

Phillips County Commissioner
Meeting Minutes¹
January 31, 2025

Call to order

Chairman Tom Timm called the meeting of the Phillips County Commissioners to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:00 a.m. on January 31, 2025, at the County Courthouse in the Commissioner Meeting room.

County Attendees

Chairman Tom Timm, Commissioner Garold Roberts, Commissioner Terry Hofmeister (via Teams due to CCI Steering Committee Meetings,) Administrator/Planner Andrew Nygaard, Assessor Doug Kamery, Deputy Assessor Toby Thompson, and Landfill Manager Bill Andrews (via phone)

Additional Attendees

Janelle Krueger, Vern Rafert, and Aaron Sprague

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

Additions:

- 11) Wind energy study
- 12) Lions Club shelter
- 13) Weldco Farms well monitoring
- 14) Amherst wells
- 15) Bieseimeier pit

Hofmeister moved to approve the agenda as amended. Roberts seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Roberts moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Hofmeister seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items:

- a) Approval of the minutes of the BOCC 1.17.2025 meeting
- b) Approval of January payroll
- c) Approval of invoice list
- d) Approval of P.I.L.T. Grant
- e) Acknowledge receipt of Weldco Farms Fall 2024 monitoring reports
- f) Acknowledge receipt of Seaboard Foods 4th quarter monitoring report
- g) Acknowledge receipt of gravel pit inspection reports
- h) Acknowledge receipt of building permits log
- i) Acknowledge receipt of Event Center/BOC Pavilion/Facilities rentals, surveys

Public Comments

Vern Rafert discussed his concerns about bindweed and mullein in the county. He was also concerned about Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) landowners not taking care of noxious weeds.

Public Hearing

Chairman Timm opened the public hearing at 9:00 a.m. to consider the subdivision exemption application submitted by Prenzlow Enterprises Co. LLC to sell 6.36 acres to Eugene W. and Carol A. Kumm from a 155-acre parcel located in the SW 1/4 of Section 6, Township 6 North, Range 43 West. Chairman Timm, seeing no public comments, closed the hearing at 9:04 a.m.

Appointments

The board met with Aaron Sprague, representing the Republican River Water Conservation District. Sprague provided the board with updates on RRWCD in terms of compliance, funding, and acre retirement.

¹Minutes prepared by Andrew Nygaard are a summary of discussions, not a verbatim account.

The board met with Assessor Doug Kamery and Deputy Assessor Toby Thompson regarding the potential sale of the Amherst Road and Bridge storage building and its water supply.

The board contacted Landfill Manager Bill Andrews by phone to discuss the roll-off truck, which had a problem with the motor and oil cooler line. Andrews will get bids for a new motor, and rentals of roll-off dumpsters will be unavailable until further notice.

Unfinished Business

The board discussed the county's wind energy regulations and a wind energy study in Colorado that had not yet begun because an MOU had not yet been put in place. Roberts discussed a meeting he attended with Nygaard and National Renewable Solutions representatives who indicated they may be submitting an application for a permit for 22 pad sites in the county sometime in 2026.

Motions/New Business

Roberts reported on the Weldco Farms well monitoring reports and his meeting with Brian England, general manager. Roberts said it was important to continue to monitor nitrate levels in the reports.

Roberts reported that the Holyoke Lions Club has committed to contributing \$5,000 for a shelter at the Phillips County Fairgrounds and suggested that the Recreation District may be able to assist with further funding.

Roberts reported that about an acre of water was exposed at the Biesemeier Pit and that it must be remediated by March 17, 2025. He said the Road and Bridge department would look into pumping it and then filling back the area plus two additional feet of material and then packing it.

Hofmeister moved to approve the subdivision exemption application submitted by Prenzlów Enterprises Co. LLC to sell 6.36 acres to Eugene W. and Carol A. Kumm from a 155-acre parcel located in the SW 1/4 of Section 6, Township 6 North, Range 43 West. Roberts seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Roberts moved to extend Resolution 2024-06-18-02 authorizing the adoption of a moratorium on the processing of permits related to the construction of any wind farm system or facility within Phillips County through September 30, 2025. Hofmeister seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Roberts moved to rescind the motion made at the Commissioner meeting of January 17, 2025, to approve the designation of Tom Timm to serve as proxy on behalf of Phillips County to the CCI Steering Committee during the 2025 session. Hofmeister seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Hofmeister moved to approve the designation of Lori Lundgren to serve as proxy on behalf of Phillips County to the CCI Health and Human Services Steering Committee during the 2025 session. Roberts seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Hofmeister moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter of support for NJC Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI). Roberts seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Roberts moved to appoint Jean Clayton to complete the unexpired term of Elton Olofson on the Phillips County Recreation District Board, ending on December 31, 2026. Hofmeister seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Hofmeister moved to appoint Alan Nall to complete the unexpired term of Lea White on the Phillips County Economic Development Board, ending on December 31, 2026. Roberts seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Adjournment

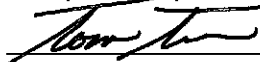
Chairman Timm adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Andrew Nygaard.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2025.

Phillips County Commissioners:

Attest:



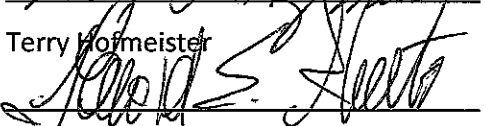
Tom Timm



Beth Zilla, County Clerk



Terry Hofmeister



Garold Roberts