

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
April 24, 2012**

The April 24, 2012 meeting was held in the Commissioners' boardroom in the Courthouse located at 200 E. Virginia, Gunnison, Colorado. Present were:

Hap Channell, Chairperson  
Paula Swenson, Vice-Chairperson  
Phil Chamberland, Commissioner

Matthew Birnie, County Manager  
Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board  
Others Present as Listed in Text

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Channell called the meeting to order at 1:12 pm.

**TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT:** County Treasurer Melody Marks presented the March 2012 Treasurer's report, an investment report dated March 31, 2012, and a quarterly interest report for January through March 2012 for discussion and acceptance. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to accept the Treasurer's report for March. Motion carried unanimously.

**WARRANTS AND TRANSFERS:** Finance Director Linda Nienhueser presented the Warrant Report dated April 24, 2012 and the Cash Transfer Authorization dated March 2012 for discussion and approval. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to approve the warrants in the amount of \$1,048,771.13. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to approve the Cash Transfer for March in the amount of \$1,767,042.58. Motion carried unanimously.

**POSSIBLE APPEAL OF U.S. POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION'S ORDER AFFIRMING CLOSURE OF THE PARLIN POST OFFICE; POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Deputy County Attorney Art Trezise was present for discussion, along with Larry and Ruth Dolezal.

Deputy County Attorney Trezise informed the Board that his office had not yet heard from Senator Bennet's staff regarding the status of the post office closures. Ms. Dolezal stated that she had heard from two separate sources earlier in the day that there would be no more closures until further notice.

Deputy County Attorney Trezise requested guidance from the Board, assuming that any gathered information does not turn out to be favorable, as the Parlin post office is scheduled for closure on 5/15/12. He suggested that the County file an injunction hearing and request declaratory relief with the federal government and, in doing so, Gunnison County may be the first county to initiate litigation to stop a closure. He confirmed that his office had performed all of the necessary research and that the injunction hearing would require travel to Denver for a day, although his office would attempt to schedule the hearing for a date and time when either he or County Attorney David Baumgarten was already scheduled to be in Denver on other matters. He noted that he wouldn't begin the process of filing for an injunction until the following week in order to first determine whether or not there are other simpler means available to the County that would solve the issue. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to direct our County Attorney's Office to take whatever actions necessary to try to prevent the closure of the post office up to and including filing various federal lawsuits. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN:** **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:32 pm.

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Hap Channell, Chairperson

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Paula Swenson, Vice-Chairperson

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Phil Chamberland, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

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Katherine Haase, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

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Stella Dominguez, County Clerk