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**Board of County Commissioners**

Holly Williams, District 1

Carrie Geitner, District 2

Bill Wysong, District 3

Cory Applegate, District 4

Cami Bremer, District 5

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**CITIZEN OUTREACH GROUP (COG)  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Date:** April 21, 2025

**Members Present**

**In Person and Via**

**Virtual/Teleconference**

**Meeting:**

Ruble Henderson (Chair), Sarah Brittain Jack, Ed Dills, Jim Godfrey, Angie Greene, Brenda Miller, Dale Warner

**Members Absent:** None

**Commissioners Present:** Commissioner Holly Williams, Vice Chair

**County Staff Present:** AmyJo Fields, Paula Linhares, Ryan Parsell, Natalie Sosa

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**I. Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 9:32am by Jim Godfrey on behalf of COG Chair Ruble Henderson.

**II. Administrative Items - Ruble Henderson**

- a. Motion to not excuse absent Board members - no Board members were absent.
- b. The March 24 minutes were approved unanimously.

**III. Legislative Session Update – Ryan Parsell**

- a. Long Bill – State is facing a \$1.2 billion shortfall which they must try to make up in current Legislative Session. Long Bill proposal to fix the gap.
- b. To date, 620 bills have been introduced (331 House and 289 Senate). The County is tracking 160 bills. See bills that the County is supporting and opposing , and overall updates, here:



Legislative Update  
Informal Mtg 04.15.2

**IV. Federal Legislative Update – Ryan Parsell**

- a. SAVE Act 2025 (H.R. 22) – election security (update in the PowerPoint above)

**V. Update on COG Board vacancies – Ryan Parsell**

- a. Commissioners are interested in three at-large candidates. Decisions are expected in a couple of weeks.

**VI. Citizen College Marketing Update – AmyJo Fields**

- a. Webpage is live: <https://www.elpasoco.com/citizen-college>
- b. E-blast drafted
- c. Save the Date cards will be available and distributed at the next COG meeting

**VII. Communications and PIO Update – Natalie Sosa**

- a. County's Strategic Performance Dashboard is live: <https://www.elpasoco.com/strategic-plan/strategic-plan-dashboard/>. COG members are encouraged to share the dashboard among their networks. Talking points for the dashboard will be provided shortly.
- b. Café Conversations with Commissioners: <http://www.elpasoco.com/café-conversations> first event will be April 25 with Commissioner Wysong (District 3) at Red Dog Café in Manitou. In the process of planning events for Commissioner Geitner (District 2) - May, Commissioner Williams (District 1) - June, Commissioner Applegate (District 4) - August, Commissioner District 5 – TBD.
- c. Media Training – May 9, 8:30am-5pm at Regional Development Building

Meeting adjourned at 10:38am