



PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026

MINUTES

Monday, January 5, 2026

6:00 PM

Hearing Room

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Gilmartin presented virtual hearing instructions.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll Call

PRESENT

Commissioner Len Abruzzo
Commissioner Stephen Allen
Commissioner Calvin Downs
Commissioner Jack Gilmartin
Commissioner Mark Hampton
Commissioner Ed Kubly
Commissioner Michael McKesson
Commissioner Jim Smallwood
Alternate Mark Witkiewicz

EXCUSED

Commissioner Ed Rhodes

- c. Attorney Certification of the Agenda

Chris Pratt, County Attorney, stated that all items on today's agenda have been reviewed by the County Attorney's Office, they have been properly noticed, and the Commission has jurisdiction to hear them. Chris Pratt also stated the last item on the agenda, Project File LE2025-027, has been rescheduled to February 2, 2026, or later per the applicant's request.

- d. Planning Commission Disclosures

Commissioner Mark Hampton stated he will recuse himself from the room during the 8285 Piney River Avenue Project File LE2025-025 item.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Unofficial Minutes from December 15, 2025.

Commissioner Calvin Downs moved that the Commission approve the Minutes from December 15, 2025.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Calvin Downs
SECONDER: Stephen Allen
AYES: Len Abruzzo, Stephen Allen, Calvin Downs, Jack Gilmartin, Jim Smallwood, Mark Witkiewicz
ABSTAIN: Mark Hampton, Ed Kubly, Mike McKesson

3. 2026 Annual Election of Planning Commission Officers

a. Election of PC Officers for 2026

Commissioner Ed Kubly moved to elect Jack Gilmartin as Chair, Calvin Downs as Vice Chair, and Jim Smallwood as Secretary for the 2026 Douglas County Planning Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Ed Kubly
SECONDER: Mike McKesson
AYES: Len Abruzzo, Stephen Allen, Calvin Downs, Jack Gilmartin, Mark Hampton, Ed Kubly, Mike McKesson, Jim Smallwood, Mark Witkiewicz

4. Land Use Hearing Items

a. 8285 Piney River Avenue – Douglas County Libraries – Location and Extent – Project File: LE2025-025.

Commissioner Mark Hampton recused himself from this item and left the room.

Brett Thomas, AICP, Chief Planner - Department of Community Development – presented the proposed application

The applicant's representative, Derek Patterson – provided additional information.

Commissioner Gilmartin opened public comment.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Gilmartin closed public comment.

Commissioner Gilmartin opened Planning Commission discussion.

Commissioner Mike McKesson moved to approve the 8285 Piney River Avenue – Douglas County Libraries – Location and Extent – Project File: LE2025-025.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Mike McKesson
SECONDER: Jim Smallwood
AYES: Len Abruzzo, Stephen Allen, Calvin Downs, Jack Gilmartin, Ed Kubly, Mike McKesson, Jim Smallwood, Mark Witkiewicz
ABSTAIN: Mark Hampton

The Planning Commission took a brief recess to allow Commissioner Mark Hampton to re-enter the room.

b. Hier Exemption, 1st Amendment, Parcel A2 – Lift Station and Force Main – Location and Extent – Project File: LE2025-026.

Brett Thomas, AICP, Chief Planner, on behalf of Eric Pavlinek, Principal Planner - Department of Community Development - presented the proposed application.

The applicant's representative, Erin Evans, The Town of Castle Rock – provided additional information.

Commissioner Gilmartin opened public comment.

Mindy McKinney, Douglas County, CO – provided comment.

John McKinney, Dougals County, CO – provided comment.

Commissioner Gilmartin closed public comment.

Commissioner Gilmartin opened Planning Commission discussion.

The applicant's representative, Wesley Lozano, PE – provided additional information.

Commissioner Jim Smallwood moved to approve the Hier Exemption, 1st Amendment, Parcel A2 – Lift Station and Force Main – Location and Extent – Project File: LE2025-026.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Jim Smallwood

SECONDER: Len Abruzzo

AYES: Len Abruzzo, Stephen Allen, Jack Gilmartin, Ed Kubly, Mike McKesson, Jim Smallwood, Mark Witkiewicz

NAYS: Calvin Downs, Mark Hampton

c. 7440 North US Highway 85 – Range Metro District Infrastructure Project – Location and Extent – Project File: LE2025-027.

This item has been rescheduled to February 2, 2026, or later per the applicant's request.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.



Calvin Downs, Secretary



Samantha Hutchison, Recording Secretary