

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
December 4, 2014**

The December 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 (ABSENT)
Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board
Others Present as Listed in Text

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Swenson called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

BREAK: The meeting recessed from 7:32 until 7:39 pm in order to hold the below Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING; PROPOSED 2015 GUNNISON COUNTY BUDGET: Finance Director Linda Nienhueser and Assistant Finance Director Ben Cowan were present for discussion.

1. Open Public Hearing. Chairperson Swenson opened the Public Hearing at 7:32 pm.
2. Public Notice Confirmation. The Board confirmed that the Public Hearing had been properly public noticed.
3. Identify Ex Parte Communications. There were no ex parte communications identified.
4. Staff Presentation. Assistant Finance Director Cowan presented a document that incorporated all change requests that were discussed during recent work sessions. He noted that the most significant change was \$503,000 in the health insurance fund, and he confirmed that the fund balance can absorb that increase. Finance Director Nienhueser stated that employee merit increases were included in the proposed budget, and that the County has the necessary resources available to cover the approximate \$30,000 increase.
5. Applicant Presentation. N/A.
6. Board Questions. N/A.
7. Public Comments. Chairperson Swenson opened the Public Hearing to comments at 7:37 pm, but there weren’t any comments provided.
8. Acknowledge Correspondence Received. No additional correspondence was identified.
9. Applicant Response. N/A.
10. Close Public Hearing. Chairperson Swenson closed the Public Hearing at 7:39 pm and immediately reconvened the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners meeting. The budget is scheduled for adoption on Monday, December 15th at 1:00 pm.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Paula Swenson, Chairperson

Phil Chamberland, Vice-Chairperson

Jonathan Houck, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Katherine Haase, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Stella Dominguez, County Clerk