

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

October 22, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on October 22, 2019, at the Gilpin County Courthouse. Chair Linda Isenhart called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. In attendance were Chair Isenhart, Commissioner Gail Watson, County Attorney Jim Petrock, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Sharon Cate. Commissioner Ron Engels and County Manager Abel Montoya were absent.

**Agenda Review.** Discussion of a letter of support for the US Forest Service's Restoration Initiative was added to the agenda.

**Public/Press Comment.**

Comments on the Roosevelt Ridge Subdivision were received from:

- Thaddeus Wiatrowski, 1 Quentin Lane
- Charlie Nolan, owner of lot 15 in Roosevelt Ridge

Comments on the Denver Metroplex Environmental Assessment (DIA Flight Paths) were received from:

- Bob Morgan, 557 Highpoint Circle
- Joe Chizmas, 1079 Coyote Circle
- Donna Okray Parman, 529 Highpoint Circle

The Board of County Commissioners recessed and convened as the Board of Adjustment.

**Public Hearing—Variance Request—BOA #19-05.** Chair Isenhart opened a public hearing for a variance request for Henry and Juliane Rosen, La Chula Vista Ranch, Block 006, Lot 008; the applicants were not present. Community Development Director Stephen Strohming presented the applicants' request for relief from property line setback requirements to allow for the construction of a residential structure, which would encroach into the required 30-foot setback by 15 feet.

Chair Isenhart opened the hearing to public comment. Dave Lewis, owner of two adjacent lots, gave public comment. Following public comment, Chair Isenhart closed that portion of the hearing. Commissioner Watson moved to deny, BOA #19-05, Henry and Juliane Rosen, La Chula Vista Ranch, Block 006, Lot 008. Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0. Chair Isenhart closed the public hearing. (The legal recording of the public hearing, including any public comment, is an audio file available through the Clerk and Recorder's Office.)

The Board of Adjustment adjourned and reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

**CSU Extension Services Memorandum of Understanding.** JoAnn Powell, CSU Extension Front Range Regional Director, presented an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Extension services, saying some language had been added for clarity on funding of the agent's salary, expenses and reimbursements. Other changes are that the Extension Agent may work across county lines, CSU will apply its policies to its personnel and Gilpin County will do the same for the yet-to-be-hired Office Assistant. A new full-time agent for Gilpin County will be hired soon. Commissioner Watson asked if arts could be added to the curriculum, and said Gilpin County Manager Abel Montoya should be named in the MOU as the liaison. Commissioner Watson moved to approve the MOU as provided, subject to legal review by County Attorney Jim Petrock. Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

**Community Health Improvement Plan.** Gilpin County Public Health Coordinator Bonnie Albrecht gave a video presentation on her department's 2018 Community Health Assessment, performed in accordance with the Colorado Public Health Reauthorization Act. The Assessment included: examination of previously collected health data; prioritization of health issues; and assessment of capacity and identification of strategies for improving health. The three focus areas chosen were radon, mental health (including substance abuse) and tobacco control, with the addition of access to health care. These three topics will be the basis for the 2019 to 2024 Gilpin County Public Health Improvement Plan. Coordinator Albrecht spoke about ideas to partner with local parents, the Gilpin County School, the Sheriff's Office, and working with Jefferson County. She will assemble a community-based coalition to determine the health care needs of County residents, and will research potential grants to address radon in homes.

**Colorado Bureau of Investigation.** Representatives of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation—Director John Camper, Deputy Director Chris Schaefer, and Agent in Charge Jeff Schierkolk—informed the Board that CBI has restructured and will refocus its efforts to include increased work with the gaming communities in the state. They said that the Division of Gaming has provided funding for CBI to not only continue their work on investigations, prosecutions and forensics, but to work more closely with local law enforcement agencies against organized crime activities, such as auto theft and illegal drug distribution. The Board thanked the CBI representatives and gave them a print of the Gilpin County Detentions September 2019 report, showing that the vast majority of arrests and incarcerations are gaming related.

**Treasurer's Monthly Report.** Treasurer Mary Lorenz reported on operations in her office for the month of September 2019. She said the notice the tax lien sale has been published in the newspaper of record and the Treasurer's web site, and for the first time will be conducted online with no activity at the Courthouse. Treasurer Lorenz said she had found a reputable company for this service and that they generally produce higher premiums. Discussion followed regarding numerous small tracts owned by the County and how they could be sold or auctioned.

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

Boulder County Open Space, Tolland Ranch Trail. Gilpin County has received a draft Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) that would allow Boulder County to provide law enforcement on the Tolland Ranch Trail into Gilpin County, and will fully indemnify Gilpin County. County Attorney Petrock said there is legal authority for this type of arrangement and that he expects to forward the IGA to the Board soon.

**County Manager Status Report.**

Monthly Leadership Team Report. The monthly report submitted by the Sheriff's Office was discussed.

**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:

- Bioenergy Day event, October 23 at the Gilpin County Public Works facility
- Local Emergency Preparedness Committee/Multi-Agency Commission meeting, October 24 at the Sheriff's Office

**Recess.** The Board recessed from 10:42 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

**US Forest Service Support Letter.** At the Board's October 8 meeting, representatives from the US Forest Service gave a presentation on the Rocky Mountain Restoration Initiative, a design plan to greatly reduce the ability of large wildfires from burning along the I-70 corridor, including southern Gilpin County. After that presentation, the Board agreed to provide a letter of support for this collaborative effort, which was provided today for Board review. Commissioner Watson moved to send the provided letter in support of the Rocky Mountain Restoration Initiative. Commissioner Isenhardt seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of passed 2 to 0.

**Minutes.** Commissioner Watson moved to approve the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes for October 8, 2019. Commissioner Isenhardt seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Signed this 05<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.