

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

April 24, 2020

A special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on April 24, 2020, in an online format; no physical meeting was held. Chair Gail Watson called the meeting to order at 11:15 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.

Board of Health. Commissioner Isenhardt moved to recess as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Board of Health. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Public Health Order #20-04. Commissioner Watson said the Gilpin County Board of Health needed to consider what would be appropriate local public health measures in light of the Governor's Safer at Home order regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently, Public Health Order (PHO) #20-03 allows travel on Gilpin County roads to residents or those providing certain essential services. Today's Board of Health discussion included Gilpin County Public Health Coordinator Bonnie Albrecht and Jefferson County Public Health Deputy Director Jody Erwin, who both stated that Jefferson County and others in the metro area have extended their stay-at-home orders until May 8, 2020, and advised against relaxing travel restrictions in Gilpin County, as it is so close to the metro area. Input was also received from Sheriff Armstrong who said the Sheriff's Office has responded to calls from visitors travelling to remote areas and needing assistance. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Commissioner Engels moved to create a Stay at Home Order, PHO #20-04, for Gilpin County from the end of the State's Stay at Home Order through May 8, 2020. Commissioner Isenhardt seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Isenhardt moved to adjourn as the Board of Health and reconvene as Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Disaster Declaration Extension. As part of the discussion of the above PHO #20-04, Emergency Manager Nathan Whittington advised the Board to extend the current Disaster Declaration through the end of May, to maintain the County's eligibility for FEMA reimbursements for COVID-19 related expenses. Commissioner Isenhardt moved to extend Gilpin County's Disaster Declaration to May 29, 2020. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Funding for Gilpin County-Based Non-Profit Organizations. Finance Director Clorinda Smith and Commissioner Watson said some Gilpin County-based non-profit organizations have been asking about the status of the County's donations to them, particularly through the remainder of 2020. This topic will be added to the Board's May 5, 2020, meeting agenda.

Adjourn. There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned at 12:09 a.m.

Signed this 30th day of April 2020.