

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 20, 2014**

The May 20, 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 (ABSENT)  
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:** Commissioner Chamberland called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Commissioner Chamberland requested that Item #1 be pulled for further discussion. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Item #1. Motion carried.

1. **Pulled for Discussion and Separate Action:** Planet Footprint Annual Subscription Renewal; February 2014 thru January 2015; \$4,140
2. Contract for Professional Services; Alpine Archaeological Consultants, Inc.; Archaeological Monitoring Services for Phase I of the Ohio City Town Hall Foundation Stabilization and Historic Rehabilitation Project; 5/20/14 thru 12/31/14; \$6,488
3. Amendment for Task Orders #1; Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Office of Planning and Partnerships, FAA, Contract Routing Number 15-67649; Public Health Planning and Support, Maternal Child and Child Fatality Prevention Efforts; 7/1/14 thru 6/30/15; \$51,476
4. Amendment for Task Orders #2; Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, PSD-STEPP, FLA, Contract Routing Number 15-67520; Tobacco Cessation, Use Initiation and Prevalence Among Youth, and Decrease Exposure to Secondhand Smoke; 7/1/14 thru 6/30/15; \$26,084
5. Ratification of County Manager's Signature; Memorandum of Agreement between Board of County Commissioners, the County of Gunnison County, Colorado and Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority Regarding Caddis Flats; \$255,000
6. Acknowledgment of County Manager Signature; Letter of Support; Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley Grant Application; CSU Extension; Junior Master Gardner Certification Program and Youth Leadership Development
7. Flat Rate Inspection Service Agreement; Alternative Elevations, LLC; Elevator Inspections; 2014 thru 2017; \$150 per Elevator
8. Lease Agreement; Queen of All Saints Catholic Church; Polling Location for the 2014 Primary and General Elections; 6/16/14 thru 11/5/14; \$600
9. Professional Services Agreement; Mountain Roots; Cooking Matters Program; 6/1/14 thru 6/30/15; \$2,839

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #1:** Commissioner Chamberland asked whether or not the County will sign up for three years in order to take advantage of the cost savings. County Manager Birnie stated that signing for the longer term is the intent since this is a valuable service, and he agreed to confirm that the contract conforms to the intent with the Finance staff prior to execution of the contract. **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve Consent Agenda Item #1. Motion carried.

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

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

1. **Staffing Changes.** County Manager Birnie explained that the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator position has been combined with the Deputy Emergency Manager position since both positions share commonality, which necessitated the addition of 12 hours per week of staff time to the County Manager's office. Overall, this will result in a zero net change in personnel. The part-time Administrative Assistant III vacancy has been advertised, and an office-coverage schedule will be determined to ensure that the County Manager's office is always staffed.
2. **Voice of the People Award.** County Manager Birnie informed the Board that Gunnison County has been selected as a finalist for this National Research Center, Inc. award in the Mobility category. This selection is based on citizen responses to transportation and recreational transportation questions in the biennial citizen survey, and it indicates that Gunnison County is within the top three participating jurisdictions in the country. His office will complete the application, and he will keep the Board updated on the progress.
3. **Gunnison Energy Update.** County Manager Birnie informed the Board that he met during the last week with Gunnison Energy President Brad Robinson to discuss the outlook for the Oxbow mine. As a result of that conversation, County Manager Birnie recommended that the County not count on further funding from that source since Oxbow may take a year or two to decide on a direction

with regard to coal mining. With regard to natural gas, drilling of a couple of wells may occur this year. The plan to convert County fleet vehicles to natural gas is interesting to Gunnison Energy, as it has been with other entities, since the County would need to construct or have access to a fueling station. As technology improves, costs decrease and grant funds become available, the County may be able to move forward with bringing natural gas to the area. Payback on fleet conversion could be as short as three-to-five years per vehicle, but there are other considerations such as the need for a shop that capable of serving natural gas vehicles.

**DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT AND PROJECT UPDATES:** Deputy County Manager Marlene Crosby was present for discussion.

1. Cottonwood and Kebler Passes. Deputy County Manager Crosby informed the Board that the County received assistance from Chaffee County with snow removal, and that Cottonwood Pass would be open on 5/20/14. However, due to the remaining snow and unstable road conditions, Kebler Pass may not open until the first of the month. She provided photographs to illustrate the current conditions on the road, and opined that the road should remain closed until it stabilizes enough to handle equipment traffic.
2. Water Treatment Plan Compliance. Deputy County Manager Crosby informed the Board that the triennial compliance inspection was completed, and that no follow-up or violation items were noted.
3. Mechanic Position. Deputy County Manager Crosby informed the Board that the position has been filled with a person relocating from Montrose who has 20 years of experience in the field.
4. Whitewater Park. Deputy County Manager Crosby informed the Board that the GOCO grant application was not successful, and that GOCO received a total of \$9.3M worth of applications while only \$2.6M was available. The County's grant received a score of 85, which is a relatively high score, and comments were provided for the County's consideration prior to applying again in the fall. With the current volume of water running, she received a call last week about the third feature creating safety issues for boats. As a result, her staff removed some large rocks to enable boats to pass safely. During high-water season, it is difficult to tell what situations may be naturally occurring below the water.

**VOUCHERS AND TRANSFERS APPROVAL:** Finance Director Linda Nienhueser presented the voucher approval report dated May 20, 2014 and the cash transfer authorization dated April 2014 for discussion and approval. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$941,364.76. Motion carried. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to approve the April 2014 Cash Transfer in the amount of \$2,889,414.98. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER ITEMS:** This discussion began earlier than scheduled due to a gap in the meeting.

**Commissioner Houck:**

1. Tin Cup Access and Speed Signage. Commissioner Houck informed the Board that he and Deputy County Manager Marlene Crosby have been working on these issues in the Tin Cup area and the accompanying signage that would be necessary.

**TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT:** County Treasurer Melody Marks presented the April 2014 Treasurer's report and an investment report dated April 30, 2014 for discussion and acceptance. **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

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

**COMMISSIONER ITEMS (continued)**

**Commissioner Chamberland:**

1. Federally Sequestered Grant Funds. The practice of federally sequestering portions of grant funds has caused concerns within the Bureau of Land Management and the US Forest Service. This practice may also negatively impact local projects. Discussions will continue and a resolve is being sought by the impacted entities.
2. Region 10 Broadband Planning Meeting. Commissioner Chamberland informed the Board that Community Development Director Russ Forrest attended this recent meeting.
3. Healthcare Costs and Insurance. Commissioner Chamberland informed the Board that differing cost factors determine the rates for each region, and that Aspen was able to change their cost model, which reduced its rate. As a result, all other members of the region will have increased costs. Club 20 is working with the cost commission to evaluate the overall structure for the western slope in order to potentially allow residents to purchase insurance policies outside of their region. Commissioner Chamberland will keep the Board posted.

**ADJOURN:** **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

(Absent from meeting – no signature.)

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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