



Minutes of the Meeting of The Board of County Commissioners, Gilpin County, Colorado from Sunday, March 17, 2024

A special meeting was held on Sunday, March 17, 2024, online via Zoom. Chair Berumen called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. In attendance were Susan Berumen, Chair, Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth, Commissioner Marie A. Mornis, County Manager Ray Rears, County Attorney Brad Benning, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Lyndsey Denton.

Chair Berumen extended a heartfelt thank you and appreciation to all the various State and County crews and first responders for their work throughout the snow storm keeping residents safe, and thanked all the staff working behind the scenes. She also thanked the residents of Gilpin County for extending help to neighbors and for their patience as the County recovers.

Order Declaring a Disaster In and For Gilpin County. Ray Rears, County Manager, presented the order to declare a local disaster due to as much as 61.5 inches of snow caused by the latest storm. He noted that Sheriff Armstrong declared a local disaster on March 14, 2024, The Board of County Commissioners is the authorized entity to officially issue, confirm or extend a local disaster. Sheriff Kevin Armstrong provided a summary of the storm impacts and why a declaration was made and recommended it be extended to the full 7-day limit. The Declaration allows for the County to get additional resources during the disaster, and possible reimbursement to recover funds that were used during closures and emergency response. It was clarified that the Declaration may be renewed every seven (7) days, as it is needed. John Combs, Public Works Director, spoke on the status of the County roads and noted the collaboration with Public Works and emergency responders. County Manager Rears clarified that the declaration was revised to be a resolution number 24-62, and to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The dates for the declaration were further discussed and revised to reflect the same dates from the Sheriff's original declaration. Commissioners Hollingsworth and Mornis voiced appreciation for staff and first responders' extra work. Chair Berumen asked for a motion. Commissioner Hollingsworth moved to adopt Resolution 24-62, "Declaring a local emergency in Gilpin County, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-33.5-709, in effect from March 14 - March 21, 2024, exact times to be recorded." Commissioner Mornis seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Public or Press Comment. Chair Berumen opened the meeting to public comment. Comments included:

- Amber Cusano, 105 Conestoga Road, thanked all the first responders, and commented on the county response.

Adjourn. There being no further public business to come before the Board, Chair Berumen adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

Approved this 26th day of March, 2024.

A signed and recorded copy of these minutes is available through the Clerk & Recorder's Office via Reception Number 176159.