

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

April 30, 2020

A special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on April 30, 2020, in an online format; no physical meeting was held. Chair Gail Watson called the meeting to order at 9:02 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.** Commissioner Engels added one item for the Board's Executive Session. (See Executive Session below.)

**Grant Funding Opportunities.** County Manager Montoya stated that Parks and Recreation Department Director Kyle Benedict is working on two grant opportunities for recreation funding and for youth substance abuse prevention, that could offset County expenditures, if awarded. These grant opportunities will be discussed at the Board's May 5, 2020 meeting.

**Enterprise Zone Dues.** Commissioner Watson stated that Gilpin County is a member of the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC) that includes a local Enterprise Zone. One benefit of the County's participation in the Enterprise Zone is that it makes tax credits available to those who donate to local non-profit organizations. Central City Community Development Director Ray Rears informed the Board that the tax credits have increased donations to the Central City Opera House Association, and will possibly help the Belvidere Theater Foundation. Commissioner Watson noted that the annual administration fee for AGNC is \$1,000.00 and has been budgeted for 2020. After brief discussion, the Board agreed to continue participation this year, but to reconsider this expense for 2021. Commissioner Engels moved to approve the expenditure of \$1,000.00 for the AGNC Enterprise Zone fee for 2020. Commissioner Isenhardt seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0. Director Rears thanked Gilpin County for its support.

**Gaming Tax Presentation Discussion.** Commissioner Watson stated that Finance Director Clorinda Smith had compiled the annual presentation for the Gaming Tax Hearing, which will be presented by Commissioner Watson and County Manager Abel Montoya. She further stated that it is important to make the Gaming Commission aware of Gilpin County's revenue shortfalls. Commissioner Isenhardt agreed and said Director Smith's report is good, and clearly states the County's current standing.

**Minutes.**

Commissioner Engels moved to approve the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes for April 24, 2020. Commissioner Isenhardt 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 28, 2020. Commissioner Isenhardt seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

**Adjournment to Executive Session.** Commissioner Engels moved to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to:

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

Commissioner Isenhardt 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 9:15 a.m.

Signed this 05<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.