

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
October 31, 2012**

The October 31, 2012 meeting was held in the Commissioners' boardroom in the Courthouse located at 200 E. Virginia, Gunnison, Colorado. Present were:

Hap Channell, Chairperson
Paula Swenson, Vice-Chairperson
Phil Chamberland, Commissioner

Matthew Birnie, County Manager
Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board
Others Present as Listed in Text

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Channell called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

RESOLUTION; AUTHORIZING CLOSURE OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO ON ELECTION DAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012: County Clerk Stella Dominguez was present for discussion. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to approve Resolution #2012-33, a Resolution Authorizing Closure of the Office of the Clerk and Recorder of Gunnison County, Colorado on Election Day, November 6, 2012 and authorize signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

ARCHITECT SELECTION FOR THE COURTHOUSE NEEDS ASSESSMENT: Consultant Mike Mismash and Deputy County Attorney Art Trezise were present for discussion.

Consultant Mismash explained that the County went through a two-step process to narrow the candidates for this phase of the Courthouse renovation project. This phase will evaluate building condition, preliminary exercises in space planning and the basic programming that will be used as a potential starting point for decision making relative to the short-term and long-term plans for the Courthouse. A total of 23 architectural and planning firms submitted qualifications, of which nine were shortlisted and invited to submit proposals. Earlier in the week, four firms were interviewed by County Manager Birnie, Chairperson Channell and Consultant Mismash. The resulting recommendation to top-rank one firm, representing a collaborative effort between Humphries Poli and Roth Sheppard, was presented to the Board for consideration.

Chairperson Channell noted that all four interviewed firms presented well and would be capable of handling the project. The ultimate decision came down to whom the interviewers believed would work best with the County.

County Manager Birnie stated that the joint effort would work very well since one firm has experience with court and security issues while the other focuses on historical buildings. These two firms have a history of collaboration. He also explained that the schematic design phase can be added to this proposal for an additional \$10,000, which is a substantially discounted price.

Moved by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to authorize top-ranking of Humphries Poli with Roth Sheppard for the courthouse needs assessment and authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute all documents required. County Manager Birnie informed the Board that a report would be available by the end of the calendar year. Motion carried unanimously.

SUPPORT LETTER FOR CURECANTI NATIONAL RECREATION AREA DESIGNATION: David Justice, resident, asked the Board to re-read the language within the bill as he opined that it is onerous and problematic. He cited concerns related to grazing, access, and the designation of 23+ acres as a conservation opportunity that was not clearly defined.

Warren Wilcox, resident, expressed concern related to the federal government's control over the surface rights within his quarry. He explained that the property rights date back to the 1880's and that it took him 12 years to work through the approval process, which he worried may become more difficult if the NRA designation becomes official. County Manager Birnie explained that the lands are currently managed as though the NRA designation were already in place, so Mr. Wilcox will not experience any changes since existing legal rights cannot be extinguished. Chairperson Channell further explained that the boundary adjustments will occur between federal agencies, not with the County.

Mr. Justice opined that increased local control over the regulation of lands and minerals should be the goal. Chairperson Channell explained that this designation will only serve to clean up the record and formalize how the area is already being managed. No local controls are being forfeited.

Moved by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Chairperson Channell to approve the letter to Senator Mark Udall reiterating our support for Curecanti National Recreation Area's designation and urge the introduction of the legislation. Commissioner Chamberland asked that the Board consider adding language to the letter regarding historical grazing. Commissioner Swenson noted that this designation

won't affect historical grazing because the powers outlined in the bill are already in place. Commissioner Chamberland argued that the Forest Service doesn't allow grazing and the boundary adjustments will increase Forest Service lands. The Board agreed to monitor concerns from the grazing community if any are expressed. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Chairperson Channell to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:43 am.

Hap Channell, Chairperson

Paula Swenson, Vice-Chairperson

Phil Chamberland, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Katherine Haase, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Stella Dominguez, County Clerk

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TEXT INCLUSION INTO MINUTES

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO: 2012-33**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLOSURE OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO ON ELECTION DAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gunnison, Colorado, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute §30-10-109, is authorized to designate the days and hours county offices are open for the transaction of county business; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Clerk and Recorder of Gunnison County, Colorado has requested the closure of the office on Election Day, November 6, 2012 to allow staff to assist with election requirements, including serving as election judges; and

WHEREAS, with notice, closure of the Office of the Clerk and Recorder of Gunnison County, Colorado on Election Day, November 6, 2012, for all business unrelated to the general election will not an unduly burden the citizens of Gunnison County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gunnison, Colorado shall and hereby does pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute §30-10-109, authorize the closure of the Office of the Clerk and Recorder of Gunnison County, Colorado on Election Day, November 6, 2012.

FURTHERMORE, notice of the office closure will be posted and published prior to Election Day, November 6, 2012.

INTRODUCED by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland, and adopted this 31st day of October, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO

Chamberland – yes; Channell – yes; Swenson – yes.