

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 1, 2016**

The November 1, 2016 meeting was held in the Board of County Commissioners' meeting room located at 200 E. Virginia Avenue, Gunnison, Colorado. Present were:

Paula Swenson, Chairperson
Phil Chamberland, Vice-Chairperson
Jonathan Houck, Commissioner

Matthew Birnie, County Manager
Josh Ost, Deputy County Clerk
Others Present as Listed in Text

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Swenson called the meeting to order at 8:29 am.

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

MINUTES APPROVAL: Moved by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve the 10/4/2016 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

1. 10/4/2016 BOCC Meeting Minutes

CONSENT AGENDA: Moved by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Ratification of Correspondence; Colorado Department of Local Affairs; Support for Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority Grant Application for Homeless Prevention Activities Program Grant Funding
2. Ratification of Correspondence; Support for Western State Colorado University's Grant Application; Security Fiber Redundancy in the Gunnison Valley
3. Facilities Use Agreement; Gunnison-Hinsdale Early Childhood Council-Western State Colorado University; \$450
4. Contract Amendment; Gunnison-Hinsdale Early Childhood Council; Increase of Fiscal Year 2017 Contract Amount; \$11,235

SCHEDULING: The Upcoming Meetings Schedule was discussed and updated.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORTS:

1. CM Birnie reported he attended the Colorado Association of Ski Towns meeting in Pagosa Springs last week. He reported it was a very informative and productive meeting.

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

1. Letter of Support; Fat Bike Grooming and Winter Recreation Proposal; Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association
Moved by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to approve the Letter of Support; Fat Bike Grooming and Winter Recreation Proposal; Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association. Motion carried unanimously.
2. DCM Crosby reported she received a list of attendee's at the Cottonwood Pass preshow. She stated it was very well attended. She reported on the scope of work that will happen on the Chaffee County side of the pass. DCM Crosby stated that the road will be posted closed on November 3, 2016.
3. DCM Crosby and District Foreman Martin Schmidt attended the Local Roads Conference in Rapid City, South Dakota in October. Martin received the state and regional awards for creative thinking for Martin's creation of a device to clean under guard rails.
4. DCM Crosby stated she would like to get thank you cards for the members of the various Gunnison County Boards and Commissions this year. The Board agreed this was a good idea, and she will be bringing the options to the Board at a later date.
5. DCM Crosby wanted to get the date set for an employee recognition reception. The date for the reception will be November 22, 2016.

FUNDING REQUEST FOR BASELINE TRAILS PLANNING; \$3,000

Community and Economic Development Director Cathie Pagano was present. C&EDD Pagano explained that she will be targeting a Western State Colorado University grad student for this position. She explained that the department had received a technical assistance grant from the Parks Service but was not sure if that would be the best fit for this project. CM Birnie stated there is funding available in the Economic Development Fund for this project.

Moved by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve the Funding Request for Baseline Trails Planning; \$3,000. Motion carried unanimously.

PETITION FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF TAXES; MICHAEL V. WELLS; SCHEDULE NUMBER R008733; TAX YEARS 2014 AND 2015

Petitioner Michael Wells and Senior Assessment Analyst William Spicer were present for the discussion. Chairperson Swenson explained the process of the hearing. SAA Spicer explained why the Assessor's Office

did not classify the property as agricultural. Commissioner Chamberland asked if there were other grazing leases in the area of Mr. Wells' Property and SAA Spicer stated that there were. Commissioner Chamberland also asked if the property was fenced and SAA Spicer stated that it was not. Michael explained that he entered into a lease with Gene Hollenbeck for Gene to use this property when moving his cattle. He explained how the cattle are currently used on his property by Gene. Michael believes the historic use of his land is agricultural so it should continue to be classified as such. Michael stated that he is in the process of obtaining a conservation easement on the land that would only allow the use of the property to be agricultural and nothing else. Commissioner Chamberland asked if there were any structures on the property and Mr. Wells stated there was not. Commissioner Houck stated he believed that because of the use by Gene that he could see the linkage to an agricultural status. Chairperson Swenson stated she believed the property's intent is to be used for agriculture.

Moved by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to reclassify the property to agricultural status. Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO AND THE WEST REGION WILDFIRE COUNCIL REGARDING USDA RURAL SECURE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT, AWARD NO.____, TITLE III FUNDS ASSOCIATED WITH WILDFIRE MITIGATION ACTIVITIES IN GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO; FISCAL YEAR 2014; \$78,145.70

Emergency Manager Scott Morrill and Deputy Emergency Manager Bobbie Lucero were present for the discussion. EM Morrill explained the types of actions that the West Region Wildfire Council performs. He explained what was included in the amendment. The Board asked if the projects completed by the Council where "on the ground" projects and EM Morrill stated they were. EM Morrill discussed some of the various projects that had been completed.

Moved by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve the Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gunnison, Colorado and the West Region Wildfire Council Regarding USDA Rural Secure Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, Award No.____, Title III Funds Associated with Wildfire Mitigation Activities in Gunnison County, Colorado; Fiscal Year 2014; \$78,145.70. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION; RESTRICTING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES AND PHOTOGRAPHS AT ALL VOTER SERVICE POLLING CENTERS LOCATED IN GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2016 THROUGH NOVEMBER 8, 2016

County Attorney David Baumgarten was present for the discussion. CA Baumgarten explained that the intent of this resolution was to create quiet and orderly use of the polling centers. He stated he did not want to get engaged in the "selfie" conversation that is going on at the national level. Commissioner Houck asked who would be tasked with enforcing this resolution. CA Baumgarten stated that the trust is that people would govern themselves.

Moved by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to approve the Resolution #2016-42; Restricting the Use of Electronic Communication Devices and Photographs at all Voter Service Polling Centers Located in Gunnison County, Colorado from November 1, 2016 through November 8, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

BLM UNCOMPAGRE FIELD OFFICE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMENTS

County Attorney David Baumgarten and GIS Manager Mike Pelletier were present for the discussion. CA Baumgarten explained how that comments were put together. He stated that they wanted to make the comments general enough so that the County would reserve a "seat at the table" in the conversation. The Board agreed the letter was well written and covered the topics that are important to Gunnison County.

Moved by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve the BLM Uncompahgre Field Office Resource Management Plan Comments. Motion carried unanimously.

UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS:

1. Alan Wartes from the Gunnison Country Times asked if the Board would care to comment on the grant awarded to the ICE House Project at Western State Colorado University. Chairperson Swenson stated that the Board had supported that grant. She stated that if new jobs are created here in Gunnison County, than it will help the whole district. Commissioner Chamberland stated he supported "Economic Gardening" or growing jobs from within the County.
2. Crystal Kotowski from the Crested Butte News asked a question regarding the comments from the Board to the Uncompahgre Field Office. The Board discussed the various issues within the comments and what the stances from the County are.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS:

Commissioner Chamberland:

1. Commissioner Chamberland reported that he is working with Western Area Power Administration on the fiber project and getting the necessary leases. He stated there are approximately 100 land owners between Gunnison and Montrose that would need to be leased from at first.

Commissioner Houck:

- 1. Commissioner Houck reported that the Gunnison Public Lands Initiative met last week. He reported on some of the issues that they are working through and may be bringing to the County at a later date.
- 2. Commissioner Houck reported he attended the Gunnison County Substance Abuse Prevention Project and Public Health meeting last week.
- 3. Commissioner Houck reported on the progress of the Sage Grouse project.

Commissioner Swenson:

- 1. Chairperson Swenson reported that she will be meeting about the Housing Needs Assessment that was recently completed and that they will be reporting to the Board on the outcomes at a later date.

ADJOURN: Moved by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The November 1, 2016 Board of County Commissioners regular meeting adjourned at 9:47am.

Paula Swenson, Chairperson

Phil Chamberland, Vice-Chairperson

Jonathan Houck, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Josh Ost, 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: 2016-42

**A RESOLUTION RESTRICTING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES AND
PHOTOGRAPHS AT ALL VOTER SERVICE POLLING CENTERS LOCATED IN GUNNISON
COUNTY, COLORADO FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2016 THROUGH NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gunnison, Colorado, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute §18-9-117, is authorized to restrict or limit the use of public buildings or property as to time, manner or permitted activities; and

WHEREAS, to help foster quiet and efficient voter use of Voter Service Polling Centers, the Office of the Clerk and Recorder of Gunnison County, Colorado has requested that, from November 1, 2016 through November 8, 2016, at all Voter Service Polling Centers located in Gunnison County, Colorado, all electronic communication devices be turned off, and no photographs shall be taken without prior authorization of the Clerk and Recorder of Gunnison County, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the public that such a request be honored; and

WHEREAS, with notice, honoring such a request is in the public interest and will not unduly burden the citizens of Gunnison County, Colorado; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gunnison, Colorado shall and hereby does require, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute §18-9-117, that, from November 1, 2016 through November 8, 2016, at all Voter Service Polling Centers located in Gunnison County, Colorado, all electronic communication devices be turned off, and no photographs shall be taken without prior authorization of the Clerk and Recorder of Gunnison County, Colorado, to help foster quiet and efficient voter use of such Voter Service Polling Center.

INTRODUCED by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland, and adopted this 1st day of November, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO

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