

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 3, 2015**

The February 3, 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

GUNNISON RIVER VALLEY LOCAL MARKETING DISTRICT MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Swenson called the Gunnison River Valley Local Marketing District meeting to order at 8:30 am.

PROPOSAL REVIEWS AND FUNDING DECISIONS; GUNNISON COUNTRY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE CRESTED BUTTE / MT. CRESTED BUTTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Gunnison Country Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tammy Scott and Crested Butte / Mt. Crested Butte Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Dave Ochs were present for discussion.

Ms. Scott explained that the Gunnison Country Chamber of Commerce's focus in 2015 would be on the Visitors' Center. She noted that a new accounting system was put into place this year, and that her staff will be using a more standardized method of collecting visitor data. She requested \$36,000 in funding, as outlined in the proposal, which would allow for a full-time person to staff the Visitors' Center in lieu of the half-time person there now. She included a future needs and wish list in her request, and she confirmed that the full-time employee has been prioritized over the future needs and wishes. Commissioner Chamberland noted that the 2014 and 2015 payroll and tax figures outlined within the funding request were the same, and Ms. Scott explained that this was due to how those costs will be funded since they were funded by the Chamber in 2014.

Ms. Scott explained that, in 2014, the Chamber paid for two phone lines at a cost of approximately \$7,000, and that there is no guarantee that the Gunnison-Crested Butte Tourism Association will continue to reimburse these costs. Also during 2014, a total of 186 visitor packets were provided and 62,820 visitors were provided information by the Visitors' Center. Ms. Scott stated that approximately 80% of eligible businesses are chamber members, and that a subcommittee is working to secure permanent funding.

Mr. Ochs informed the Board that his Chamber would focus on technology, events and the Visitors' Centers in 2015. He noted that the three Visitors' Centers assisted approximately 56,000 people during 2014; 33,000 in the Town of Crested Butte, 14,000 in Gothic, and 9,000 in Mt. Crested Butte. He provided photos showing the current unsavory conditions at the main Visitors' Center, which is owned by the Town of Crested Butte, and stated his desire to do some remodeling in order to provide an after-hours vestibule with a tablet for visitors to use.

Mr. Ochs stated that the Chamber's website is out of date and needs to be redesigned, and that the two Chambers may be combining efforts into one website. Commissioner Chamberland noted that a combined project should result in some savings and consistency with graphics, so he suggested that an RFP be issued. Commissioner Chamberland also suggested that the Chambers contact the Western State Colorado University Marketing Department to see if they can provide up to two laptops for use in the Visitors' Centers, and Ms. Scott confirmed that she has participated in some preliminary discussions.

Mr. Ochs stated that his staff has been spending a great deal of time working with social media, and that they received a grant for a new tablet. In addition, they would like to procure two new tablets and a new laptop for use during events and by the event coordinator.

Moved by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to fund both Chambers with \$25,000 each. Motion carried unanimously. County Manager Birnie will work with the County Attorney's Office to create the applicable service contracts.

ADJOURN: Moved by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting Gunnison River Valley Local Marketing District meeting adjourned at 9:07 am.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Swenson called the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 9:08 am.

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

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

1. Memorandum of Agreement; Gunnison Conservation District; Part-time District Manager Position; 1/1/15 thru 12/31/15; \$2,000
2. Memorandum of Agreement; Crested Butte/Mt. Crested Butte Bartenders and Servers Association; Late Night Taxi Service; 1/1/15 thru 12/31/15; \$2,500
3. Acceptance of Nomination; National Park Service (NPS) Superintendent Bruce Noble; Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee; NPS Alternate Member
4. Memorandum Agreement; City of Gunnison; Gunnison Whitewater Park Reconstruction Project; 1/27/15 thru 12/31/15
5. Grant Application; 2016 State Juvenile Diversion Program; Gunnison County Juvenile Diversion Project; 7/1/15 thru 6/30/16; \$35,000
6. Grant Application; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; Gunnison County Substance Abuse Prevention Project; 10/1/15 thru 9/30/16; \$125,000

SCHEDULING: The Upcoming Meetings Schedule was discussed and updated.

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

1. Award Bid; Gunnison Whitewater Park Reconstruction Project. Deputy County Manager Crosby informed the Board that the project received approval from Colorado Parks and Wildlife, as a condition of the Great Outdoors Colorado Grant, to ensure that there would not be any issues with fish passage, particularly salmon. **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to award the bid to Spallone Construction, authorize Deputy County Manager Crosby to issue the Notice of Award, authorize County Manager Birnie to sign the contract once the performance bonds are ready, and authorize Deputy County Manager Crosby to sign the subsequent contract documents and manage the project. Motion carried unanimously.

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REQUEST; 2015 NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE; GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS DIRECTOR; SEATTLE, WA; 4/18/15 THRU 4/21/15; \$3,030: GIS Manager Mike Pelletier and Gunnison Wildlife Conservation Coordinator Jim Cochran were present for discussion.

Gunnison Wildlife Conservation Coordinator Cochran informed the Board that he will make a similar presentation in Denver on 3/13 at the law school and that GIS Manager Pelletier can use his presentation in Seattle. GIS Manager Pelletier also confirmed that he has shared the presentation materials with County Attorney David Baumgarten. The travel costs would be paid by the GIS budget. **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve the out-of-state travel for Mike Pelletier to go to the National Planning Conference in Seattle. Motion carried unanimously.

UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS:

1. Bill Nesbitt; Appointment of John McClow to the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB). Earlier in the meeting, Mr. Nesbitt provided a sample letter to the Board, as written by the Gunnison Basin Roundtable, and asked that the County please send a similar letter to Governor John W. Hickenlooper regarding the appointment of John McClow to the CWCB. Mr. McClow has expressed interest in continuing to serve on the CWCB, but the Governor's office has declined to appoint the same person to three consecutive terms in order to allow more persons to serve on the board. The Board agreed that longevity on this CWCB is important, and that Mr. McClow's expertise in this matter is invaluable. **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to have staff use the letter provided as a base to write a letter that is more aggressive, use signature stamps, and approve by email to send the letter out in a timely fashion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: Moved by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 am.

Paula Swenson, Chairperson

Phil Chamberland, Vice-Chairperson

Jonathan Houck, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Katherine Haase, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Kathy Simillion, County Clerk