

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

March 3, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on March 3, 2020, at the Gilpin County Courthouse. Chair Gail Watson called the meeting to order at 9:00 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. A contract with Cintas was added, to be heard at 9:30 a.m.

Update on FAA. Commissioner Watson gave an update on a meeting she had attended at the state capitol with County Manager Montoya and County Attorney Benning with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that included House Speaker KC Becker, Senator Tammy Story, representatives for US Senators Gardner and Bennet, Congressman Neguse, Douglas County and Gilpin County regarding the Denver Metroplex (air flight path) Plan. The result of the teleconference was that the FAA believes they held a robust public meeting program and are not concerned that they did not hold a meeting in Gilpin County. County Attorney Bradford Benning said a petition for review—rather than an amicus brief—is being drafted and will be submitted by March 24, 2020. Resident Donna Okray Parman thanked Commissioner Watson for her work in challenging the Denver Metroplex Plan.

Public Health Advisory Board Appointments. After brief discussion of the highly qualified applicants for the newly formed Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB), Commissioner Engels moved to appoint Jamie Fanselow, Alisa Witt, Katherine Harvey, Lynn Brown and Elena Gutierrez as regular members and Kara Campbell as an alternate member to PHAB. Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0. At the first meeting of PHAB, the members will create a roster of staggered terms.

Public Trustee Reports. County Treasurer and Public Trustee Mary Lorenz presented the following:

Public Trustee, 2019 Fourth Quarter. Releases have been busy, due to many homeowners refinancing their mortgages or paying them off. Commissioner Isenhart moved to approve the Public Trustee's Fourth Quarter 2019 Report. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Public Trustee 2019 Annual. Commissioner Isenhart moved to approve the Public Trustee's 2019 Annual Report. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Discussion of Jail Population. Sheriff Kevin Armstrong and Division Chief Sean Wheeler gave a brief overview of the 2018 and 2019 jail population statistics, saying it was too early to make projections for 2020 or beyond. Sheriff Armstrong then advised the Board of some proposed state legislation that has been introduced, but not yet voted on or approved. This legislation would mandate county jails to act as an inmate's case manager or social worker, with mandated drug treatment in the jail, and for the county to be responsible to set up treatment once an inmate is released. The Gilpin County jail does not currently have staffing for this, which is somewhat of an unfunded mandate. Division Chief Wheeler said the current focus is on hydration and watching inmates while in holding, as their medical circumstances are not known.

Commissioner Watson then suggested a meeting before summer to address the homeless population and the jail population. County Manager Montoya said a criminal justice committee of judges, mental health services, Sheriff's Office representatives, the Board and other is needed. He spoke about jail overcrowding, sometimes due to inmates not being able to pay their bond or meeting the requirements to bond out, which is a critical issue of inmate reform. Sheriff Armstrong hopes Gilpin County can partner with Gilpin County on this issue. Commissioner Watson asked County Manager Montoya to work toward scheduling a stakeholder meeting.

Cintas Uniform Rental Agreement. Public Works Director Gordon Thompson distributed financial information on how a new agreement with Cintas, Inc., could save significant money on uniforms for the Public Works crew. Commissioner Engels moved to approve the Uniform Rental Agreement with Cintas, Inc. Commissioner Isenhart 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 Event Application. Deputy Clerk Sharon Cate presented Mid County Liquors' application for some additional tasting event dates in accordance with the recently adopted Resolution #20-01, which raises the number of tasting event dates to 52 per year. Commissioner Isenhart moved to approve the application from XTRACT, LLC, dba Mid-County Liquors. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0. Commissioner Engels moved to reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Isenhart 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 on the following legal issues:

- The Parks and Recreation Department, restricting access to former patron
- Legislative matters
- A Zoning Code violation case

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

Eldorado Water Follow Up. Staff Accountant Lorna Plamondon gave a summary of a potential shift to provide each County facility with either bottled water or a filtration system from Eldorado Water. After discussion of water safety at different locations, Staff Accountant Plamondon was directed to continue her work with Eldorado Water.

Monthly Leadership Team Reports. The monthly departmental reports from the Sheriff's Office and the Parks and Recreation Department were discussed. Parks and Recreation Director Kyle Benedict spoke about the way facility usage statistics are compiled, and about the Back Pack Food Program. Coordination between the Human Services food bank and this program will be improved.

Parks and Recreation Department, Recreational Space Master Plan Update. Parks and Recreation Director Kyle Benedict spoke about the online survey for Recreation services and visitor comment cards as they relate to Phase 1 of the Space Master Plan for the Community Center. County Manager Montoya said this work is only one portion of the future countywide Comprehensive Plan.

Parks and Recreation Department, County Fair Sponsorships. The Parks and Recreation Department has been awarded a grant to replace the play structure at Pete Gones Park, prompting Director Benedict to ask how the Board would like to recognize those who contribute to this type of project. Also, planning for the 2020 County Fair continues. The Gilpin Ambulance Authority has asked that the County require riders to wear helmets and chest protection, but the current rodeo vendor might not agree to this requirement. The Board instructed Director Benedict to seek a different rodeo vendor if needed.

Recess. The Board recessed from 10:41 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

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:

- Board work session, March 5, 2020, 12:30 p.m. at the Courthouse
- Work session, March 12, 2020, for the Gilpin County Summit

Minutes.

Commissioner Engels moved to approve the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes for February 4, 2020. Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Commissioner Isenhart moved to approve the Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes for February 14, 2020. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Letter Regarding Proposed NEPA Regulations Changes. The Board discussed a letter to the National Council on Environmental Quality as crafted by Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA), and some changes submitted by Commissioner Watson and Commissioner Engels. Commissioner Engels moved to send the letter as edited. Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

DTJ Comprehensive Plan Kickoff Meeting. DTJ, the firm selected to create Gilpin County's Comprehensive Plan, gave an overview of their work history in rural communities and shared a video presentation showing how they planned to write the Plan. A focus on historic preservation, culture, open space protection and sustainability would become part of the Plan. DTJ plans to hold four public input meetings.

After the presentation, the Board posed questions to DTJ about funding and other concerns.

Adjourn to Executive Session. Commissioner Engels moved to adjourn into Executive Session as follows:

- For a conference with the County Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b);
- For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e)

Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0. There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Signed this 24th day of March, 2020.