

9MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GILPIN COUNTY, COLORADO

November 5, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on November 5, 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, Commissioner Ron Engels, County Manager Abel Montoya, County Attorney Bradford Benning, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Sharon Cate.

Certificate of Appreciation for Jonathan Fry. Commissioner Isenhart read a letter of appreciation from a resident who had fallen on the ice beside a road and was rescued by Public Works employee Jonathan Fry. The Board presented Mr. Fry with a framed Certificate of Appreciation saying he is a valuable asset to the Gilpin County staff.

Memorandum of Understanding for Sheriff's Office Annex. Sheriff Kevin Armstrong and Tony Simons of the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the DFPC's use of the Sheriff's Office annex to help provide enhanced fire protection services within Gilpin County. Commissioner Engels moved to approve the MOU between DFPC and Gilpin County. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Public Health Items. Gilpin County Public Health Coordinator introduced Jessie Rink of Jefferson County Public Health; they presented the following:

Annual Purchase of Services Agreement. The cap on contract payments by Gilpin County to Jefferson County Public Health has been increased from last year's amount of \$150,000 To \$170,000, but other aspects of the Agreement are nearly identical. Commissioner Watson moved to approve the Annual Purchase of Services Agreement for the year 2020. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Community Health Improvement Plan. At their October 22, 2019, meeting, the Board reviewed the Gilpin County Community Health Improvement Plan; today Coordinator Albrecht requested approval of the Plan so it could be sent to the Colorado Department of Public and Environmental Health. Commissioner Engels moved to accept the Plan as presented. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Public Health Advisory Board Bylaws. The Board discussed a draft of the new Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB) bylaws, suggesting some language changes, shorter terms for members and clarification of the official posting site for PHAB's notices of public meetings. Commissioner Watson moved to approve the bylaws as amended. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Recommendation for a Compensation Study and Analysis Contract. Human Resources Information Specialist Crystal Ganz presented a recommendation to contract with Graves Consulting for a compensation study of County staff salaries. A committee met and selected this company from a total of seven proposals. The recently approved step program for Sheriff's Office salaries will be included in a proposed study. Commissioner Watson moved to accept the Services Agreement with Graves Consulting, LLC, for \$17,750 to start on January 6, 2020. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Public Trustee's Third Quarter Report. County Treasurer and Public Trustee Mary Lorenz presented the Public Trustee's 2019 third quarter report saying the first six months of the Public Trustee's salary had been paid from the reserve fund and the checking account. Commissioner Engels moved to accept the Public Trustee's 2019 third quarter report. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

The Board of County Commissioners recessed and convened as the Local Liquor Licensing Authority.

Liquor Tasting Events Application. Deputy Clerk Sharon Cate presented an application for 24 liquor tasting events in 2020 for retail liquor store Mid County Liquors. Commissioner Engels moved to approve the application for 2020. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

The Local Liquor Licensing Authority adjourned and reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

Legal Status Report. County Attorney Bradford Benning advised the Commissioners that they had some items for discussion during executive session.

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

Community Center. The heating system in the swimming pool room should be repaired soon; in the interim, the solution has been to turn off the air intake at night and allow the pool water to keep the room warm. The Public Works monthly report 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:

- Local Emergency Preparedness Committee /Multi Agency Committee, November 6, at the Sheriff's Office
- Veterans Day event, November 7, at the Gilpin County School RE-1
- Budget meeting November 12, at the Apex facility
- Work session on homeless shelters, November 14, in the Commissioners' meeting room, Courthouse

Library Board of Trustees Appointment. The Gilpin County Public Library Board of Trustees have recommended that Linza Douglas be appointed to the vacant seat. Commissioner Watson moved to appoint Linza Douglas to the Board of Trustees for a term that will expire on December 31, 2021. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0. The Board will send a letter of appreciation to outgoing member Alan Smith, a productive part of that Board for several years.

Veterans Day Proclamation. Commissioner Engels encouraged those present to attend the Veterans Day ceremony at the Gilpin County School RE-1, then read a Proclamation to Honor and Recognize the veterans of Gilpin County for their military service. Commissioner Watson moved to approve the Proclamation as amended. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Minutes. Commissioner Watson moved to approve the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes for October 22, 2019. Commissioner Isenhardt seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0; Commissioner Engels was absent on October 22, 2019.

Recess to Executive Session. At 9:56 a.m. Commissioner Engels moved to recess to Executive Session per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) to receive legal advice on specific questions; and C.R.S. 24-6-402(e)(I) for the purpose of developing strategies on negotiations and instructing negotiators. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0. The Board resumed regular session at 10:40 a.m.

Xcel Energy Community Solar Gardens. Preston Gibson, Community and Local Government Affairs Area Manager for Xcel Energy, informed the Board that they have initiated a Solar Gardens Program, to help lower income households with energy costs. Xcel Energy is seeking subscribers to the program to help with the financial impact of this program, which is just now beginning construction by Pivot Energy on the eastern plains. Discussion with the Board continued regarding: Gilpin County's Bioenergy Day event; the Courthouse becoming a wind-source partner in January; the possibility of relocating Xcel Energy's natural gas line from South Beaver Creek Road, to Highway 119; and follow-up work on the Dory Hill Road pipeline installation.

The Board of County Commissioners recessed their regular meeting at 11:00 a.m. to hold the following two work sessions.

1. Parking on County-Owned Ballfields. Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Gabrielle Chisolm informed the Board of the increased frequency of travelers and others parking overnight at the County-owned ballfields on Highway 46. After discussion, the Board scheduled a November 14, 2019, work session to address the needs of stranded and/or homeless travelers.
2. Denver Metroplex Environmental Assessment (for flight paths) and the noise from flights over the County. Commissioner Isenhardt said the Board had received assistance from the offices of US Senator Cory Gardner and Congressman Joe Neguse, to send letters to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to request a roundtable meeting with FAA representatives to allow Gilpin County residents the opportunity to participate in the public comment process. The Board will share their letter to the FAA with Gilpin County residents.

After Commissioner Isenhardt's summary of the Board's actions to date, they accepted comments from the following Gilpin County residents:

Donna Okray Parman, Lisa Friis, Teresa Wirth, Julie Ziobro, Bob Morgan, Lora Vondra, Steve Hain, and Karla Fuller. The Board continued work on their draft letter to the FAA and agreed to provide the residents with an update if there were any action to report.

The Board of County Commissioners reconvened their regular meeting.

Public / Press Comment. Bonny Nash, 282 Glen Mawr Drive, of High Country Auxiliary, asked the Board to consider waiving the facility use fee for their annual events at the Community Center and Fairgrounds complex. County Manager Montoya said the County is currently reorganizing the process for facility rental applications, as the number of requests grows steadily.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned 1:45 p.m.

Signed this 19th day of November 2019.