

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

August 21, 2020

A special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on August 21, 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 Ron Engels, County Manager Abel Montoya, County Attorney Bradford Benning, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Sharon Cate. Commissioner Linda Isenhardt was absent.

**Agenda Review.** Discussions of Energy Impact Grants and the Community Center Survey were added to the agenda.

**Energy Impact Grants.** Commissioner Watson said there might be funding available to Gilpin County through Energy Impact Grants, particularly due to the casinos being closed and later only partially reopened. She asked if staff could search for and try to secure grant funding. County Manager Montoya explained that it would likely require a full-time position, and that Emergency Manager Nathan Whittington is looking into using some types of grant funds as the County's match for FEMA public assistance grants. Commissioner Watson said the Board needed to finalize the capital improvements plan list of projects soon, as it will guide several future decisions.

**Other Grant Opportunities.** Commissioner Watson said a Community Development Block Grant could be a good option for funding of the Justice Center sewage lift station. Discussion followed on the topic of needs that could qualify for grants, such as Justice Center infrastructure, firebreaks in road rights-of-way, and Courthouse security and preservation work. County Manager Montoya said he would begin collecting information for a grant for the lift station and needs on other County-owned buildings.

**Executive Session.** Commissioner Engels moved to recess to Executive Session 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) regarding elections and ballot question. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

**Ballot Question Language.** The Board asked County Manager Montoya to bring back further suggestions for operating expenses and capital improvements for a potential Parks and Recreation District, and to arrange a work session with Sheriff Armstrong to discuss those same needs, to help decide on an appropriate mil levy for two ballot questions.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Signed this 08<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.