AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

AgendaTitle:

Action Requested: Board of County Commissioners' Signature

Parties to the Agreement: None (Resolution)

Term Begins: **Term Ends:** **Grant Contract #:**

Summary:
Resolution Supporting Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILT) Program

Fiscal Impact:

Submitted by: County Attorney's Office **Submitter's Email Address:** bwiseman@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: ○ Required ● Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date:

County Attorney Review: ● Required ○ Not Required

Comments:

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Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\DBAUMGARTEN Discharge Date: 1/6/2014 Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes ○ No ●

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\MBIRNIE Discharge Date: 1/6/2014

○ Consent Agenda ● Regular Agenda ○ Worksession Time Allotted: 5

Agenda Date: 1/7/2014 Follow Up Agenda Date:

Revised April 2013

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 2014-____

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILT) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the federal Payment In Lieu Of Taxes ("PILT") program provides critical funding to nearly 1,900 counties in 49 states and three U.S. territories; and

WHEREAS, PILT currently is authorized at $425 million for fiscal year 2014 to help offset losses to local governments from the presence of non-taxable federal lands through direct payments to counties and other local governments; and

WHEREAS, counties with federal land in their jurisdictions often provide vital services on those lands, such as land use regulation, search and rescue, and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, a fully funded PILT program helps to offset the loss of these important revenues and fulfill the federal government's obligations to local communities with large amounts of federal land; and

WHEREAS, in July 2012, President Obama signed into law PL112-141, the Moving Ahead For Progress In The 21st Century Act. Included in the legislation was mandatory funding for PILT. After implementation of the Budget control Act (sequestration cuts), counties received roughly $400 million in FY 2013. Unless Congress acts, counties will have received their last fully funded PILT disbursement in June of 2013; and

WHEREAS, the United States Senate and House Appropriations Committees currently are developing a final Fiscal Year 2014 spending measure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado that the Board, appreciating the difficult funding decisions to be faced, urges the United States Senate and House Appropriations Committees to fully support the PILT program and to work with counties to seek a long-term funding solution to provide a consistent and stable source of funding for the nation's PILT counties.

INTRODUCED by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, and adopted this ____ day of _____, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO

By _____
Paula Swenson, Chairperson

By _____
Phil Chamberland, Vice Chairperson

By _____
Jonathan Houck, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Deputy County Clerk