



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, Gilpin County, Colorado, Tuesday, May 14, 2024

A regular meeting was held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at the Gilpin County Historic Courthouse and online via Zoom. Chair Berumen called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. In attendance were Commissioner Susan Berumen, Chair, Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth, Commissioner Marie A. Mornis, County Manager Ray Rears, County Attorney Brad Benning, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Melanie Bleyler.

Chair Berumen asked for a moment of silence for Clear Creek Commissioner Sean Wood.

Agenda Review.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Conflicts of Interest.

County Attorney Benning asked the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) if they had any personal or financial interest with the business on the agenda. Each commissioner responded with no conflicts of interest.

Public Comment.

Comments included:

- Wesley Isenhart: Read a poem about hummingbirds asking us to be like hummingbirds and journey from opposition to fellowship.
- Kathleen Balfour: Supports the revised Black Hawk offer as written in Weekly Register Call. Asked if the BoCC is planning to put taxes on a future ballot.
- Phillip Gibbs: Supports capital improvement focus of BoCC. In response to a recent letter to the editor he did an analysis of the 2004 budget adjusted to today's dollars and, compared to current budget, they are almost the same except more to Sheriff's Office and less to General expenses. Asked if the BoCC is planning to put taxes on a future ballot.
- Greg Petty: Supports efforts by BoCC to combat food insecurity, expand broadband, and investment in county infrastructure to make residents' lives better. Supports idea of city of Black Hawk's involvement in community. Opposes Black Hawk offer as currently written.

Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Hollingsworth moved to, "Adopt the Consent Agenda as written, which includes the approval of Clerk & Recorder's April 2024 End-of-Month Financial Report, approval of Resolution 24-82, Amending the List of Official Appointments to change from Lyndsey Denton to Melanie Bleyler, approval of Minutes for April 25, 2024 special meeting and April 30, 2024 regular meeting." Commissioner Mornis seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

New Employee Introductions.

Chanda Johnson, Human Resources Director, introduced Lee Snyder, Road & Bridge, Janet MacDougall, Public Works Office Assistant. Joe Allaire, Director of Finance, introduced Lyndsey Denton as new Financial Analyst.



Proclamation for Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Melanie Bleyler, Community Engagement Officer presented the Proclamation for May 2024 as Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage month in Gilpin County. Commissioner Mornis moved to, “Adopt the Proclamation for Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, May 2024”. Commissioner Hollingsworth seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Resolution 24-83, Authorizing the Approval and Acceptance of a Grant for the Jail Based Behavioral Health Services (JBBS) Program.

Sheriff Kevin Armstrong and Sergeant Stephen Mathews presented this grant continuation for jail based behavioral health services (JBBS) program of \$75,660. Since the start of the JBBS program, they have seen a decrease in the amount of recidivism and would like to continue the program. The State of Colorado requires the county to use Chestnut Health Systems for monthly reporting and to maintain the JBBS program.

After discussion, Commissioner Hollingsworth moved to adopt Resolution 24-83, “Authorizing the approval and acceptance of the Colorado Behavioral Health Administration’s grant to the Gilpin County Sheriff’s Office for the Jail Based Behavioral Health Service Program (JBBS), and computer contract associated with JBBS, Chestnut Health Systems in the amount of \$75,660.” Commissioner Mornis seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Commissioner Hollingsworth added congratulations to Sheriff Armstrong and Sergeant Mathews for the approval of the final draft contract for GROC opioid settlement funds for their Co-Response Program.

Local Liquor Licensing Authority.

Commissioner Mornis moved to, “Recess as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Local Liquor Licensing Authority.” Commissioner Hollingsworth seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Public Hearing. Liquor License Application for Peak-to-Peak Music Education Association Barn Dance.

Chair Berumen opened the public hearing at 9:33 a.m. Sahari McCormick, Clerk & Recorder, presented an application for a special event permit for Peak to Peak Music Education Association, PO Box 460, Black Hawk, CO 80422, for 7/4/2024 at a Barn Dance. The applicant, Kristen McFarland, was also in attendance to answer any questions.

Chair Berumen opened the public hearing to public comment. There were no public comments. Chair Berumen closed the hearing to public comment.

After discussion, Commissioner Hollingsworth moved to approve the Liquor License Application for Peak-to-Peak Music Education Association Barn Dance to be held 7/4/24. Commissioner Mornis seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Chair Berumen closed the public hearing at 9:42 a.m.

Public Hearing. Liquor License Application for Gilpin County Fair Liquor License.

Chair Berumen opened the public hearing at 9:42 a.m. Sahari McCormick, Clerk & Recorder, presented an application for a special event permit for Gilpin County, PO Box 366, Central City, CO 80427, for



7/19/2024, 7/20/2024, and 7/21/2024 at the Gilpin County Fair. The applicant, Krystal Meyer, Special Events Coordinator was also in attendance to answer any questions.

Chair Berumen opened the public hearing to public comment. No public comment. Chair Berumen closed the hearing to public comment.

After discussion, Commissioner Mornis moved to approve the Liquor License Application for Gilpin County Fair for July 19, 20, 21, 2024. Commissioner Hollingsworth seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Chair Berumen closed the public hearing at 9:47 a.m.

Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Hollingsworth moved to, “Adjourn as the Local Liquor Licensing Authority and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Mornis seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.”

US Forest Service Update on New Concessionaire.

Patsy McEntee, Clear Creek District Ranger with Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forest, attended to introduce herself, meet the Commissioners, and provide an update on Vista Recreation as the new concessionaire. Vista Recreation was awarded a 5-year permit earlier this year which includes implementing online reservation systems, fee programs at several popular areas, and improvements to certain sites. Improvements planned for Cold Springs Campground includes removing picnic sites and adding 4-5 campsites without expanding the actual footprint of the original site. Additional changes are within Clear Creek County.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) Update.

Kyle Sandor - CDPHE, Remedial Project Manager, Angela Zachman - EPA, Remedial Project Manager, and Branden Ingersoll - CDPHE, Community Involvement Coordinator shared their community presentation.

Angela Zachman defined a Superfund Site and discussed the Superfund Remedial Process. Kyle Sandor then discussed the specific work on Operable Unit 5 (OU5) which in Gilpin County includes the cities of Central and Black Hawk and Russell Gulch.

The Superfund process includes public comment opportunities throughout. Upcoming Community Meeting: June 11 at the Clear Creek County Courthouse BoCC Room (405 Argentine St., Georgetown, CO 8044) and online via zoom.

Alisa Witt, Director of Public Health, discussed partnering with CDPHE and using Superfund monies to offer blood lead level testing for young children.

County Attorney’s Report.

County Attorney Benning gave his report, sharing his current projects. Highlights include that HB24-1033 adding requirement for emergency management plan to include individuals with animals, has passed.



Revising our current draft IGA with Nederland to ensure compliance with bill. He is also working on preparing contract between Gilpin County and Gilpin Mountain Kids, ELC.

County Manager's Report.

County Manager Rears gave his report, sharing recent focus areas and upcoming meetings. He highlighted that the next regular meeting will be June 11; the May 28 meeting was cancelled. County Manager Rears also shared that over 80 people attended the Building Department community meeting on May 8. Changes to processes are already in the works based on concerns heard. Plan to do more community meetings.

Rescheduled the joint meeting with Central City as Central City has a conflict with the June date. Confirmed with Board that July 16 at 2 pm starting with a tour of Roworth Heights works.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) meeting last week: public Open House scheduled for June 8. Encourage community participation.

Public Comment.

Comments included:

- Kathleen Balfour: Voiced disappointment that Rec center not included in the new visitor map. Supports Black Hawk IGA especially since the county has excess funds for the Sheriff's Office.
- County Manager Rears responded that the Recreation Center is more community oriented rather than tourist oriented. Also clarified that the County doesn't have surplus funds but it is the DOLA gaming impact fund which has surplus funds that could be used by others.

Board of County Commissioners Report.

Chair Berumen:

Clarified that there has been no discussion or plans of additional taxes for the county. Requested from Weekly Register-Call to clarify that a vote was not taken regarding the original offer from Black Hawk; stated that open to negotiations.

Attended:

- Board of County Commissioners roundtable in Evergreen. Spoke with realtors
- TRIAD Bright Futures meeting discussing mental health and family support services

May 8 was the end of legislative session.

Commissioner Mornis Attended:

- meetings with lobbyists, CCI, and CCAT

Commissioner Hollingsworth Attended:

- NoCo Executive Committee. Finalizing recreational and regional conservation plan
- May 6, Jefferson Center Mental Health Board, condolences to Commissioner Wood's family
- Unauthorized Trails meeting with Forest Service, part of NoCo. Mapping



All Commissioners attended:

- Board of Health Training on May 7. Required for County Commissioners to attend
- Meetings with lobbyists, CCI, and CCAT
- Board of Health Special Meeting May 8. Public Notice shared on website and to social media
- May 8 Building Department Community Meeting
- Quarterly check-in with Congressman Neguse

Public notice of Meetings

- May 14, at 3 p.m., jail tour
- May 21, work session. Meeting at courthouse at 9 and then to ribbon cutting at Cottonwood Camp sign at 10
- June 4 work session
- June 11 next regular Board of County Commissioners meeting

Adjourn to Executive Session.

Commissioner Hollingsworth moved to adjourn to Executive Session for a conference with the County Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions relative to water rights under C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b); and for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators under C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e). Commissioner Mornis seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3-0.

There being no further public business to come before the Board, Chair Berumen adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Approved this 11th day of June, 2024.

A signed and recorded copy of these minutes are available through the Clerk & Recorder's Office via Reception Number 176595.