

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

March 5, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on March 5, 2019, at the Gilpin County Courthouse. Chair Linda Isenhardt called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. In attendance were Chair Isenhardt, Commissioner Gail Watson, Commissioner Ron Engels, County Manager Abel Montoya, County Attorney Jim Petrock, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Sharon Cate.

**Agenda Review.** The Board will add an Executive Session after their regular meeting to receive legal advice on real property, per CRS 24-6-402(4)(a), to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of real, personal, or other property interest.

**Budget Adjustment for Utility Task Vehicle.** Commissioner Isenhardt stated that the possible purchase of a utility task vehicle (UTV) was discussed during the budget hearings last fall, possibly from Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding, and that it had been tentatively approved, but was not included in the final budget. Sheriff Kevin Armstrong agreed, and noted that the current UTV owned by the Sheriff's Office is a 2012 Polaris and moves only on wheels; the new UTV he would like to purchase can use wheels or tracks for rescue operations in rough, remote areas. Commissioner Watson listed numerous options for de-acquisitioning some current equipment to accrue funds to help pay for a future potential purchase of a new UTV. Commissioner Engels emphasized that this piece of equipment should be added to the vehicle replacement plan in an appropriate time frame. The request for the purchase of a new UTV will be reviewed after other equipment has been released.

**Hyper-Reach Program for Alerts.** Sheriff Kevin Armstrong said many complaints had been received regarding the current system for delivery of weather alerts, but that users could change the settings in their account to minimize the number and types of alerts they would receive. He said that Hyper-Reach is the vendor for these alerts and Gilpin County has no control over them, but users can make adjustments; his staff contacted Hyper-Reach and they will look at delivering only one weather message every 12 or 24 hours. Sheriff Armstrong added that even if a user decided to opt out of the alert system, the Sheriff's Office would still notify residents of life-safety events, such as flood, heavy snow with blizzard conditions, or fire.

**Public Hearing—SUR #18-05, Eldora Mountain Resort.** At 9:24 a.m., Chair Isenhardt opened a public hearing for a Special Use Review, SUR #18-05, for the proposed expansion of the Eldora Mountain Resort (EMR). Community Development Director Stephen Strohmingler stated that applicant, EMR, proposed to expand the Jolly Jug ski lift, which would extend into Gilpin County. He gave an overview of the application and stated that the Gilpin County Planning Commission had recommended approval with the conditions listed in his staff report.

Timberline Fire Protection District (TFPD) Chief Paul Ondr was present and stated that even though TFPD maintains a station in Rollinsville, it would be very difficult to access the subject area even in summer, so prior to construction the applicant would need to complete a formal agreement with the Nederland Fire Department.

Gilpin Ambulance Authority Manager Brandon Daruna said that he was concerned about how to move patients from the Gilpin County portion of the proposed expansion area if staff was not able to move a patient on a lift system; he wanted to make sure an access road was in place prior to approval of the expansion.

Applicant representatives who attended the public hearing and spoke were: President and General Manager Brent Tregaskis; Sustainability Manager Hunter Wright; and property owner of the proposed expansion area H. Wolcott Toll, Ph.D.

At 10:15, Chair Isenhardt opened the hearing to public comment. There being none, Chair Isenhardt closed the hearing to public comment. Commissioner Watson requested new requirements to the Resolution that stipulates they also meet the requirements of the Gilpin Ambulance Authority, re-route the Jenny Creek Trail per the *Statement of Principles* and create a ski program for Gilpin Youth. Commissioner Engels moved to approve Resolution #19-04, "Approving Special Use Review Permit Application SUR #18-05 for the Expanding of Eldora Mountain Ski Resort into Northern Gilpin County," as amended, with changes to the list of conditions for approval. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0. Chair Isenhardt closed the public hearing at 10:20 a.m. (The legal recording of the public hearing, including any public comment, is an audio file available through the Clerk and Recorder's Office.)

**County Technical Services, Inc.—Annual Loss Analysis Report.** County Technical Services, Inc. (CTSI), is a non-profit organization owned by its member counties in Colorado to provide counties with insurance for their assets and workers' compensation claims as well as risk management. CTSI administers three risk-sharing pools: Colorado Counties Casualty and Property Pool (CAPP), the County Workers' Compensation Pool (CWCP), and the County Health Pool (CHP). (Gilpin County does not participate in the Health Pool.) Marilyn Wagner, Senior Loss Prevention Specialist for CTSI, reported on Gilpin County's losses on casualty/property damage claims and workers' compensation claims during 2018. She also spoke about the trending of losses and the need to look at more training or improved loss management. Discussion followed regarding the bonding of elected officials and the County's various types of insurance.

**Request to Fill a Position.** Sheriff Kevin Armstrong requested the Boards' approval to fill a vacant full-time position for Emergency Manager; Human Resources Director Susie Allen was present to provide information. Sheriff Armstrong said he had interviewed two of the six qualified applicants and had selected a person with excellent credentials and significant experience in emergency management. He stated that due to the applicant's qualifications, he would like to start the new hire 20% into the pay range at an annual salary of \$78,240. Discussion followed regarding a potential increase in emergency preparedness grant funding and possibly adding a County residency requirement to the Emergency Manager position. Commissioner Engels moved to approve the request to hire an Emergency Manager at a salary 20% into the pay range. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

**Treasurer's Monthly Report.** Treasurer Mary Lorenz reported on operations in her office for the month of December 2018, saying that she was working on the effects of the Vehicle Ownership Program revenues on overall monthly collections.

**Proposed Updates to Planning Commission Bylaws.** Community Development Director Stephen Strohmingler stated that the Planning Commission had worked on their bylaws during two monthly meetings to make the section on membership more flexible. He presented their proposed revisions. Commissioner Watson moved to approve amendments to the Planning Commission bylaws effective today, March 5, 2019. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

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

- Denver View Reservoir and Irrigation Company. The annual meeting will be held tonight and the Board of County Commissioners needs to designate a proxy to vote Gilpin County's eight (8) shares. Commissioner Watson moved to designate County Attorney Brad Benning as Gilpin County's voting proxy. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.
- Executive Session to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease transfer, or sale of real, personal, or other property interest under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a).

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

Monthly Leadership Team Reports. The monthly departmental reports that had been submitted were discussed.

Human Services/Public Health Building. In response to Gilpin County's recent request for proposals (RFP), five contractors attended the walk through of the building. Afterward, they requested a second walk through prior to the new March 28 deadline.

Community Development Department/Code Enforcement Updates. Community Development Director Stephen Strohmingler cited the numbers and status of recent building and other permits and code enforcement cases. He also informed the Board that Dirk Larsen had addressed all of the code violations on the Pewabic Mountain Campground property, except one building permit and one septic concern; all of the campers are gone.

#### **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:

- Colorado Counties, Inc., steering committee meetings, March 14 and 15
- State Representative KC Becker's town hall meeting, March 14, 7p to 9p at the Library

**Minutes.** Commissioner Watson moved to approve the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes for February 12, 2019. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0. Commissioner Watson moved to approve the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes for February 19, 2019. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

**Public / Press Comment.** Arwen Ek, Holistic Homestead, 3617 S. Beaver Creek Road, stated she wanted to discuss her idea to establish a collaborative between the County and Holistic Homestead to use the Public Health modular to house the food bank, allow her organization to operate the food bank, and add other charitable services. A future work session will be scheduled.

**Child Welfare Hotline Calls Agreement—Prowers County.** Taletha Pettis, Case Worker Supervisor, presented an annual renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with Prowers County for their administration of a Child Welfare Calls Hotline for 2019. She stated that the rate for each call had increased from \$22 to \$23, and that Gilpin County is allowed 10 free calls per year. She added that there had been an increase in child and senior welfare calls, perhaps because the calls to this third party are anonymous. Commissioner Engels moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Prowers County for their administration of a Child Welfare Calls

Hotline through December 31, 2019. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

**Adjournment to Executive Session.** Commissioner Engels moved to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease transfer, or sale of real, personal, or other property interest under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0. There being no further public business to come before the Board, they adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.