

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GILPIN COUNTY, COLORADO

January 8, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on January 8, 2019, at the Gilpin County Courthouse. Chair Ron Engels called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Chair Engels, Commissioner Gail Watson, Commissioner Linda Isenhart, County Manager Abel Montoya, County Attorney Jim Petrock, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Sharon Cate.

Ceremony to Swear-In Elected Officials. Chair Ron Engels announced that District Judge Dennis Hall would be administering the Oath of Office to several newly elected officials. Judge Hall administered the Oath of Office to:

Treasurer / Public Trustee Mary Lorenz
Coroner Zane Laubhan
Commissioner Linda Isenhart
Sheriff Kevin Armstrong
Assessor Anne Schafer
Clerk and Recorder Sharon (Sahari) McCormick

Outgoing Sheriff Bruce Hartman then pinned the official Sheriff's badge onto Kevin Armstrong and wished him well. District Judge Hall also presented each elected official with a Certificate of Election. A brief reception followed, with Chair Engels calling the meeting back to order at 9:25 a.m.

Agenda Review. Commissioner Isenhart added one item to the agenda: a discussion of the federal government partial shutdown, and any potential trickle-down effect to Gilpin County.

Annual Appointments List. The Board discussed the draft list of annual appointments for 2019, and made a few changes, mostly due to changes in staff. Commissioner Watson moved to approve the list of appointments for 2019, as discussed. Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0. The official appointments for 2019 are as follows:

Commissioners to Convey—Gail Watson, Linda Isenhart, Ron Engels
Chair, Board of County Commissioners—Linda Isenhart
Chair Pro-Tem—Gail Watson
County Manager—Abel Montoya
County Attorney—Jim Petrock
Administrative Assistant to the Board—Sharon Cate
Budget Officer—Clorinda Smith
Chief Building Inspector—Stephen Strohminger
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator—Kevin Armstrong
Road Supervisor—Gordon Thompson
Board of Adjustment—Gail Watson, Linda Isenhart, Ron Engels
Local Liquor Licensing Authority— Ron Engels, Gail Watson, Linda Isenhart
Depository Banks for Gilpin County—Wells Fargo, ColoTrust General, ColoTrust Reserve, and C-Safe
Newspaper of Record—*The Weekly Register-Call*
Location of Public Notice of Public Meetings—Old Courthouse (Building Front)
Staff Authorized to Use Facsimile Signatures—Clorinda Smith and Lorna Plamondon

Commissioner Isenhart then assumed the role of Chair for 2019.

Annual List of Commissioners' Boards and Committees Appointments. Annually, each Commissioner selects several Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI), steering committees to serve on, as well as many other Gilpin County-related committees and boards. Today the Commissioners reviewed a list of those committees and boards and accepted assignments to each, and they discussed sitting in for each other on various committees, as needed. Commissioner Watson moved to approve the 2019 list of Commissioner committee and board assignments as modified. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Resolution #19-01—Authorizing Use of Facsimile Signatures of Members of the Board of County Commissioners, and Other County Officials, By Designated County Employees. Finance Director Clorinda Smith stated that due to the 2018 election and personnel changes in the Finance office, some updates were needed for facsimile (printed) signatures on Gilpin County checks. She said Clerk and Recorder Sharon McCormick and Staff Accountant Lorna Plamondon should be added to the official list that also includes any member of the Board of County Commissioners, and Finance Director Smith. Commissioner Engels moved to adopt Resolution #19-01, "Authorizing Use of Facsimile Signatures of Members of the Board of County Commissioners, and Other County

Officials, By Designated County Employees” as presented. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Intergovernmental Agreement Establishing VHF Regional Maintenance Program—City of Black Hawk Withdrawal. Sheriff Kevin Armstrong and Communications Supervisor Lyssa Gray discussed changes coming to the VHF Regional [Communications] Program, and that the City of Black Hawk had sent written notice of its intent to withdraw from the Intergovernmental Agreement for that Program, effective December 31, 2019. County Manager Abel Montoya and Sheriff Armstrong will work together on written acknowledgement of Black Hawk’s withdrawal. Sheriff Armstrong stated that he had met with the Clear Creek County sheriff to discuss the future of the Program and that Division Chief Tom Ihme would be overseeing this project for Gilpin County. Sheriff Armstrong also said implementation of the 800 MHZ radio system is scheduled for the first quarter of 2020, and that they planned to work with a consultant on the transition to this system, particularly the estimated the costs.

Communications Supervisor Lyssa Gray said moving to the new system would require a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State for them to install their equipment on the Gilpin County-owned communications repeater tower at Dory Hill; that MOU is currently under legal review by Petrock, Fendel and Poznanovic. Commissioner Engels noted that if the State retains ownership of their equipment, the County’s plan needs to address continuity of service. A Request for Proposal (RFP) for the work will likely be issued in February.

Legal Status Report. County Attorney Jim Petrock advised the Commissioners on the following legal issues:

- The County has completed its purchase of some property located at 15193 Highway 119.
- Next week previous Treasurer/Public Trustee Alynn Huffman, previous Sheriff Bruce Hartman, Coroner Zane Laubhan and County Attorney Petrock will testify in last of the criminal trials for the group of individuals who were charged with obstruction of government operations in Denver District Court. The last defendant is Lawrence Goodman; the other three have received lengthy prison sentences.
- The Board will need to hold an Executive Session for three items (as noted below under Adjournment.)

County Manager Status Report. County Manager Abel Montoya updated the Board of County Commissioners on the following items:

Purchase of Property. A press release has been issued regarding the County’s acquisition of some property at 15193 Highway 119—a 1.56-acre parcel with a 5,000+ sq. ft. building to house the Public Health Department and the Human Services Department. Renovations are scheduled to be completed in fall of this year, with solicitation for that work to be issued soon. The building is larger than the current space for both departments. The County’s consultant on 20-year space assessment of the Justice Center had suggested a \$6.9 million addition for this use, so at an approximate purchase price of \$480,000, this is a substantial cost savings for the County. County Attorney Jim Petrock served as the agent throughout the transaction.

Human Services Benefits Status. Human Services Director Sherrin Ashcraft said states had been in contact with federal government representatives regarding the status of human services benefits during the partial government shut down, and that the expected to be able to deliver more information soon. She said the flow of benefits through January should be fine, but counties are waiting for news about February. A second concern is how to communicate to the public that there is no anticipated interruption in benefits. Commissioner Isenhart said Gilpin County needs a plan to assist benefits recipients after February.

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Notice of Public Meetings. The public meetings in the upcoming two weeks that could be attended by more than one Commissioner and at which public business may be discussed will include:

- A sustainability meeting with Excel Energy, January 9, Board meeting room
- A working lunch with County Manager Montoya, January 9, Ameristar Casino
- Evacuation Routes meeting with the Sheriff’s office and some Wedgwood residents, January 16
- Colorado Counties, Inc., Legislative Meeting, State Capital, January 11

Appointment to State Board of Health. Commissioner Engels announced that Governor John Hickenlooper had appointed him to the Colorado State Board of Health. Commissioners Isenhart and Watson congratulated him.

Consent Agenda. Commissioner Watson moved to approve the Consent Agenda containing:

- the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes for December 18, 2018. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Adjournment to Executive Session. Commissioner Watson moved to adjourn into Executive Session in accordance with:

1. C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e) for the purposes of receiving legal advice on negotiations and for the purpose of determining positions on matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators.
2. C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) for the purposes of receiving legal advice on politics in the workplace.
3. C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) to receive legal advice on water matters.

Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0. There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Signed this 22nd day of January, 2019.