

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 8, 2013**

The January 8, 2013 meeting was held in the Commissioners' boardroom in the Courthouse located at 200 E. Virginia, Gunnison, Colorado. Present were:

Paula Swenson, Chairperson  
Phil Chamberland, Vice-Chairperson  
Jonathan Houck, Commissioner  
David Baumgarten, County Attorney

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

**SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIAL BY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT CHIEF JUDGE J. STEVEN PATRICK:** Judge Patrick was present and performed the oath ceremony for Commissioners Houck and Swenson at 8:00 am. A short celebration was then held until the meeting was called to order (see minutes below).

1. Jonathan Houck, County Commissioner
2. Paula Swenson, County Commissioner

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Swenson, in the capacity of current Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:33 am.

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

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC) BOARD REORGANIZATION AND COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS:**

1. Designate BOCC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2013. **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to nominate Commissioner Swenson for Chairperson. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Swenson to nominate Commissioner Chamberland for Vice-Chairperson. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Gunnison County Personnel Board (one voting member). **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Houck to have Commissioner Chamberland continue in his position on the Personnel Board. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley Board (one voting member). **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Swenson to nominate Commissioner Houck for the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley Board as a voting member. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Office for Resource Efficiency Board (one voting member). **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Swenson to nominate Commissioner Houck for the Office for Resource Efficiency Board. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Gunnison Valley Rural Transportation Authority Board (two voting members). **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Swenson to nominate Commissioners Swenson and Houck. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Region 10 Board (one voting member). **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to appoint Commissioner Houck as the Region 10 voting member for Gunnison County. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee (one voting member, one alternate). **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Swenson to keep Commissioner Chamberland as the voting member for the Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Swenson that Commissioner Houck be the alternate member for the Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Gunnison-Crested Butte Tourism Association Advisory Board (one non-voting member). **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to make Commissioner Swenson our representative to the Tourism Association Advisory Board. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Gunnison Country Chamber of Commerce (one voting member). **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to have Commissioner Swenson be our representative to the Gunnison Country Chamber of Commerce Board. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Early Childhood Council (one voting member). **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Swenson to nominate Commissioner Houck to the Early Childhood Council as a voting member. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Club 20 (one voting member). Although not on the agenda, Commissioner Swenson noted that Commissioner Chamberland is also the voting member assigned to Club 20.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Commissioner Chamberland requested that Items #1 and #3 be pulled for further discussion. **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve the Consent Agenda, excluding Items #1 and #3, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **Pulled for Discussion and Separate Action:** Ground Transportation Agreement, Gunnison Crested Butte Regional Airport; CB Shuttle; 12/1/12 thru 11/30/13
2. Acknowledgment of County Manager Signature; Professional Services Agreement; Monica Bilow; Provide Services to the Office of Juvenile Services Regarding Assessment, Service Planning, Case Management and Clinical Services to Promote Health and Wellness to Individuals and Families Referred from Gunnison County Family Advocacy and Support Team through the Office of Juvenile Services; 12/20/12 thru 6/30/13
3. **Pulled for Discussion and Separate Action:** Acknowledgment of County Manager Signature; Granicus, Inc. Service Agreement; Citizen Participation Suite; \$300/month
4. County Technical Services, Inc., Colorado Counties Casualty and Property Pool Agreement for Partially Self-Funded Program, Gunnison County, January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013; \$78,726
5. Ground Transportation Agreement, Gunnison Crested Butte Regional Airport; CB Specialty Services; 12/1/12 thru 11/30/13
6. Provider Agreement; Adge Marziano; Professional Services Regarding Facilitation, Leadership, Planning and Oversight to the Crested Butte Youth to Promote Inclusion, Substance Abuse Prevention and Wellness to Crested Butte Youth Through the Office of Juvenile Services; 1/8/13 thru 12/31/13; \$2,400
7. Ratification of Approval to Submit; Safe Routes to Schools Grant Application; Phase I East River Community Trail; \$243,650

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #1:** Commissioner Chamberland pointed out that there was no license plate number indicated on the last page of Exhibit 1. County Manager Birnie agreed to check on this and amend the document as necessary. **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve Consent Agenda Item #1. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #3:** Commissioner Chamberland pulled this from the Consent Agenda in order to express his delight with the citizen engagement project. **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve Consent Agenda Item #3. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Ratification of 2013 Board of County Commissioner Regular Meeting and Work Session Schedule. The scheduled was informally approved on 10/2/12 for scheduling purposes. **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to ratify the work schedule and regular meeting schedule as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
2. 2013 Board of County Commissioner Meeting Agenda Posting Locations. **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck that the official posting locations remain the same as last year, which are downstairs at the courthouse entry and upstairs by the boardroom. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Western State Colorado University Advisory Council Meeting; 1/30/13. It was agreed that at least two commissioners may attend this meeting.
4. Marketing in the Gunnison Valley Meeting; 1/24/13. It was agreed that at least two commissioners may attend this meeting.
5. Natural Gas Collaborative Group Meeting; 1/23/13. This meeting was cancelled.

**ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT AND PROJECT UPDATES:** Assistant County Manager Marlene Crosby was present for discussion and provided the revised signature pages for each of the below easements. **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve the Temporary Construction Easements and Permanent Construction Easements presented today for Dan Tillius, Three Rivers Resort Condominiums #1 and #2, Mark Schumacher and Mary Jo Schumacher #1 and #2, and Wilder Ranch Properties. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Grant of Temporary Construction Easement; Dan L. Tillius; Taylor River Road Project
2. Grant of Temporary Construction Easement; Three Rivers Resort Condominium Association; Taylor River Road Project
3. Grant of Permanent Maintenance Easement; Three Rivers Resort Condominium Association; Taylor River Road Project
4. Grant of Temporary Construction Easement; Mark A. Schumacher and Mary Jo Schumacher; Taylor River Road Project
5. Grant of Permanent Maintenance Easement; Mark A. Schumacher and Mary Jo Schumacher; Taylor River Road Project
6. Grant of Temporary Construction Easement; Wilder Ranch Properties, LLC; Taylor River Road Project

**BREAK:** The meeting recessed from 9:05 until 9:32 am.

**GUNNISON-CRESTED BUTTE REGIONAL AIRPORT RUNWAY CLOSURE:** Assistant County Manager Crosby, Airport Director John DeVore and Assistant Airport Director Walt Cranor were present for discussion.

Airport Director DeVore explained that that, due to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations related to passenger safety, the airport runway was closed intermittently during the recent Christmas holiday because of icy conditions and a low friction value on the runway. He acknowledged that he failed to provide notice of the closure to County leaders and the public, and he agreed to notify Assistant County Manager Crosby with any future closure issues. Assistant County Manager Crosby will then notify appropriate County personnel and elected officials, as each situation dictates.

Airport Director DeVore explained some of the available de-icing measures available to the County. Sand could be considered, although he noted that strong winds could then lead to airplane damage. De-icing liquids may be used on the runway; an option that Assistant County Manager Crosby estimated could cost approximately \$1,500 per occurrence. Before any liquids can be utilized, a revised stormwater management/discharge plan will need to be in place. Airport Director DeVore noted that as many as six liquid products have been approved for use by the FAA.

Airport Director DeVore stated that anti-icing measures would be difficult for the airport to utilize because of staffing and lighting restrictions.

Commissioner Swenson stressed the importance of good communication during an airport closure, as relaying key factors and outcomes would assist the local businesses and help to eliminate the possibility of inaccurate rumors being spread.

Commissioner Chamberland agreed that communication is important, and he suggested the use of social media and the County website to inform the public.

Crested Butte Mountain Resort (CBMR) General Manager Ethan Mueller expressed CBMR's disappointment with the closure, and he estimated that CBMR may have lost in the tens of thousands of dollars. He further estimated that the valley may have lost hundreds of thousands of dollars, at a minimum. He also expressed his concern that potential visitors to our area will shy away from booking reservations in the future due to experienced difficulty with traveling to/from the area.

Alpine Express owner Woody Sherwood, who also serves as the Mt. Crested Butte Performing Arts Center director, voiced concerns similar to Mr. Mueller's. He noted that the Center had to cancel an event planning for 12/27 because the performers were rerouted to Dallas, TX. He asked about the existence of an airport readiness plan, the potential for extending the 10:30 pm runway lighting curfew, and whether or not the runway was utilizing all available technology.

Airport Director DeVore explained that, while the airport's weather detection system is considered to be a state-of-the-art system, clouds can interfere with the accuracy of the system. Because of this, individual airlines use Certified Weather Observers. He also noted that our airport is next in the schedule after Montrose to receive a new radar system, which will be advantageous. Lastly, he stated that he will consider any relative factors with possibly sweeping the runway in other directions, which may help de-icing efforts.

Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District General Manager Frank Kugel, who also serves on the Gunnison-Crested Butte Tourism Association Board, offered the use of the webcam that was recently installed at the Whitewater Park. The webcam aims toward the runway, which may prove to be a valuable resource that will show real-time conditions at the airport.

Commissioner Swenson read a prepared statement from the Crested Butte Town Council, penned by Mayor Aaron Huckstep, to the audience. The statement indicated that the Council is disappointed with the runway closure, and the Council suggested the implementation of remedial processes as soon as possible.

The Board will revisit this issue at a future meeting after staff has had the opportunity to formulate recommendations relevant to the revision of the airport's stormwater management/discharge plan, the creation of a communications plan, and the utilization of available ice-management options. The possibility of adjusting the lighting curfew will also be discussed, although Airport Director DeVore warned that this could lead to a push toward pilot-controlled lighting. He added that, although the curfew is 10:30 pm, the airport will not shut off runway lights if it is in active communication with a plane that is in the air and intends to land at the airport, which has extended the lighting to as late as 10:50 pm in the past.

**COLORADO COUNTIES, INC. LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENT:** Moved by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to nominate Commissioner Swenson to serve as the County's legislative representative to Colorado Counties, Inc. and that Commissioner

Chamberland will attend as an alternate or as an additional if he wants to accompany her (Commissioner Swenson) for an issue. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS:** There were no Unscheduled Citizens present for discussion.

**COMMISSIONER ITEMS:**

**Commissioner Swenson:**

1. Mayors and Managers Meeting. Commissioner Swenson and Commissioner Houck attended the recent meeting that was hosted by the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District. The meeting included an update on the efforts of the round table group. The new employee at Western State Colorado University in charge of marketing, described as vivacious with lots of excitement, was also at the meeting.
2. Gunnison Country Chamber of Commerce Meeting. Commissioner Swenson attended a Chamber retreat last week. She continues to work with the Tourism Association and the Chamber on ways to work together on joint efforts.
3. Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League Meeting. Commissioner Swenson plans to meet with the GVAWL board members to discuss the animal shelter project. GVAWL received \$125,000 from the City of Gunnison for the project. Assistant County Manager Crosby asked that her office receive copies of any building plans as soon as they are available so that she can submit them to the Department of Energy and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

**ADJOURN:** Moved by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 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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Stella Dominguez, County Clerk