIFF/R&B	52.12
129818	OTERO COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES	SALARIES/OPERATING	ADULT SERVICES	7,644.85
129819	PHILLIPS COMMUNICATIONS	CAPITAL OUTLAY	DETENTION	25,000.00
129820	PIPEYARD	CULVERTS	R&B	667.23
129821	POWER EQUIPMENT COMPANY	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	7,331.78
129822	POWER MOTIVE CORPORATION	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	71.08
129823	PRECISION HYDRAULICS, INC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	36.38
129824	PROFORCE LAW ENFORCEMENT	OPERATING SUPPLIES	SHERIFF	130.00
129825	PROWERS AREA TRANSIT	PROWERS AREA TRANSIT	AAA	1,774.00
129826	PUEBLO DODGE CHRYSLER JEEP RAM	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	66.26
129827	RICK RITTER	OPERATING SUPPLIES	HEALTH	10.99
129828	ROOTS CHIROPRACTIC & DRY NEEDLING PC	DRUG TESTING & DOT PHYSICALS	R&B	150.00
129829	SECED	SECED	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	16,122.35
129830	SECOM	SECOM CIRCUIT/TELEPHONE	VARIOUS	5,608.20
129831	NOT A CHECK			-
129832	SECOM (911)	SECOM CIRCUIT	E911	1,436.40
129833	SHAWN MOBLEY	SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	HEALTH	300.00
129834	SHRED AMERICA COLORADO	DOCUMENT SHREDDING	ADMIN	13.82
129835	SNO-WHITE LINEN & UNIFORM RENTAL	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	252.37
129836	STATE OF COLO DPA ACCOUNTING	POSTAGE, BOX RENT, ETC	CLERK	998.59

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129837	SWINK SCHOOL DISTRICT #33	MATERIALS	ADMIN	1,000.00
129838	THE MASTER'S TOUCH LLC	PRINTING	TREASURER	1,876.62
129839	TRANE COMPANY	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	G&B	12,632.95
129840	TRIAD COMPUTER SERVICES, INC	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	CLERK/ADMIN	604.85
129841	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	CIVIL PROCESS FEES	SHERIFF	32,000.00
129842	VALLEY PLUMBING & HEATING, INC	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	G&B	420.00
129843	VIAERO WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	VARIOUS	2,504.89
129844	WALMART / CAPITAL ONE	OPERATING SUPPLIES	SHERIFF	305.90
4063	JM TUCKER EXCAVATING	SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	HEALTH	100.00
4064	BACA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	BACA COUNTY	AAA	443.00
4065	BENT COUNTY SHERIFF	BOARDING PRISONERS	JAIL	81,530.00
4066	CREATIVE FORMS & CONCEPTS, INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	ADMIN	475.46
4067	DAVE W HILL	P & Z BOARD FEES	LAND USE	69.90
4068	DIGITCOM ELECTRONICS, INC	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	E911	2,665.00
4069	DITCH & RESERVOIR COMPANY ALLIANCE (DARCA)	WATER QUALITY PROJECT	ADMIN	1,500.00
4070	DOOLEY ENTERPRISES, INC	TRAINING	SHERIFF/JAIL/TRANSPORT	3,857.98
4071	ELSIE MAE KLEIN	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	607.00
4072	FLOYD R WARD JR	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	519.00
4073	GALLS, LLC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	SHERIFF	888.78
4074	GROUND ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, INC	DETENTION DEVELOPMENT	DETENTION	6,327.50
4075	GT INDEPENDENCE	FMS CLIENT SERVICES/FEE EXPENSE	VDC	38,490.19
4076	HD SUPPLY	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	VARIOUS	1,146.93
4077	IVOR JOHN HILL	CONTRACT SERVICES	ASSESSOR	738.12
4078	JACKI SHERIFF CLARK	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	143.00
4079	JOHNETTE SUE FULLER	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	198.00
4080	LYNDA SCOTT	POSTAGE, BOX RENT, ETC	CLERK	10.10
4081	MARDONA L MORELAND	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	415.80
4082	MEDINA'S TIRE SERVICE, LLC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	193.00
4083	MEI TOTAL ELEVATOR SOLUTIONS	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	G&B	137.89
4084	QUILL CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	ADMIN/R&B	381.81
4085	RESERVE ACCOUNT	POSTAGE	ASSESSOR	500.00
4086	ROBERT L KLINKERMAN	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	321.60
4087	RONDA BUCHOLZ	SECOR	HEALTH	3,103.67
4088	SHULTZ LAW OFFICE LLC	SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	HEALTH	156.00
4089	SKYLINE STEEL	CULVERTS	R&B	4,547.93
4090	SOURCE MANAGEMENT INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	CLERK	690.45
4091	STEVEN MARTINEZ	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	94.00
4092	TYLA T HIATT	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	305.00
4093	VALLEY TRASH LLC	OPR / SHOP SUPPLIES	R&B	25.00
				338,032.99

Fund Summary

010 - GENERAL FUND	174,825.60
011 - SMALL BUSINESS DEVELP RLF	930.00
020 - ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	19,969.76
040 - AAA FUND	53,652.76
050 - DETENTION CEN TER FUND	31,327.50
065 - INTERNAL SERVICES FUND	5,735.00
070 - GENERAL HUMAN SERVICES	8,976.31
080 - HEALTH FUND	36,487.17
090 - CLERK HIRE FUND	1,248.38
095 - E-911	4,880.51
338,032.99	

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 10th day of March, A.D., 2025, there were present:

- Rob Oquist, Chairman
- Tim Knabenshue, Commissioner
- Jim Baldwin, Commissioner
- Lyn Scott, Clerk to the Board
- Amy White-Tanabe, County Administrator

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

Resolution #2025 – 07

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OTERO COUNTY, COLORADO, IN SUPPORT OF OUR NEIGHBORING COUNTIES AND THEIR RESOLUTIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED HIGH-POWER TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has identified a need to transport green energy across multiple states, including Colorado, without demonstrating clear benefits to Otero County, its neighboring counties, or the State of Colorado as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the DOE has proposed a five-mile-wide corridor for the transmission line under the National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors (NIETC) program, which has the potential to significantly impact private property owners, agricultural lands, local infrastructure, and natural resources in neighboring counties without meaningful consultation with the affected communities; and

WHEREAS, the DOE has not adequately notified local officials, landowners, and stakeholders in neighboring counties regarding the scope, purpose, and potential impact of this project, and has not ensured transparency through proper publication of public comment periods in local newspapers; and

WHEREAS, the proposed transmission corridor would remove productive farmland, disrupt ranching operations, and negatively impact the agricultural economies of the affected counties, which serve as the backbone of their communities by supporting local businesses, schools, and essential services; and

WHEREAS, the potential loss of significant acreage from agricultural production could have widespread economic consequences, including job losses, business closures, decreased tax revenue, and increased financial burdens on remaining property owners in neighboring counties; and

WHEREAS, the DOE has not addressed the long-term financial impacts of this project, including how neighboring counties will be compensated for lost property tax revenue, which is essential for maintaining roads, schools, emergency services, and other public resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Otero County acknowledges that the transmission line will not go through Otero County and will not have a direct effect on the county but remains committed to supporting the rights of its neighboring counties and ensuring that any major infrastructure projects are conducted with full transparency, proper environmental assessments, and fair compensation to affected property owners and counties as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Otero County strongly supports personal property rights and opposes the use of eminent domain unless the project provides direct and tangible benefits to the property owner and has been voluntarily accepted by them; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Otero County is pro-energy development but firmly believes it should not come at the expense of our constituents or our neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation process must include a review of potential impacts on cultural and historical sites, ensuring their preservation and compliance with applicable laws;

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

1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Otero County formally supports the resolutions of its neighboring counties opposing the proposed high-power transmission line project in its current form due to its lack of transparency, failure to properly notify local officials and residents, and its potential to cause economic and environmental harm.
2. That DOE must provide a published notice of intent regarding this project, with an extended public comment period allowing for meaningful local input.
3. That the DOE must notify officials of the State of Colorado and neighboring counties of any intent to use eminent domain to seize private property for this project, and that Otero County stands firmly against any such action unless it directly benefits and is fully accepted by the affected property owner.

4. That no further development of the project should proceed until independent environmental and health impact studies are conducted—one selected by the affected counties, one by the DOE, and one agreed upon by both parties—demonstrating that no significant health or environmental hazards exist.
5. That Otero County urges the State of Colorado and its elected officials to support local communities in resisting the imposition of large-scale infrastructure projects that fail to benefit local residents and threaten the economic stability of rural counties.

Adopted this 10th day of March 2025.

ATTEST:

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

Clerk & Recorder

Rob Oquist, Chairman

Tim Knabenshue

Jim Baldwin

WHEREAS, the Lower Ark District remains uncertain as to whether such water supplies can even be secured without devastating impacts beyond the borders of Colorado Springs; and WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs has actively purchased and continues to acquire irrigation water rights in the Lower Arkansas Valley, filing legal applications to permanently transfer this water for urban use; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs has a significant inventory of undeveloped land within its existing limits, with housing availability at a ten-year high, calling into question the need for further annexations that would intensify its water shortfall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Otero County Board of County Commissioners stands with the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District in opposing any new annexations by the City of Colorado Springs that would deepen its existing 34,000 acre-feet water supply shortfall.
2. The Otero County Board of County Commissioners urges Colorado Springs to recognize the long-term consequences of its water demands on the Lower Arkansas Valley's economy, environment, water quality, and communities.
3. The Otero County Board of County Commissioners calls upon neighboring counties, municipalities, and stakeholders to unite in advocating for responsible water policies that protect the agricultural foundation and water resources of the Lower Arkansas Valley.

Adopted this 10th day of March 2025.

ATTEST:

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

Clerk & Recorder

Rob Oquist, Chairman

Tim Knabenshue

Jim Baldwin

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 on Monday, the 10th day of March, A.D. 2025, there were present:

- | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| <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"/> | Amy White-Tanabe | County Administrator |

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

Resolution # 2025-09

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF AMOUNTS BUDGETED FOR 2024

WHEREAS, Otero County Commissioners created a fund titled “Insurance Fund”; and

WHEREAS, the Insurance Fund is responsible for paying premiums for the County’s casualty and property coverage, along with other associated liability or property management expenses; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the County of Otero as follows:

Insurance Fund

That the 2024 appropriation for the Insurance Fund is hereby increased from \$579,748.00 to \$580,748.00. Therefore,

- Line item 045.400.40610.36600 Building Maintenance/Repairs shall be increased to \$49,500.00.

ADOPTED this 10th Day of March, A.D., 2025.

ATTEST:

Board of County Commissioners of the County of
Otero, State of Colorado:

Clerk & Recorder

Rob Oquist, Chairman

Tim Knabenshue

Jim Baldwin

FUNDING AGREEMENT

This Funding Agreement ("**Agreement**") is entered into this ____ day of _____, 2025, between the Otero County, a Colorado county, ("**Otero County**"), and the City of Trinidad, Colorado, a home rule municipal corporation (the "**City**"). Otero County and the City are collectively referred to herein as the "**Parties.**"

RECITALS

- A. WHEREAS, in June, 2021, pledges were made by funding partners in support of the Southwest Chief La Junta Restoration Program (aka 2021 RAISE grant; aka Amtrak Southwest Chief Route Restoration Program) (the "**Program**");
- B. WHEREAS, in February, 2025, a Notice to Proceed was issued to BNSF by the City of Trinidad to commence with the Program;
- C. WHEREAS, Otero County's funding commitment to the Program is in the amount of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 (\$12,500), a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** and incorporated herein by this reference.
- C. WHEREAS, upon the terms and conditions set forth below, the Parties desire to enter into this Agreement to provide for the full execution and completion of the Program.

COVENANTS

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals and the mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **Remittance of Pledged funds to the City.** Within 30 calendar days of receipt of an invoice from the City of Trinidad, Otero County agrees to remit its full funding commitment to the City in support of the Program. Payment shall be made as follows:

Payee: City of Trinidad, Colorado
Attn: Cheryl Navarette, Finance Director
135 N. Animas Street
Trinidad, CO 81082

Amount: \$12,500

2. **Warranty of City of Trinidad to Execute Grant.** The City of Trinidad has executed the grant agreement and the necessary construction and maintenance agreement, thereby committing to the completion of the Program. The City warrants that the funds received from all funding partners will be used exclusively for the benefit of the Program.
3. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado.

4. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties pertaining to the subject matter contained herein and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations, and understandings of the Parties. It shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the executors, administrators, personal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns of each of the Parties. No supplement, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing by all of the Parties. No waiver of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing by the party making the waiver.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date first written above.

OTERO COUNTY

STATE OF _____)
) SS.
COUNTY OF _____)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 2025, by _____.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Notary Public

My Commission expires: _____.

CITY OF TRINIDAD, COLORADO

By: _____

Name: AUDRA GARRETT

Its: CITY CLERK

ATTEST:

KIMBERLY LOPEZ, Asst. City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Les Downs, City Attorney



EXHIBIT A

Rob Oquist - Commissioner Dist. 1
John Hostetler - Commissioner Dist. 2
Jim Baldwin - Commissioner Dist. 3
Nathan Shultz - County Attorney
Amy White-Tanabe - County Administrator

Office of the Commissioners

June 29, 2021

Re: Proposal to Support RAISE Discretionary Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern,

The Otero County Commissioners are extending their support of the application for Federal National Infrastructure Investments under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) Discretionary Grants Program. The grant will fund the continuation of improvements to segments of the BNSF Railroad where Amtrak's Southwest Chief operates in the states of Kansas, Colorado, and New Mexico. Previous awards include a TIGER VI Grant in 2014 to Garden City, Kansas, the TIGER VII Grant to La Junta, Colorado in 2015, and a TIGER IV Grant to Colfax County, New Mexico in 2017, all of which contributed to significant upgrades to the railway to passenger train standards.

Otero County is pledging \$12,500 to endorse this worthy effort of rehabilitating the final section with new rail, turnouts, and grade crossings, thereby keeping Southwest Chief running in Colorado.

Thank you for your time and consideration towards this vital project.

Sincerely,



Jim Baldwin, Chairman
Otero County Commissioner

John Hostetler
Otero County Commissioner

Rob Oquist
Otero County Commissioner

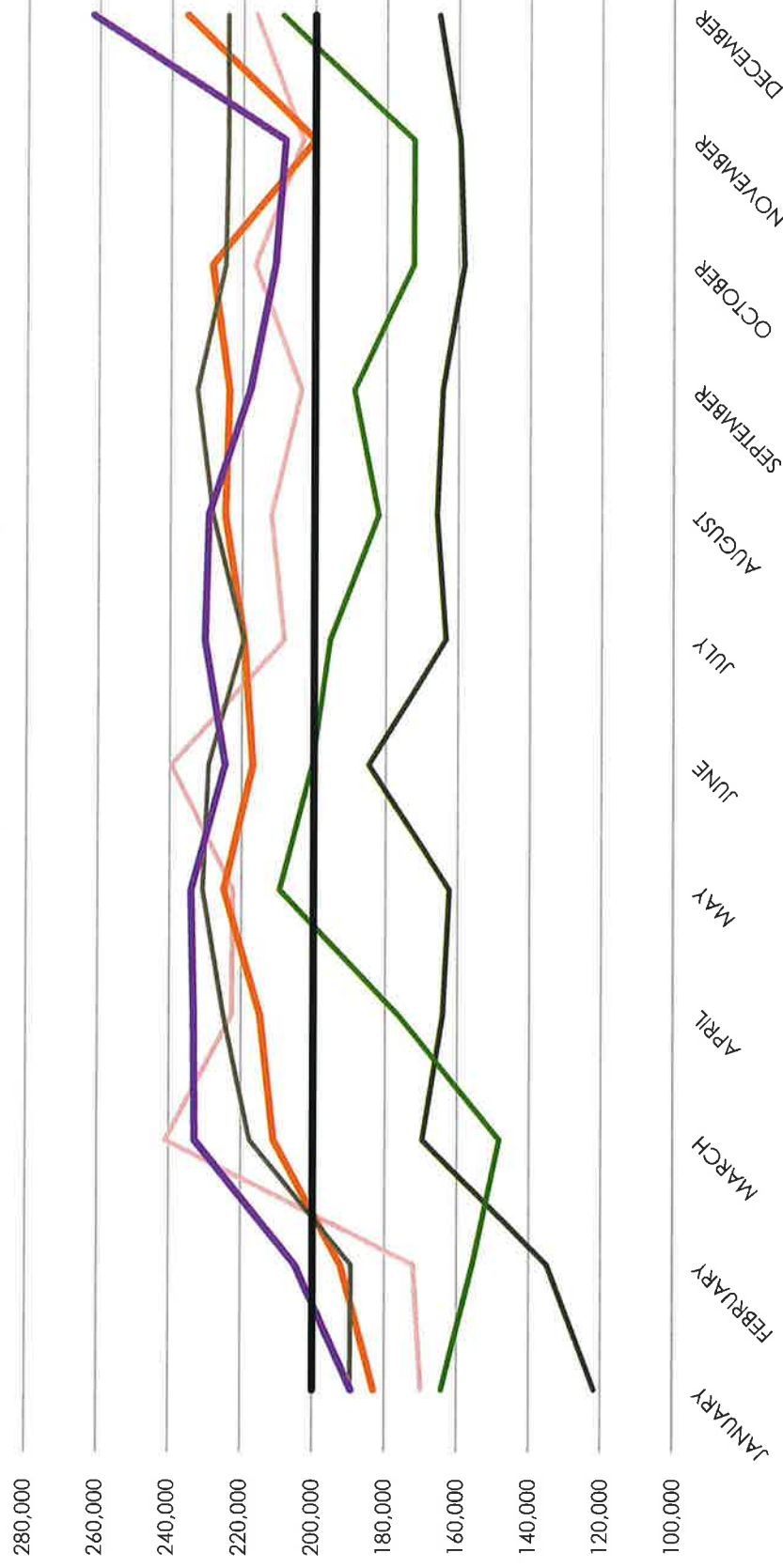
OTERO COUNTY SALES TAX REPORT
December 2024



COLLECTED BY COUNTY \$ 37,327
 COLLECTED BY STATE \$ 224,420
 TOTAL COLLECTED \$ 261,747 Received in February 2025

	FY2023 vs FY2024												FY2023
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 Budget Forecast		(+/-)	Monthly % of Change	Cumm. % of Change	Cumm. % of Change	
JANUARY	121,756	164,205	169,972	182,983	189,563	189,232	200,000	200,000	(331)	-0.2%	0%	4%	
FEBRUARY	134,870	155,565	172,204	192,216	189,406	204,819	200,000	200,000	15,413	8%	4%	1%	
MARCH	169,741	148,242	240,999	210,892	217,619	232,765	200,000	200,000	15,145	7%	5%	2%	
APRIL	163,971	176,370	222,632	214,762	224,963	233,125	200,000	200,000	8,162	4%	4%	3%	
MAY	162,243	209,430	222,410	224,856	230,836	233,889	200,000	200,000	3,053	1%	4%	3%	
JUNE	184,727	200,329	239,552	216,893	229,251	224,587	200,000	200,000	(4,664)	-2%	3%	3%	
JULY	163,346	195,468	208,403	219,463	219,497	230,255	200,000	200,000	10,758	5%	3%	3%	
AUGUST	165,872	182,048	212,061	224,780	228,199	229,338	200,000	200,000	1,139	0%	3%	3%	
SEPTEMBER	164,322	188,993	203,687	223,680	232,592	217,831	200,000	200,000	(14,761)	-6%	2%	3%	
OCTOBER	158,387	172,510	216,643	228,498	224,872	210,971	200,000	200,000	(13,901)	-6%	1%	2%	
NOVEMBER	159,523	172,426	203,386	199,965	224,198	208,339	200,000	200,000	(15,859)	-7%	0%	3%	
DECEMBER	165,447	209,095	216,381	235,641	224,283	261,747	200,000	200,000	37,464	17%	2%	2%	
ACTUAL:	1,914,205	2,174,680	2,528,330	2,574,629	2,635,281	2,676,898	2,400,000	2,400,000	41,617				
BUDGET:	1,614,803	1,743,239	1,847,833	2,300,000	2,300,000	2,400,000	2,400,000	2,400,000	276,897.97	Above budget			

Otero County 2024 Sales Tax Report



3/10/2025 to 3/14/2025

Commissioner's Calendar

	Mon 10	Tue 11	Wed 12	Thu 13	Fri 14
		La Junta Community Workshop /	La Junta Community Workshop /		
8 AM					
9 AM	Public Works/Facility Management -- LN, DG, RO, TK, JB, AT			CCI - Steering Committee Meetings	CCI - Steering Committee Meetings
10 AM	Economic Development - DB, RO, TK, JB, AT Room 212	YEEHAW	Michael Hart		
11 AM	Department of Human Services / RO, TK, JB, DR, AT Room 212	Abatement Discussion/Ken Hood			
12 PM	Administration / RO, TK, JB, AT Room 212		Ark River Basin Roundtable / JB		
1 PM		Construction Conference			
2 PM	Otero County Board of Room 107 or Land Use	Sara Dunn			
3 PM					
4 PM					

3/17/2025 to 3/21/2025

Commissioner's Calendar

	Mon 17	Tue 18	Wed 19	Thu 20	Fri 21
8 AM					Gathering for Growth Forum: Elevating Southern Colorado
	OPI/OCLI				
9 AM		Detention Punch List			
				SEWCD Board Meeting	
10 AM					
			Lower Ark Water Conservancy -- TK		
11 AM	Emergency Management / RO, TK, JB, DC, AT Room 212				
12 PM	Administration/ AT, RO, TK, JB Room 212		SEBREA - RO		
1 PM	CTSI Loss Analysis	Construction Conference			
2 PM			SAGE -- RO		
3 PM					
4 PM					