

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

February 19, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on February 19, 2019, at the Gilpin County Courthouse. Chair Linda Isenhart called the meeting to order at 9:02 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.

Public/Press Comment. John Scarffe, reporter for the *Mountain-Ear* newspaper, introduced Mindy Leary as the new reporter for Board of County Commissioner meetings, and said he will be moving on to other projects, such as history articles and features. He said reporting for Gilpin County has been a wonderful experience and he thanked staff for being so helpful.

Treasurer's Monthly Report. Treasurer Mary Lorenz reported on operations in her office for the months of October and November 2018, saying the October report had been revised due to an issue with the new Tyler software. She said the ending balance was the same, but how it was accounted for was just a bit different. She also noted that due to a problem with the State's accounting of motor vehicle funds, the Clerk and Recorder's Office revenues were very different than the same period last year, affecting various districts. County Manager Montoya added that the State is aware of funds being overpaid to them, and that counties are expecting the State to correct the mistake, pay back the correct amount owed to each county and give a full accounting of the discrepancies. Commissioner Engels moved to accept both the October and November 2018 Treasurer's reports. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Quality of Life Survey RFP and Contract. County Manager Montoya stated that in January the Board had reviewed the Request for Proposals for a firm to conduct a Quality of Life survey of residents and businesses in Gilpin County, and that the bidding period had closed on February 11, 2019. Five bids were received and were evaluated and ranked by a committee of County staff; their recommendation on a firm is ready for the Board's consideration today. The bid from the Center for Research and Policy (CRPP) was ranked highest and their contract is also presented today. If approved by the Board, County Manager Montoya will begin the process with CRPP tomorrow, with meetings in early March to work on the survey questions. Discussion followed regarding the value of paper and/or online surveys, and printing and mailing costs, which the Board thought should be paid by CRPP. Commissioner Watson moved to approve the Quality of Life Survey Services Agreement with the Center for Research and Public Policy, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$10,900.00. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Commissioner Engels moved to recess as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Board of Health. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Consideration of Violations of Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Regulations. Community Development Department Code Enforcement Officer Tami Archer addressed the Board on some violations that occurred at 759 Pactolus Lake Road owned by Lincoln Hills Riverside, in which an Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) (septic) had been installed by a contractor who was not licensed in 2019 and had not acquired the necessary permits from Gilpin County. She gave a chronological accounting of the events and said Lincoln Hills Riverside had been told by the contractor that he was licensed and did have the permits; they immediately obtained after-the-fact permits hired a licensed contractor, the work passed inspection.

The Board discussed the information as presented, and potential fines for the violations as detailed by County Attorney Brad Benning.

Commissioner Watson moved to fine Steve McCollum and McCollum Excavating, LLC, \$500 for working without a license, \$500 for working without permits, and \$50 per day from January 1, 2019, to the day the OWTS passed inspection, and that the fines must be paid if he applies to renew his installer's license. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0. (The legal recording of the Board of Health hearing is an audio file available through the Board of Health (Commissioners') Office.)

Commissioner Watson moved to adjourn as the Board of Health and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Legal Status Report. County Attorney Bradford Benning advised the Commissioners they would need to conduct an executive session after their regular meeting to receive legal advice on specific legal questions in accordance with C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) regarding water issues at the Justice Center, relating to the 20-year Needs Assessment.

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

Request for Proposals for Work at Human Services / Public Health Building. For work on the County's new Human Services/ Public Health Building at 15193 Highway 119, a Request for Proposals (RFP) has been

published. A mandatory walk-through for project bidders has been scheduled for February 21 at the building, with a deadline of March 19 for bids to be received.

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:

- Gilpin County Summit, February 27 through March 1, at the Ameristar Hotel and Casino
- High Country Auxiliary chili dinner, March 2, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Community Center

Minutes. Commissioner Watson moved to approve the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes for February 5, 2019. 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 C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b), to receive legal advice regarding water issues at the Justice Center, relating to the 20-year Needs Assessment. 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 9:47 a.m.

Signed this 05th day of March, 2019.