

DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Administrative Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2026

A G E N D A

12:00 p.m.

- Highlands Ranch Fireworks (memo attached)
- School Security Funding - Discussion of Next Steps
- Legal Updates (30 minutes)
- Public Affairs Update
- Boards and Commissions
- Correspondence/Invitations
- Informational Items

Memorandum

Date: June 9, 2026
To: Doug DeBord, County Manager
Through: Dan Avery, Deputy County Manager
From: Steve Shultz, CPRE, Director of Parks and Recreation
CC: Nick Giauque, CPRP, Parks Programs Manager

Subject: **Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration at Highland Heritage Regional Park**

SUMMARY

Highlands Ranch Community Association (HRCA) and Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District (HRMD) have decided to hold a community concert on July 2, 2026, instead of an annual fireworks display. Staff has begun contacting the vendors that typically provide fireworks, traffic and crowd-control devices, additional portable restrooms/hand-washing stations, and additional trash receptacles to check availability and anticipated costs should the Board decide to provide the Fourth of July Fireworks show at Highland Heritage Regional Park.

BACKGROUND

Based on figures from HRCA and HRMD, the total cost for this event is anticipated to be approximately \$78,115. Currently, staff has obtained the following information in preparation for a discussion with the Board.

- **Night Musick Productions LLC** is the fireworks vendor. With a short timeline before the event date, the fireworks availability will be limited to what the vendor currently has in stock. However, they would be able to provide a fireworks show of the same length and intensity as last year. The cost for this show would be \$42,000.00. This vendor would need to be approved as a sole-source vendor due to their familiarity with this event.
- **Colorado Barricade** is the traffic and crowd control vendor that can provide all necessary equipment to implement the control plan used historically. The cost for their services is \$15,715.00. This vendor would need to be approved as a sole-source vendor, given their familiarity with this event and their past development of a traffic plan.
- **Douglas County Sheriff** would provide coverage for securing the fireworks fall zone, traffic control at park entrances and exits, and traffic control on streets and in neighborhoods near the park. Total cost for Sheriff staffing would be approximately \$10,200

- **Honey Bucket**, a preferred vendor for the County, would provide thirty-two additional portable restrooms and 3 hand washing stations. Total cost would be approximately \$5,200.
- **Waste Connections**, a preferred vendor for the County, would provide twenty-two additional portable trash receptacles. Total cost would be approximately \$5,000
- **Event Staffing** would be covered using a combination of volunteers and Parks Staff, which is anticipated to be approximately forty hours total.

NEXT STEPS

Staff is prepared to move forward with Board direction.