

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

June 10 2021

A special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on June 10, 2021, in both an online format and in person. Chair Linda Isenhardt called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. In attendance were Chair Isenhardt, Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth, Commissioner Web Sill, County Assessor Anne Schafer County Attorney Bradford Benning and Chief Deputy Ashley Martin.

**Public / Press Comment.** There were no comments from the public or press.

County Attorney Benning and Assessor Anne Schafer gave updates on the following legislation:

**Proposed Initiative 27-Property Tax Assessment and Revenue Reductions-Heard by Secretary of State 4-30-21 and**

**SB-21-293 Property Tax Subclasses of residential and non-residential Classification and Assessment Rates-Introduced 6-2-21, introduced to the House & passed 6-8-21**

- 293 was proposed to counteract 27 in the event that it passed
- Both would decrease property taxes that are currently at 7.15% and would be reduced to 6.8%
- If 27 passed, there will be a \$175 million decrease to the state over the next 2 years
- There may be a petition to have initiative 27 be on this year's ballot
- If initiative makes it on the ballot and passes, then it will become the permanent tax reduction rates
- With the decrease in tax rates, it also decreases county revenue, which effects county resources that affect residents
- Each county resident's savings will be minimal, compared to what it will cost the county. An example of this tax change would look like this: If a resident's property is worth \$350K, the tax difference from 7.15% to 6.8% is a \$12.00 difference
- If 293 passes, additional staff may be requested by the Assessors office in order to fulfill the requirements the office will need to communicate (phone calls, copies, mailings) to residents regarding the changes that will need to be made
- The percentage in tax savings, is based on the type of property owned. Graph included.

**HB21-1132 Local Government Limited Gaming Impact Funds-Introduced 2-24-21, Passed 5-14-21 with amendments, signed into law 5-24-21**

- Bill has passed
- Total funds were at 5 million being dispersed within the state, which 1.7 million was allocated to Gilpin, that number has now dropped to 600k
- This bill defines the gaming impacts as negative sides of gaming
- Gilpin did support the bill
- Gilpin has been disappointed by the funds given by DOLA
- This bill will resume funding to the gaming addiction and recovery programs
- Favors counties with lower property values, so is a benefit to Gilpin to receive more grant funding

**HB 21-1292 Report Revenues from Sports Betting Activity-Introduced 4-22-21, Passed 5-27-21**

- This bill passed
- Sports betting was implemented into Gilpin and Teller in 2020
- Sports betting must be tied to a casino that has the licenses for sports betting
- Sports betting raises revenue; this bill allows Assessors to obtain that information, which will create revenue for Gilpin and Teller

**HB-21-1061 Residential Land Property Tax Classification- Introduced 2-16-21, Passed 4-5-21, Signed into law 4-27-21**

- This bill has passed
- This bill determines the definition of "residential land" and "commercial land" for the purpose of property tax classification
- Residential tax rate is: 7.15%. Commercial tax rate is: 29%.
- This specifically involves parcels that are owned by the same owner that are adjacent parcels or interrupted by an intervening local service street, alley, or common element in common-interest community
- Parcel has to be the identical owner adjacent properties and have related improvement to the residential property

- Improvement is determined by something needing a building permit. The example used was: Adding a driveway to connect the two parcels which involves the need of a permit
- This will go into effect 1.1.2022
- Residents who are affected will be contacted via letter by the Assessor's Office, in regards to how they can pull a permit to avoid the higher rate
- This does lower our tax revenues slightly

**SB 21-155 Limited Gaming Commission Member from Gaming County-Introduced 3-1-21, Passed 5-13 with amendments, Signed into law 5-21-21**

- This bill has passed
- Gilpin and Teller Counties requested adding a member from each county which would change the committee's requirement from five members to seven members
- This committee originally had five members each representing different fields (Law Enforcement, Attorney, Certified Accountant, Business Professional of at least five years, and the one elector but none could be from Gilpin and Teller Counties.
- Legislation has retained it to be five persons but gives preference to a registered voter of Gilpin or Teller in one of the other positions
- This was for the purpose of increasing better representation for Gilpin and Teller, but not both
- Gilpin County is disappointed in this outcome as it doesn't guarantee representation
- Sherriff Armstrong has put his name in the hat to serve as law enforcement member

**HB 21-1267 Delegation of Mill Levy Certification-Introduced 4-8-21, Passed 5-21-21. CCI Supported.**

- This bill allows the BOCC of each county to delegate a county staff member to certify county mill levies vs the BOCC having a formal hearing
- This will be a large cost and time savings to the county with the reduction of meetings and organization that has been needed in the past

**Board of County Commissioners.** Commissioner Isenhart moved to adjourn the 2021 Legislation as the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Hollingsworth seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

**Adjourn.** They adjourned at **3:55** p.m.

Signed this 06<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.