

January 12, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners now meets pursuant to adjournment.

Present:	Rob Oquist	Chairman
	Tim Knabenshue	Commissioner
	Jim Baldwin	Commissioner
	Kaysie Schmidt	Administrator
	Lynda Scott	Clerk

Guests in attendance in person: Nancy Harrington, Bette McFarren, and Ken Hood.
Guests on Zoom: Rose Pugliese and Anne Taylor.

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

Chr. Oquist called the regular meeting to order.

County Assessor Ken Hood announced that he is running for reelection for Assessor. Co. Knabenshue asked if he was the longest running assessor in the state, the answer was no. There is an assessor in the state who has been at the job longer than Mr. Hood. The assessor's office now has a new website, by Tyler Technologies. Discussion was held.

Chr. Oquist called for approval of the consent agenda. The agenda includes approval of the minutes from December 22nd, 2025, bills and payroll for December 16th through December 31st, 2025, and Board of Health appointment for Dr. RJ Nelson. Co. Knabenshue motioned to approve the consent agenda. Co. Baldwin seconded. Motion carried.

Admin. Schmidt presented Resolution #2026-01, this resolution determines who is the Chair and Chair Pro-Tem. Co. Rob Oquist will be Chair and Co. Knabenshue will be Chair Pro-Tem. Co. Baldwin motioned to approve the resolution. Co. Knabenshue seconded. Motion carried.

Admin. Schmidt presented Resolution #2026-02, this resolution authorizes the depositories for Otero County for FY2026. Co. Knabenshue motioned to approve the resolution. Co. Baldwin seconded. Motion carried.

Admin. Schmidt presented Resolution #2026-03, this resolution shows appointments, board assignments/representation, designations, office hours and meeting times. Co. Baldwin motioned to approve the resolution. Co. Knabenshue seconded. Motion carried.

Admin. Schmidt presented 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. Co. Knabenshue motioned to approve the resolution. Co. Baldwin seconded. Motion carried. Ms. Pugliese thanked the Board and stated that she was honored to be appointed.

Clerk Scott presented the liquor license renewal for The Beer Joint. Co. Knabenshue motioned to approve. Co. Baldwin seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk Scott presented that there will be a DRIVES upgrade by State in February. The office will have different hours temporarily. February 13th we will be closing at 2:00pm, on the 17th and 18th of February we will be closed for training. February 19th and 20th we will be open by appointment only. Chr. Oquist added support for the closing by adding that the office needed time to learn the system.

Co. Knabenshue mentioned that he and Chr. Oquist met with Rep. Winter and Sen. Pelton concerning the upcoming legislative kickoff. They also talked about some of the bills coming down. Co. Knabenshue also attended the Southeast Transportation Meeting, and how they talked about the disbursement of funds available. He also attended the Eastern Plains Renewable Energy meeting, the main topic being all types of renewable energy and how that will affect the counties. Co. Knabenshue also mentioned that he is running for a second term as county commissioner.

Admin. Schmidt thanked the county crews that keep our county working, precisely the road crews and the facility crews for keeping all our people safe. Chr. Oquist also wanted to thank the crews for keeping the roads and facilities safe.

With no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting will be on Monday, January 26th, 2026, at 1:30 pm.


Clerk


Chairman