

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

January 12, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on January 12, 2021, in an online format, with Commissioner Watson, Commissioner Isenhart, Commissioner-Elect Sandy Hollingsworth and limited staff attending in person at the Courthouse. Chair Gail Watson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Chair Watson, Commissioner Linda Isenhart, Commissioner-elect Sandy Hollingsworth, County Manager Abel Montoya, County Attorney Bradford Benning, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Sharon Cate. Commissioner-elect Web Sill was unable to attend.

Agenda Review. Commissioner Isenhart added time to the agenda to thank Commissioner Engels for his service to Gilpin County.

Minutes.

Commissioner Isenhart moved to approve the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes for December 17, 2020. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

Commissioner Isenhart moved to approve the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes for January 5, 2021. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

Appreciation to Commissioner Ron Engels. Commissioner Isenhart noted that on December 17, 2020, the Board, staff and some residents had expressed their appreciation to Commissioner Gail Watson for her eight years of service to Gilpin County, and added it had been a pleasure to work with her. She said Commissioner Ron Engels could not attend the meeting today, but she wanted to share her thoughts. Commissioner Isenhart said Commissioner Engels was dedicated to serving our County from District 1. He has been a champion of employees and is one reason the salary survey was completed, to guarantee competitive wages. He also worked with Public Health Coordinator Albrecht, the local business community, and residents to keep them safe during the pandemic. She said she believed Commissioner Engels has a bright future ahead of him.

Commissioner Watson thanked Commissioner Engels for his years of service, noting that the past year had been so difficult. He was the County's liaison with the casinos while working with Public Health Coordinator Albrecht through the pandemic, for which we are all grateful. Commissioner Watson also said that today would be an unusual swearing day, in that Commissioner-elect Web Sill had been sworn in on January 8, 2021, which became effective today at 12:01 a.m., so Commissioner Engels was not able to sit with the Board as had been expected. Also, Commissioner-elect Sill had a previous engagement which prevented him from being able to attend, so only Commissioner Watson and Commissioner Isenhart will comprise the Board for the first part of today's meeting.

Swearing In of Commissioner-elect Sandy Hollingsworth. County Judge David Taylor performed a virtual swearing in of Commissioner-elect Sandra Hollingsworth, which was witnessed in person at the Courthouse by several staff. Judge Taylor said today would be his first swearing in ceremony and that he appreciated the opportunity. Commissioner Hollingsworth thanked Judge Taylor and those present, and said she looked forward to serving Gilpin County.

Reception for Commissioner Hollingsworth. Commissioners Watson and Isenhart hosted a small, brief reception for Commissioner Hollingsworth.

Seating of New Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Isenhart and Commissioner Hollingsworth took their seats at the Board's meeting table.

Annual Appointments. Each of the following annual appointments were approved unanimously by the Board:

Commissioners to Convey, Board Chair, Chair Pro-Tem, Board of Adjustment, Local Liquor Licensing Authority, County Manager, County Attorney, Administrative Assistant to the Board, Budget Officer, Chief Building Official, Emergency Manager, Road Supervisor, Depository Banks, Newspaper of Record, Location of Public Notice of Public Meetings, and Staff Authorized to Use Facsimile Signatures.

Resolution #21-02, Board's Public Meeting Schedule. Commissioner Hollingsworth moved to adopt Resolution #21-01, "Adopting the 2021 Public Meeting Schedule for the Board of County Commissioners." Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

Resolution #21-01, Use of Facsimile Signatures. Commissioner Hollingsworth moved to adopt Resolution #21-01, "Authorizing Use of Facsimile Signatures of Members of the Board of County Commissioners, and other County Officials, by Designated County Employees." Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

COVID-19 Update.

Emergency Manager Nathan Whittington:

- Work to coordinate vaccinations and testing continues
- The Joint Information Center was activated to facilitate vaccinations
- A request will be submitted to have two members of the Colorado National Guard onsite (at no cost to the County) to support the vaccination clinic through the end of March.

Public Health Coordinator Bonnie Albrecht:

- Gilpin County now has a total case count of 134 total, including 11 new cases in the past two weeks. The positivity rate is 5.3%, which if maintained over two weeks, could move Gilpin County to the yellow range on the State's COVID Dial.
- 354 immunizations have been administered so far, to first responders and those over 70 years of age, with the second injection to be given the week of January 25.
- 25 tests are scheduled for today. On Friday, a mobile test site with the State will be available at the Exhibit Building. Information will be posted later today.

Proclamation in Support of National Radon Action Month. Commissioner Hollingsworth read aloud a Proclamation about the dangers of radon gas in homes, and the County's commitment to action, as presented by Public Health Coordinator Bonnie Albrecht. Free test kits are available at the Public Health Building and the Exhibit Building. Commissioner Hollingsworth moved to adopt a Proclamation in Support of National Radon Action Month. Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

Legal Status Report. County Attorney Bradford Benning advised the Commissioners on the County's legal issues, including water matters, an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Library District, a Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of the Community Center, and the lease for the Dakota Hill site, where the Sheriff's Office's communications tower is located.

County Manager Status Report. County Manager Abel Montoya updated the Board of County Commissioners on the County's potential participation in the State's 5-Star Program, the status of the Human Services/Public Health Building, progress on the list of County-held properties to be sold, and future informal meetings between staff and the Board to discuss current topics and projects, without any decisions being made.

Board of County Commissioners Status Reports.

Notice of Public Meetings. The Board's upcoming public meetings will include: January 19, February 2 and 16, 2021. Some staff meetings for orientation will take place on January 19, 20 and 22. These staff meetings are intended to develop County work product and no decisions can be made.

Adjourn. There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Signed this 19th day of January 2021.