

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 4, 2014**

The March 4, 2014 meeting was held in the Planning Commissioners' boardroom in the Blackstock Government Center located at 221 N. Wisconsin Street, Gunnison, Colorado. Present were:

Paula Swenson, Chairperson  
Phil Chamberland, Vice-Chairperson  
Jonathan Houck, Commissioner

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Swenson called the meeting to order at 9:45 am.

**AGENDA REVIEW:** There were no changes made to the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Ratification of Correspondence; Caddis Flats
2. Out-of-State Travel Request; Annual Weather Modification Conference; Reno, NV; April 22-26, 2014; Senior Accountant Jane Wyman; \$1,820
3. Correspondence; Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund; Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust Open Space Grant Application; Volk Ranch - Sneller Place Conservation Project
4. Out-of-State Travel Request; 2014 American Planning Association Conference; April 25-30, 2014; Atlanta, GA; Assistant Community Development Director Neal Starkebaum; \$2,650
5. Correspondence; Pitkin County Healthy Rivers and Streams Board; Support of the Crystal River Wild and Scenic Designation
6. Correspondence; State Historic Fund; Support of Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum Grant Application; Tony's Conoco

**SCHEDULING:** The Upcoming Meetings Schedule was discussed and updated.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT:** County Manager Birnie was present for discussion.

1. Courthouse Construction Project Update. County Manager Birnie had preliminary floor, interior wall, cabinet, bathroom and exterior wall sample materials on hand to show to the Board. The Board expressed approval with the color scheme and the selected materials.
2. Colorado City and County Management Association Conference. County Manager Birnie informed the Board that he was elected during the conference to serve as the Association's President-Elect, which means that he will assume the role and duties of President in 2015. The Board congratulated him.

**CORRESPONDENCE; KIOWA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:** The Board discussed Kiowa County's correspondence, and all agreed that a response would be drafted. **Moved** by Chairperson Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to have Commissioner Houck write the letter. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to use signature stamps on the letter (when it is ready). Motion carried unanimously.

**UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS:** There were no Unscheduled Citizens present for discussion.

**COMMISSIONER ITEMS:**

**Commissioner Houck:**

1. Community Builder Leadership Team Update. Commissioner Houck informed the Board that the Sonoran Institute has offered to spend time working to guide the County with regard to projects that will necessitate joint communication between local entities. The initial focus will be on projects that have been pending for quite some time.
2. High Country Citizens' Alliance. Commissioner Houck informed the Board that he met with Jen Bach who serves as HCCA's water attorney, to discuss collaborative issues. He noted that he welcomes the conversation.
3. Gunnison Trails Winter Bash Fundraiser. Commissioner Houck informed the Board that he attended this successful event, which provided the opportunity for some great discussions.

**Commissioner Chamberland:**

1. Broadband Update. Commissioner Chamberland informed the Board that funding will be sought for bringing broadband functionality to the Marble area. Community Development Director Russ Forrest attended the most recent meeting with him. County Attorney David Baumgarten and Community Development Director Forrest will work together on easement language for the Monarch area.

**Commissioner Swenson:**

1. R3G Group Update. Chairperson Swenson informed the Board that she continues to meet with this group, and that they are making headway with productive conversations.
2. Chamber of Commerce / Gunnison-Crested Butte Tourism Association Update. Chairperson Swenson informed the Board that she will continue to serve as facilitator during these monthly meetings and that communications have been positive.

**BREAK:** The meeting recessed from 10:52 until 10:57 am for a short break.

**PROCLAMATION; GUNNISON COUNTY OLYMPIANS DAY:** Special Olympians Jeffrey Crawley, John Iniego, Joe Day, Ronnie Ficklin and Alex Bittle were present for discussion along with members of their families.

Six Points Executive Director Sue Uerling, City of Gunnison Mayor Pro Tem Stu Ferguson, WSCU Athletic Director Greg Waggoner, Crested Butte Mountain Resort Public Relations and Communications Manager Erica Mueller and Adaptive Sports Center Development Coordinator Maggie Burke congratulated and offered words of encouragement to the athletes. Aaron Blunck, who competed in the Sochi 2014 Olympics, sent a written statement of thanks and congratulations that Chairperson Swenson read to the audience.

**Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to introduce the proclamation honoring the Olympians of Gunnison Valley. Chairperson Swenson read the proclamation to the audience. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN:** Chairperson Swenson adjourned the meeting at 11:11 am.

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Paula Swenson, Chairperson

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Phil Chamberland, Vice-Chairperson

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Jonathan Houck, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

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Katherine Haase, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

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Stella Dominguez, County Clerk