

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

December 17, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on December 17, 2019, at the Gilpin County Courthouse. Chair Pro-Tem Gail Watson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. In attendance were Chair Pro-Tem Watson, Commissioner Ron Engels, County Manager Abel Montoya, County Attorney Jim Petrock, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Sharon Cate. Chair Linda Isenhardt was absent.

Agenda Review, Conflicts of Interest, Public/Press Comment. There were no changes to the agenda, no conflicts of interest and no public comment.

Denver Metroplex (Flight Path) Update. Commissioner Watson said she had sent a message to House Speaker KC Becker and Senator Tammy Story suggesting that perhaps the January 13 evening meeting be moved from the Library to the Community Center, as it is a larger venue. The meeting will be for discussion of the Denver Metroplex flight path plan.

2020 Emergency Management Program Grant Application. The Board discussed Emergency Manager Nathan Whittington's application for an Emergency Management Program Grant, which covers part of the Manager's annual salary and funds wildfire mitigation efforts and emergency preparedness. Commissioner Engels moved to approve the application in the amount of \$42,235.00. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

Contract Approvals for 2020. County Manager Abel Montoya presented the following contracts for renewal:

Teryx, Inc., IT Support. Commissioner Engels moved to approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

Space Lease—Timberline Fire Protection District at Rollinsville Shop. Commissioner Watson said the lease had been in effect for several years to assist Timberline Fire Protection District (TFPD) to increase services into the north section of the County, but it was not intended to be permanent. Commissioner Engels said this was one of several topics the Board needed to discuss with TFPD, and moved to table the lease until after a joint work session. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

4-H Space Lease. Commissioner Engels moved to approve a Facility Use Agreement between Gilpin County and the local 4-H group for 2020. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

High Country Auxiliary Lease. Commissioner Engels moved to approve a Lease Agreement with High Country Auxiliary for the 2020 calendar year. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

Treasurer's Monthly Report. Gilpin County Treasurer Mary Lorenz reported on operations in her office for the month of November 2019, saying tax collections were a little ahead of the same period last year.

Resolution #19-11—Adopting a Schedule of Public Meetings for the Board of County Commissioners for 2020. Commissioner Engels moved to adopt Resolution #19-11, "A Schedule of Public Meetings for the Board of County Commissioners for 2020." Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

Legal Status Report. County Attorney Jim Petrock advised the Commissioners there were no legal issues to report.

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 by the Sheriff's Office and the Parks and Recreation Department were discussed.

Adams County Request for Support on AAA. Adams County is planning to form its own Area Agency on Aging district and is seeking support from other county governments; it will have no consequence on other counties. Having a separate district would allow Adams County to work independently and receive the same funding for programs and services. Adams County's request will be presented to the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) at a board meeting soon; Commissioner Engels will be in attendance.

New Reporting Software. County Manager Montoya said a consultant from OpenGov will be working with County departments on implementation of the new software, and invited the Board to a presentation of its capabilities and uses. Sheriff's Office reports back to the year 2000 are already included.

Sky Blue Contractor for Human Services /Public Health Building. After receiving notification of a DOLA grant award for renovation of the newly purchased building, Gilpin County had 30 days to move forward. County Manager Montoya's letter meets that requirement and defines the County's plan. The parking lot will accommodate the large trucks that deliver food to the food bank and a mobile crisis unit in the event of an emergency. Commissioner Engels moved to approve the Letter of Notice to move forward with Sky Blue Contractors. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

Certification of Levies and Revenue for Budget Year 2020. Gilpin County Finance Director Clorinda Smith presented the Certification of Levies and Revenue for Budget Year 2020. Brief discussion followed. Commissioner Engels moved to approve the Certification of Levies and Revenue for Budget Year 2020. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

Take-Home Vehicle List 2020. Commissioner Engels moved to approve the list of on-call employees who are authorized to take County vehicle home, so they may respond to emergencies. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

Trout Unlimited's Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program. Lauren Duncan, Manager of Trout Unlimited's Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program, gave a video presentation illustrating Trout Unlimited's mission to conserve, protect and restore North America's trout and salmon fisheries and their watersheds. Included were photographs of some Colorado mining sites before and after restoration work. After her presentation, Manager Duncan asked those present if they would people let her know about potential restoration sites that need to be investigated. The Board thanked her for bringing this critical information to Gilpin County.

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:

- Potential work session, December 19 at the Courthouse
- Regular Board meeting on January 7, 2020

Community Involvement and Communications. Commissioner Watson said Linda Lehrer, a resident and fitness teacher at the Community Center talked to her about low attendance numbers at community events, and the need for improved community communications. Ms. Lehrer offered to volunteer to serve on a communications committee and incentives for greater community involvement will be explored. County Manager Montoya will talk with Human Resources staff to create a volunteer job for communications.

Natural Gas Pipeline Maintenance Sites. Commissioner Watson asked if the County had any jurisdiction over the natural gas pipeline maintenance sites—one on Highway 46, another on Highway 119—as to the lack of screening creating eye sores. County Manager Montoya explained that the gas pipeline pads were located within the state highway right-of-way and that CDOT does not require screening. County Manager Montoya said he would try to work with Xcel Energy's staff on this topic.

Public / Press Comment. There was no public comment.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Signed this 07th day of January 2020.