

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

February 5, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on February 5, 2019, at the Gilpin County Courthouse. Chair Linda Isenhart called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Chair Isenhart, Commissioner Gail Watson, Commissioner Ron Engels, County Manager Abel Montoya, County Attorney Bradford Benning, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Sharon Cate.

Agenda Review. Commissioner Isenhart added a Human Services update on the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program.

Ambulance Inspection Reports. Gilpin Ambulance Authority (GAA) Manager Brandon Daruna presented the annual inspection reports on four ambulances and one off-road UTV, as performed by Stanley Howell on December 18, 2018. Manager Daruna said GAA's fleet would soon all be the same make and nearly identical models, as one ambulance would be traded in and a new one would arrive in approximately two weeks and go into service after inspection by Mr. Howell. A uniform fleet helps to reduce overall costs, particularly mechanical work. The new ambulance will be half-funded by a state grant. Commissioner Watson moved to accept the annual inspection reports of Gilpin Ambulance Authority's four current vehicles and UTV and to issue the 2019 Operating License. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Public Trustee's Reports. Treasurer/Public Trustee Mary Lorenz addressed the Board regarding two reports—Public Trustee's Fourth-Quarter and Year-End 2018—that had been submitted on January 22, 2019, but some dates were found to be incorrect. The Board had accepted the reports with the caveat that she re-submit corrected documents, which she did today, and noted that an account balance error had also been corrected. Commissioner Watson moved accept both corrected reports. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Human Services Update on CCCAP. Because Human Services Director Sherrin Ashcraft was unavailable today, Karen Erdman, Case Worker Supervisor for Gilpin County Human Services, gave an update on the local impact of the federal government partial shutdown, saying the department has been extremely busy managing as many referrals as might be seen in a larger county. She further noted that there is now a toll free (800) telephone number for anonymous child welfare calls, which can make people more comfortable in sharing their concerns. She reported next on the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) making the following points:

- Nearly all counties in Colorado are overspent on this program, including Gilpin County at approximately \$41,000, due mostly to a change in the state's rating system for child care providers. The new QualStar tiered system determines the amount a provider should be paid, but the tiered system does not match the allocations to counties.
- The difference has caused the state to freeze the program statewide and to tell counties they may put applicants on a waiting list and submit that list to the state to determine eligibility.
- The state has reason to believe there will be an increase to Gilpin County's allocation, but not this fiscal year, meaning Gilpin County needs to weigh out local options and work toward a solution.
- One option for funds to meet the \$41,000 deficit is to "buy" other counties' excess monies at \$.10 per \$1.00. Supervisor Erdman said she thought Director Ashcraft is considering starting a waiting list for applicants who need CCCAP assistance and is perhaps buying other counties' excess funds.

After lengthy discussion, the Board generally agreed that a waiting list for CCCAP applicants was not their preferred option, and they would like to explore other ideas. County Manager Montoya said he would work with Director Ashcraft and would bring more information to the Board.

Legal Status Report. County Attorney Bradford Benning advised the Commissioners on the following legal issue:

- Petrock Fendel Poznanovic, P.C., has a new associate, Mr. Eric Trout, who will be helping with all facets of legal representation for Gilpin County. He is currently working with Code Enforcement Officer Tami Archer on an Onsite Wastewater Treatment System violation; a complaint will likely be filed today.

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

Quality of Life Survey. At the Board's February 19, 2019, meeting, County Manager Montoya will submit a recommendation for a firm to conduct a Quality of Life survey in Gilpin County. He hopes to complete the survey this summer and to use the results to create the 2020 budget and to help with the County's Strategic Plan. Discussion followed regarding the members of the Senior Leadership Team (County department directors and elected officials) who will serve on the committee to select the best vendor for the Survey.

Board of County Commissioners Status Reports.

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:

- Senior Leadership Team training with facilitator Jeffrey Wien, February 6, Apex Facility

- Special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners (including an executive session) to discuss County Manager Montoya's employment contract, February 12, Courthouse
- Rural Sport Shooting / NoCO 2050 meeting, February 12, Boulder
- Meeting with Lump Gulch residents to discuss emergency evacuation routes, February 12, Library
- Five-county Commissioners monthly breakfast, February 20, Idaho Springs. Commissioner Engels asked if a different day of the month could be chosen for this meeting, to allow him to attend meetings of the State Board of Health instead. A request will be sent to the breakfast meeting coordinator.
- Colorado Counties, Inc., steering committee meetings, February 14 and 15, Denver

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

- the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes for January 22, 2019, with some changes as discussed. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Public / Press Comment. Arwen Ek, 3617 S. Beaver Creek Road, Executive Director of Holistic Homestead, asked about future use of the Public Health modular building on Norton Drive, once that department moves into the County's newly purchased building at 15193 Highway 119. She said her non-profit group that currently operated a farmers' market hopes to also bring in a grocery store. County Manager Montoya stated that the Board and staff would be discussing facility master planning at a work session on February 19, 2019, and that Ms. Ek could attend.

Telecommunications Update. Tobias Tonelli and Jessica Kays of Teryx, Inc., the County's IT provider, gave an overview of a plan to create a wide area network (WAN) using microwaves to connect numerous County buildings at the Dory Hill campus. The WAN would use the new fiber internet connection at the Justice Center and could use the 100 x 100 speeds to expand the network to other buildings. They explained that the work could be done in two phases by planning ahead to include the County's new building on Highway 119, and possibly the Public Works facility and the Library. Teryx President Tonelli said he thought that the County could see an \$8,000 cost recovered in approximately one year. The Board generally agreed that the plan was appealing and looked forward to hearing more about the potential WAN in April.

Adjournment to Executive Session. Commissioner Engels moved to adjourn into Executive Session in accordance with C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b), to receive legal advice on specific legal questions. Commissioner Watson 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 10:26 a.m.

Signed this 19th day of February, 2019.