

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

April 15, 2021

A special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on April 15, 2021, in an online format; no physical meeting was held. Chair Linda Isenhart called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. In attendance were Chair Isenhart, Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth, Commissioner Web Sill, County Manager Abel Montoya, County Attorney Bradford Benning, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Sharon Cate.

Board of Health. Commissioner Hollingsworth moved to recess as the BoCC and reconvene as the Board of Health. Commissioner Sill seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Consideration of Public Health Order (PHO) #21-02. Public Health Coordinator Bonnie Albrecht cited the following COVID-19 statistics in Gilpin County: total case count since pandemic began is 207 / 3 deaths / 10 new cases in past 7 days / 2 new hospitalizations in past 14 days / high positivity rate of 10.3% / 24.5% of residents are fully vaccinated; 40% have had their first dose. Epidemiologist Kelly Schossow then gave a presentation on immunity, statistics per age group, and projections under current restrictions and if restrictions were lowered. Public Health Coordinator Bonnie Albrecht noted that four or 5 children under age 10 have become ill in the past month, likely due to the variant known unofficially as BK-1.

County Attorney Benning presented a draft of Public Health Order #21-02 (PHO) for Gilpin County, saying the governor would be ending the State Dial 3.0 on April 16, 2021, giving control to local entities. He focused on the chart included in PHO #21-02 that lists various levels of metrics and related restrictions. Gilpin County's PHO would allow the County time to fill any gaps in vaccinations through May 16, 2021. Phase 1 of the Order would run from today to May 16, at which time the Board of Health can evaluate current circumstances. They could then decide on Phase 2, from May 16 to August 16, 2021, and determine appropriate restrictions for that period. As currently written, Phase 2 would move the County to 100% capacity, with no mitigation measures in place. At this time, masks are required in all indoor spaces, but are not required outdoors if a distance of 6 feet can be maintained. Discussion shifted to the policy for County-owned facilities and whether or not staff is scanning temperatures for people wanting to enter facilities. Emergency Manager Nathan Whittington said he is working to monitor resources and trying to look ahead at potential needs. Commissioner Sill moved to approve PHO #21-02, "Gilpin County Public Health Order 21-02 – Gilpin County Dial in and for Gilpin County, Colorado." Commissioner Hollingsworth seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Hollingsworth moved to adjourn as the Board of Health and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Sill seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Emergency Operations Center, Grant Opportunity. Emergency Manager Nathan Whittington presented his request for Community Project Funding as made available by Congressman Joe Neguse's Office for a new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) facility. The four options for a new EOC were: a new building on Norton Drive, next to the current Public Health modular; the Apex Facility on Apex Valley Road; the Public Health modular once it's vacant; and offices on the first floor of the Justice Center. Emergency Manager Whittington said his grant application total request would be approximately \$179,361.00, with a 25% County match plus a potential cost share; a BRIC or other grant might also be available to help with the County's portion. His presentation included EOC buildout estimates and in-kind support. Board discussion identified space in the Justice Center as the most sensible, cost efficient idea. County Manager Montoya recommended to Emergency Manager Whittington that he read the space assessment study of the Justice Center perform by RJA, Inc., which might help support his grant application. Commissioner Sill moved to have the Board authorize Emergency Manager Nathan Whittington to proceed with the Community Project Funding grant application to move the EOC to space in the Justice Center. Commissioner Hollingsworth seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0. A letter of support from the Board will be added to the application packet.

Adjourn. There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Signed this 20th day of April 2021.