



SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA – MARCH 20, 2024 AT 2:00 P.M.
GILPIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Marie A. Mornis, District 1

Susan Berumen, District 2

Sandy Hollingsworth, District 3

This meeting will be held in-person at the Historic Courthouse, 203 Eureka Street, Central City, CO & online via Zoom

Please visit tinyurl.com/GilpinCommissioners to attend virtually.

Please silence all electronic devices and keep quiet while the meeting is in session.

Please sign up for public or press comments prior to start of meeting.

- 2:00 p.m.**
- 1.** Call to Order

 - 2.** Resolution 24-63, Order Renewing the Local Disaster Declaration In and For Gilpin County – Ray Rears, County Manager

 - 3.** Public Comment (Limited to three minutes each)

 - 4.** Adjourn

Public hearings will begin at the noticed time or later. All other agenda times are estimates and may be heard earlier or later than designated. To request an accommodation to participate in or attend the Commissioners' meeting, please notify Deputy Clerk Lyndsey Denton at 303-582-6010, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF GILPIN, STATE OF COLORADO**

**ORDER RENEWING THE LOCAL DISASTER DECLARATION IN AND FOR GILPIN COUNTY PURSUANT TO
C.R.S. 24-33.5-709**

WHEREAS, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.*, provides procedures for statewide and local prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from disasters; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-703(3), a "disaster" is defined to mean, "the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural cause or human origin, including but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, wind, storm, wave action, hazardous substance incident, oil spill or water contamination requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage, volcanic activity, epidemic, air pollution, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, civil disturbance, or hostile military or paramilitary action, or a condition of riot, insurrection, invasion"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, a local disaster may be declared, "only by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 30-10-307 and 308 as amended, the chair of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is the principal executive officer of Gilpin County and, in the absence of the chair, the chair pro tem is, or in their absence, the County Manager is statutorily authorized by prior delegation from the Board of County Commissioners to act as the principal executive officer in said capacity; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), the declaration of a local disaster, "shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days except by or with the consent of the governing board of the political subdivision;" and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), any order declaring, continuing, or terminating a local disaster, "shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the county clerk and recorder;" and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(2), the effect of declaring a local disaster, "is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans"; and

WHEREAS, by declaring a local disaster, the Gilpin County Disaster Policies are in effect; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday at 2 p.m. on March 13, 2024, snow began to fall in Gilpin County from a strong winter snow storm which continued through Thursday March 14, 2024, resulting in snowfall totals in Gilpin County of up to, and in excess of three feet, and up to more than five feet in some locations.

WHEREAS, this severe weather has resulted in preventing any safe travel to and from Gilpin County, has overwhelmed local law enforcement and emergency services, and has generally created dangerous conditions for all. Also, the snow has a very high water content making it very heavy, resulting ineffective snow removal unless more plows and equipment are made available to every location; and

WHEREAS, all jurisdictions with Gilpin County have suffered a disaster as defined under C.R.S. § 24-33.5-703(3); and

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovering from the impact of this disaster exceeds Gilpin County's available resources.

WHEREAS, a Disaster Declaration was previously made for the dates of March 14, 2024 – March 21, 2024, and the need to extend the Declaration has been determined by Gilpin County officials and staff.

WHEREAS, local first responders and county road crews continue to be overwhelmed by the lasting effects of this winter storm. Significant snow accumulation still exists, though melting has started to occur. The potential for flooding once this snow starts to melt, topped with additional snowfall in the forecast will continue to overwhelm our local resources. Localized flooding and impaired road conditions are expected, as we transition into recovery, further straining our local resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, by the Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners, County of Gilpin, State of Colorado, that a disaster emergency is declared in the County of Gilpin, Colorado, beginning at 1:49 p.m. MST on Thursday, March 21, 2024, and ending at 1:49p.m. MST on Thursday, March 28, 2024.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024, by a vote of _____ to _____.

ATTEST:

Deputy County Clerk

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF GILPIN, COLORADO**

Chair

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF COLORADO)

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COUNTY OF GILPIN)

Susan Berumen, Chair, and _____, Deputy County Clerk, County of Gilpin, acknowledged the foregoing Resolution before me this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Witness my hand and official seal

Notary Public