

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

April 14, 2020

A special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on April 14, 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 Isenhart, Commissioner Ron Engels, County Manager Abel Montoya, County Attorney Bradford Benning, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Sharon Cate.

COVID-19 Update. Emergency Manager Nathan Whittington said the Emergency Operations Center has moved to Level II, a monitoring mode for COVID-19, while he moves forward on recovery policies. Emergency Manager Whittington will soon update the Board on the status of the Continuity of Operations Plan. Public Health Coordinator Bonnie Albrecht cited current statistics on COVID-19 cases in Colorado, saying the number of cases is starting to level out. She is starting to see responses on Symptom Tracker and continues to update public health information. There is still only one confirmed case Gilpin County.

Discussion of Clear Creek County Public Health Order Closing Clear Creek County Roads to Non-Residents. County Attorney Bradford Benning gave an overview of Clear Creek County's order to close all of their county roads to non-residents in an effort to lower the probability of visitors overtaxing law enforcement and other resources. The Order does not restrict necessary travel and would not prohibit Gilpin County residents from accessing groceries, medical and other services. The Gilpin County Board discussed enacting a similar order which would be more restrictive and more comprehensible than the ambiguous language on State websites about where Coloradoans should recreate. County Attorney Bradford Benning will present an order for the Board's consideration on April 16, 2020.

Discussion of Fire Code and Impact Fees. Timberline Fire Protection District (TFPD) Chief Paul Ondr informed the Board that the TFPD Board of Directors has adopted a resolution approving an impact fee study and authorizing its implementation for residential and non-residential new construction within their district. The TFPD Board is also considering adoption of the 2018 International Building Code, which would ideally mesh with the Gilpin County building code and, if adopted, would require subsequent adoption by the Board of County Commissioners. Chief Ondr will formally present these two topics at a future Board meeting.

Public Health / Human Services Building, Contract Change Order Request by Sky Blue Contractor. County Manager Abel Montoya informed the Board that the contractor for renovations to the recently purchased Public Health/Human Services building has requested a change order to accommodate the costs of some concrete work and a slight increase to the contingency allowance. The Board agreed to consider the formal documents at an upcoming meeting.

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

- The status of some large vehicle purchases will be discussed under negotiations in Executive Session later today. The contracts for Public Works' plow truck and two law enforcement vehicles have been canceled.
- Draft legislation on the taxation of real property related to casinos has been submitted to the state legislature.

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

Monthly Leadership Team Reports. Business Analyst Jaime Tirado demonstrated the Sheriff's Office detention report as an example of all departmental reports that will be available on OpenGov via the County's website. County Manager Montoya said the new platform is being introduced to the Senior Leadership Team slowly so they may share their department's information with the public.

Board of County Commissioners Status Reports.

Notice of Public Meetings. The Board's upcoming public meetings will include:
April 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, and May 5

Minutes.

Commissioner Isenhart moved to approve the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes for April 9, 2020. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Public / Press Comment. *Mountain-Ear* reporter Mindy Leary, asked how audio recordings of the Board's online meetings could be accessed by the public. County Manager Montoya said this feature would be added to the County's website soon.

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 and contract 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 16th day of April 2020.