

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 2015**

The October 15, 2015 meeting was held in the Board of County Commissioners' meeting room located at 200 E. Virginia Avenue, Gunnison, Colorado. Present were:

Paula Swenson, Chairperson (via telephone)	Matthew Birnie, County Manager (ABSENT)
Phil Chamberland, Vice-Chairperson	Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board
Jonathan Houck, Commissioner (ABSENT)	Others Present as Listed in Text

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Chamberland called the meeting to order at 2:57 pm.

2016 GUNNISON COUNTY BUDGET; PRESENTATION OF STAFF-PROPOSED BUDGET: Finance Director Linda Nienhueser was present for discussion.

FD Nienhueser presented the staff-proposed budget reflecting total appropriations of \$81,240,101 and ending available resources of 25.44% of current-year expenses. She stated that the capital costs were projected to be down because of the completion of the courthouse project. The statutory increase in property tax was included, and sales tax is up so she included an additional \$200,000. She also explained that the budget included a 1% cost-of-living allowance for employees and no increase in health insurance costs. Many enhancement requests have been received, and they will be evaluated during work sessions after CM Birnie prioritizes them.

Although the County doesn't anticipate any large capital projects in the near future, FD Nienhueser noted that Facilities and Grounds Manager John Cattles has proposed that a capital reserve account be created. Commissioner Chamberland opined that it might also be prudent to create a savings account for the airport terminal since it will need to be rebuilt at some point in the future.

FD Nienhueser stated that the road and bridge expenses will need to be evaluated since revenues have been declining. Funding for Cottonwood Pass hasn't been fully evaluated, so the County will need to determine the costs for the next three years.

ADJOURN: Moved by Chairperson Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:03 pm.

Paula Swenson, Chairperson

Phil Chamberland, Vice-Chairperson

(Absent from meeting – no signature)
Jonathan Houck, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Katherine Haase, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Kathy Simillion, County Clerk