

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

November 20, 2020

A special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on November 20, 2020, in an online format; no physical meeting was held. The original Zoom link was not accessible by many, so a new link was sent and posted on the website at 1:17pm. Chair Gail Watson called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.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 Gabrielle Chisholm.

Agenda Review. The agenda was rearranged to make sure the folks in the waiting room attended the meeting.

DOLA CARES Act Funds Through December 31, 2020. County Manager Abel Montoya explained the remainder of the Coronavirus Relief Funds is at approximately \$85,000, to spend on PPE, and payroll until Dec. 30th, 2020. The second zoom meeting was then hacked and taken over by an unknown participant using very disruptive/vulgar language, music and inappropriate gestures, the meeting was ended by the host. A new/third meeting invitation was sent at 1:28pm and posted on the website. Once the meeting restarted, County Manager Montoya spoke about the DOLA Recovery Roadmap program. County Attorney Benning and Public Health Coordinator Bonnie Albrecht went over the state's order for these areas. County Attorney Benning explained that the state also takes into consideration the economic status, which is why we are in orange not red. Public Health Coordinator Bonnie Albrecht explained that the three metrics on the CDPHE dashboard are not all on red, so that may be the reason we are not in red. There are zero hospitalizations due to COVID in the County right now. Casino restaurants are not being closed.

COVID-19 Regional Resiliency and Recovery Roadmap Technical Assistance for Rural Colorado. County Manager Abel Montoya, explained that DOLA has a new program that Clear Creek and Grand County and possibly Teller County would like to partner on. The Recovery Roadmap Letter of Interest is due Dec. 1 and Gilpin is working with our Regional DOLA representative, Clear Creek and Grand County to draft the letter. More information will be shared with the Commissioners once we learn more about the program for 2021. The program is a partnership that will take place until the end of 2022.

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

COVID-19 Update.

Public Health Coordinator Bonnie explained the number of positive cases as of 11/20/20 is 73. She explained the metrics used to move counties on the dial. CDPHE orange level will go into effect on Monday, 11/23 at 5pm. Attorney Brad Benning summarized GILPIN COUNTY PHO 20-14 ADOPTING CDPHE PHO 20-36 COVID-19 DIAL – LEVEL ORANGE (HIGH RISK). He explained capacity limits and distancing requirements for different businesses. Commissioner Isenhardt mentioned busses need to comply to social distancing. Commissioner Watson wanted clarification on restaurants and the amount of people allowed to gather for inside recreation. County Attorney Brad Benning and Public Health Coordinator went over the state's order for these areas. County Attorney Brad Benning explained that the state also takes into consideration the economic status, which is why we are in orange not red. Public Coordinator explained that the 3 metrics on the CDPHE dashboard are not all on red, so that may be the reason we are not in red. There are zero hospitalization due to COVID in the County right now. Casino restaurants are not being closed.

Commissioner Engels moved to approve Gilpin County PHO 20-14 Adopting CDPHE PHO 20-36 COVID-19 Dial – Level Orange (high risk), allowing casino restaurants to stay open according to health guidelines, as the Board of Health. Commissioner Isenhardt seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3.

Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Engels moved to adjourn as the Board of Health and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners. 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 2:12pm.

Signed this 15th day of December 2020.