

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

April 7, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on April 7, 2020, in an online format; no physical meeting was held. Chair Gail Watson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Chair Watson, Commissioner Linda Isenhardt, Commissioner Ron Engels, County Manager Abel Montoya, County Attorney Bradford Benning, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Sharon Cate.

**Agenda Review.** County Manager Montoya moved the discussion of Policy for Remote Access/Technology Compensation to the Board's April 9, 2020 meeting, and replaced it with an overview of the new Content Manager document management system. Commissioner Watson said to add a discussion of matching employee skills to current departmental needs to the April 9, 2020 agenda. She also referred to Colorado Counties, Inc.'s (CCI) request for data and information from each county and the need for a list of CCI's questions. Finance Director Clorinda Smith has the list and will share it with Commissioner Watson to craft one response from Gilpin County.

**COVID-19 Update**—Public Health Coordinator Bonnie Albrecht cited current COVID-19 statistics and noted that the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is working on some predictions, as the spread of the virus seems to be slowing. The Gilpin County Public Health Advisory Board will collect data on testing and will report when complete.

Emergency Manager Nathan Whittington said a decision had been made on April 6, 2020, and today to streamline County employees and working with the Governor's most recent Order. The Gilpin County Joint Information Committee will be inactive unless the need arises to reactivate due to an increase in the number of cases.

**Discussion of Temporarily Placing County Ambulance Licensing Requirements on Hold.** Gilpin Ambulance Authority Executive Director Brandon Daruna spoke about CDPHE's concern with the current ambulance licensing system in which patients are moved in 911 activation situations from areas with little-to-no resources to areas with greater resources. He informed the Board that CDPHE has waived County Commissioners' ability to license ambulance organizations during the COVID-19 state of emergency.

**Recap of Town Hall Presentation**—CSU Extension Agent Jennifer Cook, coordinator of the April 6 virtual Town Hall visual presentation, participated in a discussion with the Board on the features of the presentation that were beneficial and those that could be improved. All agreed it was a great job and a good start on this format.

**Large Vehicle Contract Update**—County Attorney Bradford Benning said he has contacted all of the vendors for vehicles and heavy equipment the County has ordered in the past few months, and has received their responses as to their positions on the status of each contract. He noted that the vendors' businesses are closed and no work is being done on the vehicles or equipment.

**Discussion of Xcel Pipeline**—Public Works Director Gordon Thompson said Preston Gibson, Xcel Energy Area Manager Community and Local Government Affairs, has indicated they intend to continue installation of a natural gas pipeline north through Gilpin County along Highway 119 within the Colorado Department of Transportation's right-of-way. Manager Gibson conveyed that Xcel Energy said there would be no impact to County roads and that there should be almost no traffic delays. The project is scheduled to start on April 20 and should be completed by September 2020. Director Thompson will talk with Manager Gibson about the unattractive screening of valve stations.

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

- Contract matters continue
- Proposed legislation with the Assessor's Office regarding gaming revenue to the County
- FAA, Denver Metroplex—The attorneys for the entities involved in the petition for review are trying to coordinate their work, which is difficult at this time
- Work on a Board of Health fire restriction order continues

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

- County Manager Montoya will work on the CCI survey questions about economic information and will send the answers to the Board.
- Document Management System Demonstration. Business Analyst Jaime Tirado gave an onscreen demonstration of the new document management system that will be used for electronic vouchers, Board meeting agendas and packets. He has provided training to many County employees.

## **Board of County Commissioners Status Reports.**

Notice of Public Meetings. The upcoming public meetings that could be attended by more than one Commissioner and at which public business may be discussed will include:

- Virtual Board meetings on April 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 and 30, 2020.

**State Board of Equalization Deadline Changes.** Gilpin County Assessor Anne Schafer advised the Board, who annually convene as the County Board of Equalization (BOE) that they did not need to attend a meeting of the State BOE, as the purpose of the meeting is to adjust some procedure deadline. She said that the biggest change is that the first certification of values has moved from August 25, 2020 to October 10, 2020, and that all taxing authorities have been made aware of the change. All dates fall back into the normal schedule near the end of the year.

### **Minutes.**

Commissioner Engels moved to approve the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes for March 31, 2020, as presented. 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 April 2, 2020, as amended. Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

**Adjournment to Executive Session.** Commissioner Engels moved to adjourn into Executive Session in accordance with C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) to receive legal advice on policy matters. 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 10:08 a.m.

Signed this 09<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.