

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

September 29, 2020

A special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on September 29, 2020, in an online format; no physical meeting was held. Chair Pro-Tem Ron Engels called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Chair Pro-Tem Engels, Commissioner Linda Isenhart, County Manager Abel Montoya, County Attorney Bradford Benning, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Sharon Cate. Chair Gail Watson was absent.

Public/Press Comment. Michael Price, 554 Old Hughesville Road, expressed his views on the County's handling of its lawsuit against him for a zoning violation.

Board of Equalization. At 9:05 a.m., Commissioner Isenhart moved to recess as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Board of Equalization. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0. *(The Board of Equalization meeting minutes are a separate document available through the Clerk and Recorder's Office.)*

Board of County Commissioners. At 9:09 a.m., Commissioner Isenhart moved to adjourn as the Board of Equalization and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

COVID-19 Update.

Emergency Manager Nathan Whittington: Work continues with Jefferson County on acquisition of an ultra-cold freezer for the vaccine; Gilpin County just received its end-of-year personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies; today is the 200th day of Emergency Operations Center activation.

Public Health Coordinator Bonnie Albrecht: Gilpin County has 19 confirmed cases as of yesterday, with 10 people scheduled for testing today. She has arranged a flu shot clinic for residents on October 14, for 40 people, and the option for a second day. Applications for the County Epidemiologist positions are coming in, and the office assistant position has been posted.

Indigenous Peoples Day Proclamation. Commissioner Isenhart said Indigenous People have long been down trodden and marginalized, and that finally their importance has been brought to light. She read Gilpin County's Indigenous Peoples Day Proclamation. Commissioners Isenhart and Engels directed staff to use signature stamps on the Proclamation.

Legal Status Report. County Attorney Bradford Benning advised the Commissioners on the following legal issues:

- Work continues on the draft for the petition on the FAA's Denver Metroplex. He is working with counsel from other jurisdictions on this draft.
- Zoning Case, 554 Hughesville Road. This case is going to trial in November. No other zoning cases are pending at this time. The County received successful judgement on the Travis Knight case, but because the property is still not cleaned up, per diem charges and penalties now total approximately \$6,000.00. Additional vehicles are being parked on this property. If the owner does not comply, the Court will take measures to make owner move the vehicles.

County Manager Status Report. County Manager Abel Montoya updated the Board of County Commissioners on the following items:

Grants Update. On October 6, staff will update the Board on the status of approximately 21 grant applications.

Board of County Commissioners Status Reports.

Notice of Public Meetings. The Board's upcoming public meetings will include: October 6, regular Board meeting; October 8, Board work session; October 20, regular Board meeting.

Public / Press Comment. Carolyn Collins Petersen asked if the Board would return to their regular session after Executive Session. County Attorney Benning said it was possible.

Recess to Executive Session. At 9:23 a.m., Commissioner Isenhart moved to recess into Executive Session in accordance with C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b), to receive legal advice on election matters. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

Regular Session. At 10:13 a.m., Commissioner Engels said that because there are ongoing concerns about the language in two ballot questions regarding mil levy increases for the Sheriff's Office and the Parks and Recreation Department, the Board has discussed about how to clarify their intent. On the advice of County Attorney Benning, the Board will adopt a resolution to clarify their Board's intent. County Attorney Benning shared onscreen Resolution #20-19, "Regarding Information on the Ballot Issues for the Sheriff's Office and Parks and Recreation Department Dedicated Mill Levies."

Resolution #20-19. Commissioner Isenhart moved to adopt Resolution #20-19, “Regarding Information on the Ballot Issues for the Sheriff’s Office and Parks and Recreation Department Dedicated Mill Levies.” Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0, as Commissioner Watson was absent. The Board thanked County Attorney Benning for giving clarification to residents on these ballot questions.

Adjourn. There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Signed this 20th day of October 2020.