

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2015**

The January 13, 2015 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

Prior to the meeting, Gunnison County Court Judge Ben F. Eden was present and administered the Oath of Office to the following individuals:

1. Richard D. Besecker, County Sheriff
2. Phillip Chamberland, County Commissioner
3. Kristy A. McFarland, County Assessor
4. Kathy Simillion, County Clerk and Recorder
5. Frank Vader, County Coroner

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Swenson called the meeting to order at 8:56 am.

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

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC) BOARD REORGANIZATION AND COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS:

1. Designate BOCC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2015. **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to have Paula Swenson as the Chair for 2015. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Chairperson Swenson to appoint Phil Chamberland as Vice Chairperson for 2015. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Gunnison County Personnel Board (one voting member). **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Chairperson Swenson to appoint Phil Chamberland to the Gunnison County Personnel Board. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley Board (one voting member). **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to nominate Paula Swenson for the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley Board. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Office for Resource Efficiency Board (one voting member). **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Chairperson Swenson to nominate Jonathan Houck for the Office for Resource Efficiency Board. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Gunnison Valley Rural Transportation Authority Board (two voting members). **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to appoint Paula Swenson and Jonathan Houck to the Gunnison Valley Rural Transportation Authority Board. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Region 10 Board (one voting member). **Moved** by Chairperson Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Houck to appoint Phil Chamberland to the Region 10 Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee (one voting member, one alternate). **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland to nominate Jonathan Houck as the voting member of the Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee, and **Moved** by Chairperson Swenson to nominate Phil Chamberland as the alternate. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Gunnison Country Chamber of Commerce (one voting member). **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to appoint Paula Swenson as the voting member to the Gunnison Country Chamber of Commerce Board. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Early Childhood Council (one voting member). **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Chairperson Swenson to appoint Phil Chamberland to the Early Childhood Council for 2015. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Club 20 (one voting member). **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Chairperson Swenson to appoint Phil Chamberland as the voting member at Club 20. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT; COLORADO RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS; WILLIAM S. TRAMPE: Mr. Trampe was present for discussion. **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to appoint William S. Trampe to the Colorado River Water Conservation District Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

1. 12/16/2014 Regular Meeting. **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Chairperson Swenson to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of 12/16/14 as presented. Chairperson Swenson seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Houck wasn't in attendance for the 12/16/14 meeting.

2. 12/22/2014 Special Meeting. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to approve the Special Meeting minutes of 12/22/14. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. CDHS Certification of Compliance, County Merit System Year 2015
2. Acknowledgment of County Manager Signature; Memorandum of Understanding between Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gunnison, Colorado and Gunnison Valley Health Family Medicine; Gunnison County Prenatal Care Program; 12/1/14 thru 12/31/16
3. Ratification of County Manager Signature; Gunnison County Human Resources Director Employment Agreement; Amy Sharkey; 1/20/14; \$103,378
4. Gunnison County and Montrose County Mutual Aid Agreement; Controlling or Combating a Disaster
5. Ground Transportation Agreement, Gunnison Crested Butte Regional Airport; Gunnison Taxi Company, LLC; 12/19/14 thru 11/30/15
6. Project Contract; Western Water & Land, Inc.; Contract Number 080300-01; Construction Inspection Services for the Gunnison Energy, LLC Spadafora Water Storage Facility; \$17,545
7. Contractor Agreement; Mountain Clean; Janitorial Services in the Gunnison County Public Safety Center; 1/1/15 thru 12/31/16; \$24,242.16
8. Acknowledgment of County Manager Signature; Owner Change Order #006; GE Johnson Construction Company; Gunnison County Courthouse Construction Project; \$29,933
9. Contractor Agreement; Aspen Enterprises; Janitorial Services in the Gunnison County Blackstock Government Center; 1/1/15 thru 12/31/16; \$64,800
10. Contractor Agreement; Mountain Clean; Janitorial Services in the Gunnison County Family Services Center; 1/1/15 thru 12/31/16; \$38,521.92
11. Agreement Regarding Assignment of Ground Lease Agreement; Hangar 14, LLC and Michael L. Hall; 1/6/15
12. Acknowledgment of County Manager Approval to Submit; State Noxious Weed Fund Grant Application; Gunnison County Weed Management Program Seasonal Employee Funding; 4/1/15 thru 10/16/15; \$23,760
13. Acknowledgment of County Manager Approval to Submit; US Forest Service State & Private Forestry Grant Application; Quartz Creek Properties Reclamation and Noxious Weed Control Project; 5/1/15 thru 10/1/15; \$3,300
14. Ratification of Correspondence; US Fish and Wildlife Service; Proposed Rule by FWS on 08/15/2014 "Designation of Critical Habitat for the Western Continental United States Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of the Yellow-billed Cuckoo"

SCHEDULING: The Upcoming Meetings Schedule was discussed and updated.

1. Ratification of 2015 Board of County Commissioner Regular Meeting and Work Session Schedule. **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to ratify the 2015 Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting and Work Session schedule, as presented today. Motion carried unanimously.
2. 2015 Board of County Commissioner Meeting Agenda Posting Locations. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to make the official agenda posting location the Blackstock building until occupancy of the courthouse, at which time we will switch it over to the courthouse at 200 E. Virginia. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Courthouse Construction Project Update. County Manager Birnie informed the Board that the project is on course for receiving a temporary Certificate of Occupancy in mid-May. Per Facilities and Grounds Manager John Cattles, offices should be ready to move into by 6/1/15.
2. Staffing Update. County Manager Birnie informed the Board that HR Director Amy Sharkey was scheduled to begin work the following Tuesday, and that her office will temporarily be located at the airport terminal until the courthouse project is complete. Finalists for the Health and Human Services Director position will be interviewed on 1/16, and Commissioner Chamberland plans to serve on the interview panel.

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

1. Willow Creek Bridge #2 Project Update. Deputy County Manager Crosby informed the Board that some glitches with regard to soil testing and hydrology issues necessitated a final approval from the Forest Service (FS). In that approval the FS outlined 11 conditions, one of which would require the County to haul in backfill material, which would have added to the overall cost. As well, a larger structure may be required. Because of these issues, she requested permission to submit notice to the FS that the County would not be able to go forward with the conditions of the contract. **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to authorize Deputy County Manager Marlene Crosby to write a letter to the Forest Service on these bridge issues and funding overruns. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Somerset Sewer Update. Deputy County Manager Crosby informed the Board that the County checks the sewer monthly, which is costly. She requested approval to schedule a meeting with the

- waterworks district to see if they would like to assume this responsibility. If so, they would need to seek Class D operator status. The Board agreed to go forward with this suggestion.
3. Whitewater Park Reconstruction Project Update. Deputy County Manager Crosby informed the Board that the advertisement for bids would be issued before the end of the week. It will be advertised locally, but it will also go to some contractors on the Front Range that the engineers have previously worked with. Cost and experience will be the most important factors in the decision. Bids will be accepted until 1/30, and the bid award will take place on 2/3.
 4. Lost Canyon Road. Deputy County Manager Crosby stated that her crew is evaluating this road for future work.
 5. Resolution; Supporting the Grant Application for a Local Parks and Outdoor Recreation Grant from the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund for the Gunnison County White Water Park. Deputy County Manager Crosby indicated that this updated resolution would meet the State's new grant requirements. **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve Resolution #2015-1, a Resolution Supporting the Grant Application for a Local Parks and Outdoor Recreation Grant from the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund for the Gunnison White Water Park, and authorize signatures. This resolution superseded Resolution #2014-25. Motion carried unanimously.
 6. Grant Agreement; Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund; Gunnison County Whitewater Park Repair Project; \$350,000. **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve the grant agreement and authorize the County Manager's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

BREAK: The meeting recessed from 9:29 until 9:32 am for a short break.

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

Commissioner Houck:

1. Spruce Beetle Epidemic Aspen Decline Management Response. Commissioner Houck informed the Board that he was asked to attend this group's meetings on behalf of the County, so he wanted to make sure that he is representing the Board accurately. He confirmed that all of the attending counties are in agreement with the direction, and he asked if the Board would like to schedule a work session to discuss the details. The Board didn't see the need for a work session, though Commissioner Chamberland noted that the Board may want to sign a support letter in the near future.

Commissioner Chamberland:

1. Club 20 Telecom Meeting. Commissioner Chamberland informed the Board that this meeting took place out-of-cycle. Discussions are ongoing, and the industry is pushing hard to continue their monopoly.
2. Broadband Update. Commissioner Chamberland informed the Board that Homeland Security has taken the position that people shouldn't have access to infrastructure that could be used in terror activities. The Local Technology Planning Team is working on this issue with the goal of providing fiber redundancy route into Montrose.

Commissioner Swenson:

1. Correspondence from Ken Stone; Gunnison-Crested Butte Tourism Association Board. Chairperson Swenson noted that she previously forwarded this correspondence to the Board.
2. Gunnison Valley Rural Transportation Authority Meeting. Chairperson Swenson informed the Board that seats are tracking a little behind the figures from last year. The RTA will try to go to the ballot this year to raise taxes for increased air, ground and senior transportation in order to meet the demand.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY GRANT AGREEMENT; COTTONWOOD PASS PROJECT; DTFH68-14-E-00003; \$1,491,325: Deputy County Manager Crosby, Finance Director Linda Nienhueser and Special Projects Foreman Jim Kint were present for discussion.

Deputy County Manager Crosby stated that, if this worthwhile project is pursued, there will be both positive and negative impacts to other projects. She indicated that the document in the packet contained some minor errors, and she detailed those for the Board and provided a corrected version for approval. County Manager Birnie stated that, while there was no current correspondence on this issue, the Taylor Park Cattle Pool presented an objection a couple of years ago. **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve the contract between Gunnison County and the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Lands Highway Grant Agreement for the Cottonwood Pass Project presented before us in the amount not to exceed \$1,491,325. Motion carried unanimously.

BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT; LITTLE BIGHORN LOTS 9 AND 10; EAGLES REST LOT 30: Assistant Community Development Director Neal Starkebaum was present for discussion. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to approve the Boundary Line Adjustment,

Lots 9 and 10 of the Little Bighorn Subdivision and Lot 30 of the Eagles Rest Subdivision as presented today. Motion carried unanimously.

CLIENT AGREEMENT; DESTIMETRICS, LLC: Community Development Director Russ Forrest was present for discussion.

Community Development Director Forrest informed the Board that the Gunnison-Crested Butte Tourism Association has contracted for this service in the past, but that this current contract will be direct with the County. He also noted that the County has been receiving monthly reports, while most other resort communities opt for daily reports. He provided the pricing for both options.

Commissioner Houck reminded everyone that lodging properties would need to volunteer for daily reporting. Community Development Director Forrest confirmed that making a switch to daily reporting would require some effort on the part of lodging properties to change their reporting procedures, but that they already have the data. The Board agreed to approve this later in the day when they called to order as the Gunnison River Valley Local Marketing District.

PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY AND FORM; DRAFT REVISIONS: Deputy County Attorney Art Trezise was present for discussion.

Deputy County Attorney Trezise explained that the policy was updated with regard to statutory maximum charges and response times, and he asked for Board approval. This updated policy will also help to simplify the process and provide clarity to the requests. He indicated that the County is allowed, by statute, up to seven days to respond to requests, but that most are completed within three days. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to adopt the revised Public Records Policy and Form, as presented, to be consistent with legislation. Motion carried unanimously.

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

ADJOURN: **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

GUNNISON RIVER VALLEY LOCAL MARKETING DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Swenson called the Gunnison River Valley Local Marketing District meeting to order at 10:15 am.

CLIENT AGREEMENT; DESTIMETRICS, LLC: **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to authorize \$25,400 for the Destimetrics, LLC contract agreement for daily reporting. Motion carried unanimously.

GUNNISON RIVER VALLEY LOCAL MARKETING DISTRICT; MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOARD OF THE GUNNISON RIVER VALLEY LOCAL MARKETING DISTRICT OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO AND MARBLE CRYSTAL RIVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; 1/1/15 THRU 12/31/15; \$10,200: **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve the contract between the LMD and the Marble Crystal River Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$10,200. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The Gunnison River Valley Local Marketing District meeting adjourned at 10:19 am.

Paula Swenson, Chairperson

Phil Chamberland, Vice-Chairperson

Jonathan Houck, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Katherine Haase, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Kathy Simillion, County Clerk

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TEXT INCLUSION INTO MINUTES
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-1**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A LOCAL PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT FROM THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND FOR THE GUNNISON COUNTY WHITE WATER PARK

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gunnison, Colorado ("Gunnison County") supports the Great Outdoors Colorado grant application for the repair of existing structures in the Gunnison County White Water Park.

WHEREAS, Gunnison County has requested \$350,000 from Great Outdoors Colorado to repair existing structures in the Gunnison County White Water Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO THAT:

- Section 1: The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gunnison, Colorado strongly supports the grant application and has appropriated up to \$100,000 in matching funds for a grant with Great Outdoors Colorado. This anticipates a total project cost of approximately \$616,000.
- Section 2: The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gunnison, Colorado authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any Grant awarded.
- Section 3: The project site is owned by Gunnison County and will be owned by Gunnison County for the next 25 years.
- Section 4: The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gunnison, Colorado will continue to maintain the Gunnison County White Water Park in a high quality condition and will appropriate funds for maintenance in its annual budget, as necessary.
- Section 5: The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gunnison, Colorado authorizes the Gunnison County Manager, Matthew Birnie, to execute the Great Outdoors Colorado Grant Agreement for the grant award identified herein.

Section 6: This resolution to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

INTRODUCED by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck, and adopted this 13th day of January, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO

Chamberland – yes; Houck – yes; Swenson – yes.