

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

February 4, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on February 4, 2020, at the Gilpin County Courthouse. Chair Gail Watson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. In attendance were Chair Watson, Commissioner Linda Isenhart, Commissioner Ron Engels, County Manager Abel Montoya, County Attorney Bradford Benning, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Sharon Cate.

**Agenda Review.** The Board of County Commissioners (Board) added to the agenda: discussion of a requested letter of support for Triad Early Childhood Council; and an additional topic for executive session regarding property assessment valuations.

**Public/Press Comment.** Sandy Hollingsworth, 224 North County Road, expressed support of the Board's decision to join Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA).

**FAA Update.** Commissioner Watson gave an update on a conference call meeting she and County Attorney Bradford Benning attended concerning general aviation airports. Talking points included: the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has no threshold for noise levels; Commissioner Watson emailed a request to House Speaker KC Becker and Senator Tammy Story to confer with legislators regarding the Denver Metroplex Plan, for collaboration with neighboring counties and state agencies. County Attorney Bradford Benning added that the Citizens for Quiet Skies group is very organized and shares Gilpin County's concerns on air traffic noise.

**Ordinance #19-01—Regarding Historic Preservation in Gilpin County—Second Reading.** Gilpin County Historic Liaison Tami Archer cited some proposed changes to Ordinance #19-01, "Regarding Historic Preservation in Gilpin County" since first reading on January 7, 2020. The Board discussed each and added some minor language corrections. Commissioner Engels moved to accept the changes discussed today, to adopt Ordinance #19-01 and to order the amended sections to be published in the newspaper of record within 30 days. Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

**Boundary Line Adjustment Application—BLA #20-01.** County Planner Tami Archer presented a boundary line adjustment (BLA) application for two parcels off Golden Dollar Road in the Russell Gulch area. The Adjustment would place the historic Prompt Pay Shaft House on one parcel, and would give access from Golden Dollar Road to another parcel. The Board agreed to add language to the land-use resolution making it clear that the Board does not guarantee access for emergency services. Commissioner Engels moved to approve BLA #20-01, for existing lots Parcel A and Parcel B, in S15 T2S R73W, creating Lots Parcel 1 and Parcel 2, in S15 T2S R73W, with the additional language clarifying there is no guarantee of access for emergency vehicles. Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

**Resolution #20-02, Amending the Employee Handbook.** Commissioner Isenhart moved to adopt Resolution #20-02, "Approving an Amendment to the Gilpin County Employee Handbook." Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

**Resolution #20-03, Joining CC4CA.** The Board discussed joining Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) following Executive Director Jacob Smith's presentation on January 21, 2020. They agreed to add language to the proposed resolution naming wildfires as a "significant environmental impact." Commissioner Engels moved to adopt Resolution #20-03, "To Join Colorado Communities for Climate Action" with changes. Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Commissioner Engels move to appoint Commissioner Watson as Gilpin County's representative on CC4CA, with Commissioner Engels as the alternate. Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

**Comprehensive Plan Proposal and Contract.** Community Development Director Stephen Strohming and County Attorney Bradford Benning presented a contract between Gilpin County and DTJ, Inc., for a Comprehensive Plan. The Contract states that some of the Scope of Work is dependent upon Gilpin County receiving grants from State and Federal agencies, and that some of the County's grant matches will be in-kind services or contributions. The Board asked for several changes to other sections of the Contract.

Commissioner Isenhart moved to approve the Gilpin County Integrated Comprehensive Plan Contract with DTJ Design, Inc. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

**Legal Status Report.** County Attorney Bradford Benning advised the Commissioners on the following legal issues:

- Zoning matter, 554 Old Hughesville Road: Gilpin County has issued three notices of violation; follow-up actions continue, with the property owner working on correcting the violations.
- Lawsuit filed against Gilpin County and a Sheriff's Deputy: a driver was issued a speeding violation, after legal review, it appears the complaint could be frivolous and both suits will likely be dismissed.

**NoCo PLACES 2050 Work Plan for 2020.** Steve Coffin consultant and coordinator, and Alex Alma, interim project manager from the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, gave a presentation on NoCo PLACES 2050's Work Plan. Consultant Coffin explained that 94% of Colorado's growing population has centered on the Front Range, and that recreation in the north central mountains has increased as well. Mr. Coffin and Mr. Alma are gathering input from entities in and near the Arapahoe-Roosevelt Forest to use in forming a request to the state legislature on formal management of recreation areas.

**Recess to Executive Session.** At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Engels moved to recess into Executive session per:

- Discussion with the City of Black Hawk—C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a) to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest;
- Position on Denver Metroplex Plan—C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) to determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations
- Discussion regarding property assessment valuations—C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a) and C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) regarding matters that may be subject to negotiation and to instruct negotiators.

Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

**The Board resumed their regular session at 1:35 p.m.**

**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, including how the various types of visits to the Community Center are categorized in the Parks and Recreation report.

**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:

- Senior Leadership Team, Apex facility and Courthouse, February 5
- Board work session, February 6, Courthouse
- Shield 616 event, Gilpin County School, February 13 (this meeting was later postponed)
- Board regular meeting February 18, followed by annual jail tour
- Colorado Counties, Inc., steering committee meetings, February 14, Denver, or via conference call

Appointment to Library Board of Trustees. Commissioner Engels moved to appoint Camilla Herod to the Library Board of Trustees. Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Resignation of DRCOG Advisory Committee on Aging Representative. Commissioner Isenhart moved to accept Mary Ellen Makosky's resignation as Gilpin County's representative on the Denver Regional Council of Governments Committee on Aging. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

**Minutes.**

Commissioner Engels moved to approve the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2020 as amended. Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Commissioner Engels moved to approve the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes for January 21, 2020 as amended. Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Commissioner Engels moved to approve the Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes for January 23, 2020 as amended. Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

**Adjourn.** There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Signed this 03<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020.