

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 5, 2015**

The May 5, 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	Matthew Birnie, County Manager
Phil Chamberland, Vice-Chairperson (ABSENT)	Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board
Jonathan Houck, Commissioner	Others Present as Listed in Text
David Baumgarten, County Attorney	

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Swenson called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:** **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Chairperson Swenson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

1. Gunnison Car Club Grant Application; Gunnison County Substance Abuse Prevention Project; Choice Pass Program; \$2,000
2. Agreement; Jim Lewis d/b/a Eco-Right Solutions; Professional Services Regarding Application of Herbicide to Control Noxious Weeds Mandated for Control within Gunnison County; 5/5/15 thru 10/30/15; Not to Exceed \$7,000
3. Acknowledgment of County Manager Signature; Owner Change Order Number 10; GE Johnson Construction Company; Gunnison County Courthouse Construction Project; \$37,816
4. Acknowledgment of County Manager Signature; Agreement; Gunnison Ranchland Conservation Legacy; Provide Services to Gunnison County to Accomplish the Preliminary Acquisition Tasks Identified in the Scope of Work for the Colorado Mountain Ranch Easement – Sage-grouse Protection Project; 4/17/15 thru 12/31/15; Not to Exceed \$50,000
5. Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley Grant Application; Gunnison County Juvenile Services, d/b/a Family Advocacy Support Team (FAST); Prevention Programming to FAST Involved Youth and Families; \$5,000
6. Acknowledgment of County Manager Signature; Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation; Gunnison-Hinsdale Early Childhood Council; General Operating Costs; \$10,000
7. Acknowledgment of County Manager Signature; Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation; Nurturing Parenting Program; \$8,000
8. Grant Agreement between State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs and Gunnison County; Community Services Block Grant; Deliver Services and/or Provide Assistance to Low-income Families and Individuals; 3/1/15 thru 9/30/18; \$26,344
9. Grant Application; Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley; Nurturing Parenting Program; \$2,000
10. Fence Line Agreement; Crystal Creek Homeowners Association; Taylor River Road Construction Project
11. Amendment for Task Order #2; Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment PSD-WIC, FHIA, Contract Routing #15-78195; Women and Infant Children Program; \$4,803
12. Interagency Agreement; Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease and Pulmonary Disease Grant Program; West Central Public Health Partnership Worksite Wellness Project; Delta County Board of County Commissioners and West Central Public Health Partnership Counties of Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel; 7/1/15 thru 6/30/18
13. Grant Application; Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley; Gunnison County Substance Abuse Prevention Project; \$3,500

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

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

1. Courthouse Project Update. County Manager Birnie informed the Board that the County's portion of the building is nearly complete and that furniture was being assembled. The public spaces have a lot of work yet to be done. The Temporary Certificate of Occupancy is still scheduled for issuance on 5/15/15, and County departments will begin moving into the facility the week after it is issued.
2. Colorado City and County Management Association (CCCMA) Update. County Manager Birnie, who serves as the CCCMA President, informed the Board that the CCCMA plans to complete a strategic plan. Managing for Results, LLC will be assisting with the process.

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

**Commissioner Houck:**

1. Gunnison Sage-grouse Update. Commissioner Houck informed the Board that he is working with County Attorney David Baumgarten to find ways to show that the County's decisions have resulted in progress.

2. Tin Cup Road Issues Update. Commissioner Houck informed the Board that he plans to attend the 5/18/15 meeting between the Tin Cup property management group and the US Forest Service. The meeting is slated to begin at 1:00 pm.

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

1. Letter of Commitment; The Marble Market at The Marble Hub Grant Application Submission to the US Department of Agriculture; Farmer's Market. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Chairperson Swenson to approve the letter for signature by the Board of County Commissioners for The Marble Market at the Marble Hub. Motion carried.
2. Letter of Intent to Apply for Access Permit; Montrose Forest Products, LLC; Log Hauling Operations. DCM Crosby informed the Board that she has received the proof of insurance and that Montrose Forest Products has paid the overweight fines. Hauling isn't scheduled to begin until 6/20. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Chairperson Swenson to issue an access permit and approve County Manager Birnie's signature on the permit when it is ready. Motion carried.
3. Marble Visit. DCM Crosby informed the Board that she met with the Marble Town Clerk to discuss the reasoning behind bringing order to the use of ATVs and parking, and she's moving forward as if the use on the road will continue. She also met with a couple of residents to discuss the road around Beaver Lake and the timing for road work on Kebler Pass. County Manager Birnie was concerned about the length of the wording on the proposed signage, and DCM Crosby explained that she will submit it to the sign company and then see what they recommend. The Board suggested language clarifying that the use of the road is a privilege not a right. The Board will look at the site during the trip.
4. Marble Street Vacation Request. DCM Crosby informed the Board that a resident has requested a street vacation at no charge because the best building site available to the resident interferes with a portion of Serpentine Trail. This issue, and requests from the same resident, has been going on since 1995. DCM Crosby doesn't see any public benefit to the request. She also stated that there is a history of the approximate 60-foot right of way being there, and that there is no place to move the road.

**COMMISSIONER ITEMS (continued):**

**Commissioner Swenson:**

1. Gunnison Valley Rural Transportation Authority (RTA) Update. Chairperson Swenson informed the Board that the RTA is moving forward with the Houston flight for the summer and that Crested Butte Mountain Resort will continue with the Chicago flight this year. The RTA is working to provide a west-coast flight. She is on the Air Alliance Board, which is a new non-profit trying to get more businesses to contribute to the air program and inform them of the benefits, such as possible tax incentives. The RTA will likely ask that an item be placed on the ballot this fall for the air program, bus service and additional senior transportation. The RTA approved \$245,000 out of reserves for bus replacement; new busses cost approximately \$650,000 each.

**BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENTS:**

1. Ron Watson, and Ben and Kari Commerford. Planner Cathie Pagano was present for discussion, and she explained that this request was related to the location of an existing garage and a confusing fence line. She confirmed that the request had been reviewed and approved by County Attorney David Baumgarten. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Chairperson Swenson to approve the boundary line adjustment for Watson and Commerford as presented in the packet today. Motion carried.
2. Robert and Ruth Ann Stohr. Planner Pagano and attorney Jacob With were present for discussion. Planner Pagano explained that this issue came about as a result of the issuance of a Stop Order. A large two-story deck was constructed without a permit, and it ended up being situated on the neighbor's property and in a geologic area. If approved, this adjustment will remove the encroachment and ensure compliance with the setback requirements. Mr. With stated that the Stohr's have two lenders and have not yet received consent from the lenders. He noted that, as a part of the closing on the real estate, lender consent won't be necessary. County Attorney David Baumgarten confirmed that his office would hold the document until the closing. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Chairperson Swenson to approve the Boundary Line Adjustment and the letter to Stuart Title as presented. Motion carried.

**LOT CLUSTER APPLICATION; SEAN PATRICK; LOTS M2-58 AND M2-59, BUCKHORN SUBDIVISION:** Community Development Department Services Manager Beth Baker was present for discussion. She explained that there was nothing unusual about this request to cluster two small lots, and she confirmed that all of the utility companies were in agreement. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Chairperson Swenson to approve the Lot Cluster Application for Buckhorn lots M2-58 and M2-59 as presented. Motion carried.

**BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT; LOT CLUSTER APPLICATION; GARY HOSTETTER AND LEVI KLINGSMITH, ET AL:** CDDSM Baker was present for discussion, and she explained that the Board had

previously approved the vacation of a road on the lot, contingent on the clustering. She added that the owners are also requesting a boundary line adjustment. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Chairperson Swenson to approve the lot cluster piece in front of us as presented by staff. Motion carried. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Chairperson Swenson to approve the boundary line adjustment between Klingsmith and Hostetter. Motion carried.

**GUNNISON COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN; DRAFT UPDATES:** County Manager Birnie asked the Board for input on the draft updates. He also indicated that he previously met with Commissioner Chamberland to discuss this project, and that Commissioner Chamberland had only one question related to possibly using softer language in Item A3. Chairperson Swenson noted that the only reason this item was delayed was because of the recession, so she opted to keep "will" in the goal. Commissioner Houck agreed, and he noted that the conversation included potential phasing. The Board agreed that the document reflected the conversations and direction given during the recent retreat.

Commissioner Houck opined that the Board should discuss sustainability of the Gunnison County Substance Abuse Prevention Project and Juvenile Services programs in the near future since future grant funding is not certain. County Manager Birnie suggested putting a result in the plan now or focusing on it in two years when we revisit the plan. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Chairperson Swenson adopt the updated Strategic Plan dated 4/22/15. Motion carried.

County Manager Birnie encouraged the Board to review the performance report that was just released.

**UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS:**

1. Toni Todd; Western State Colorado University (WSCU) Lecturer. Ms. Todd informed the Board that she was representing the Writing the Rockies event, which is in its 16<sup>th</sup> year at WSCU. Participation has grown from about 100 in 2014 to about 250 this year, and \$250+ sponsorships are being sought. The Board suggested that she return in September to request 2016 funding, and that she discuss the request for 2015 funds with WSCU Director of University Communications Brian Barker since the County provided approximately \$15,000 to WSCU in 2015 for Economic Development efforts.
2. Gunnison Times Reporter Alan Wartes; Public Lands Transfer Initiatives. Mr. Wartes asked for input from the Board related to SB 39, and Commissioner Houck informed him that the bill died yesterday. He asked if the Board had taken a position at any time on any of the related bills, and the Board informed him that the County has not taken a formal stand on the issue. County Manager Birnie stated that there has never been talk of an anti-federal stance similar to what a lot of other counties may have taken, and that our role during these federal processes is to facilitate community input instead of taking a stance. The Board stated that our relationships with the federal land management agencies are strong.

**ADJOURN:** **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Chairperson Swenson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:43 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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Kathy Simillion, County Clerk