

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

September 11, 2020

A special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on September 11, 2020, in an online format; no physical meeting was held. Chair Gail Watson called the meeting to order at 8:00 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.

Agenda Review. Commissioner Watson said she had a conflict with a NoCo PLACES 2050 meeting, and might have to leave early.

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

Gilpin County Public Health Order #20-12, Protect Our Neighbors Phase. Commissioner Watson stated that Gilpin County is one of only three counties in Colorado to be permitted Protect our Neighbors (PON) status, and expressed her appreciation to Public Health Coordinator Albrecht and Commissioner Engels for their effort. Coordinator Albrecht said PON status would give Gilpin County the authority to allow up to 50% capacity or up to 500 people in local businesses, if they can maintain the 6-ft. distance requirement, plus eight other metrics outlined by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. County Attorney Benning screen shared the Public Health Order #20-12, which details Gilpin County's rules and its plan for a quick response to public health matters. If the County determines a business can't meet the eight requirements, it has the authority to place restrictions on that business until corrected. Coordinator Albrecht said she would like to move slowly on opening more businesses. Commissioner Isenhart agreed and said the County needed to continue to be careful and thoughtful about this process.

Commissioner Watson said she felt that the County needed begin reopening more offices to the public, if it could be done safely. County Manager Montoya suggested the Board discuss the topic at their regular meeting on September 15. The Community Development office is ready and he will check with HS Director Laura Solomon about safety precautions in those offices.

Commissioner Engels moved to approve Public Health Order #20-11, "Regarding Implementing Protect our Neighbors Phase of Recovery in and for Gilpin County, Colorado." Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Adjourn. There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned at 8:19 a.m.

Signed this 22nd day of September 2020.