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Colorado Appeals Court issues opinion regarding e-mails exchanged by Clerk and Recorder Tracy K. Baker and his assistant chief deputy Arapahoe County to review decision next week and determine future action

ARAPAHOE COUNTY, CO. ---- The Colorado Court of Appeals Thursday issued a 25-page ruling in the case involving the release of 622 e-mails exchanged between Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder Tracy K. Baker and his girlfriend, who is now his number two in command.

The Board of County Commissioners and County Attorney's Office will review the opinion and meet early next week to determine Arapahoe County's options in response to the decision.

"Two members of our Board are out of town and we have not had the opportunity to review the decision, nor has the County had the opportunity to discuss the opinion with the media outlets who were among those making the initial open records requests and who were parties to the proceeding," said Commissioner Debra Vickrey, who serves as chair of the Board. "We will review the opinion to determine what direction it provides to our County and other public entities, not only in this situation, but in future open records situations concerning what types of public records may be released."

A copy of the court ruling is available by visiting the Court of Appeals web site at <http://www.courts.state.co.us/coa/opinion/2003q3/03CA0074.doc>.
