

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

July 24, 2020

A special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on July 24, 2020, in an online format; no physical meeting was held. Chair Gail Watson called the meeting to order at 11:30 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.

GOCO Resilient Communities Grant. Commissioner Watson led a discussion on how a Resilient Communities grant from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) could possibly help fund efforts to renew some Community Center Campus outdoor events and activities. The GOCO program coordinator for these grants is aware of Gilpin County's current financial circumstances and was quite encouraging in their comments to Commissioner Watson. The Board agreed to bring Business Analyst Gabrielle Chisholm on as lead for the project to try to meet the application deadline of August 7 for the current grant cycle.

GCART. The Gilpin County Animal Response Team (GCART) has been closely associated with some Gilpin County operations for many years, but the classification of the group has been in question, particularly as it relates to liability insurance coverage. County Attorney Benning clarified that in an emergency, GCART serves under the direction of the Emergency Manager, Nathan Whittington, but if GCART wanted to perform arena management and maintenance, separate liability coverage would have to be determined. Emergency Manager Nathan Whittington said that some of the members have had background checks performed by the County and have been granted a certain level of security status via the salamander card system. He said there had been some discussion about hiring these GCART members as County employees, and then provide training to make them FEMA compliant. Commissioner Engels concluded the discussion saying a solution to liability coverage for GCART members in non-emergency volunteer situations was still needed.

Colorado Mounted Thunder Arena Use Application. County Manager Montoya said that in February Colorado Mounted Thunder had applied for and been granted a temporary use permit for the Fairgrounds Arena for a mounted rider gun-powder-only shooting event in August, and that even though it has been described as a non-spectator event, the State and County's current public health orders would dictate whether the event would be allowed. He asked if the event were to be considered, would GCART be considered as potential event managers. After some discussion, the Board agreed there were more questions to be considered and that they would receive legal advice later in Executive Session.

County Manager Status Report.

Community Center Campus Survey. County Manager Montoya shared the results of the recent, online Community Center survey, as submitted by 93 participants. Some of the topics voted on were:

- a mill levy for the Community Center campus
- a mill levy to maintain Sheriff's Office services
- forming a parks and recreation special district
- imposing a sales tax
- community center user fees
- a property tax stabilization measure
- a measure to eliminate the revenue cap at the local government level to allow the County to retain and spend all of the revenue it collects known as "de-Brucing."

Commissioner Isenhardt said the survey results seem to indicate that residents want to support Gilpin County's efforts to continue to provide community center and Sheriff's Office services. Commissioner Watson noted that the survey is still open and staff needs to make residents aware of it.

Adjourn to Executive Session. At 12:38 p.m. Commissioner Engels moved to recess to 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)
- For discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f)(I)&(II) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this

body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees

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 12:40 p.m.

Signed this 06th day of August 2020.