

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 2, 2013**

The April 2, 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

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

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Swenson called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.

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

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

1. Acknowledgment of Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee Nomination; High Country Citizens' Alliance Alternate Member; Allison Melton
2. Agreement to Purchase Microsoft Office Products under the State of Colorado Purchasing Agreement; Insight Direct USA, Inc.
3. Network Participation Letter of Agreement; CIGNA HealthCare of Colorado, Inc.; Reimbursement for Immunizations
4. Acknowledgment of County Manager Signature; Region 10 Area Agency on Aging Funding Application; Senior Resources Office for Information and Assistance Services; 7/1/13 thru 6/30/14; \$33,000
5. Acknowledgment of County Manager Signature; Region 10 Area Agency on Aging Funding Application; Senior Resources Office for Senior Transportation Program Services; 7/1/13 thru 6/30/14; \$20,000
6. Acknowledgment of County Manager Signature; Lease Agreement; CASA of the Seventh Judicial District; 225 N. Pine Street, Suite C, Gunnison, CO 81230; 12/1/12 thru 11/30/13; \$2,844
7. Ratification of Chairperson Signature; Memorandum of Understanding among the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado, the Board of County Commissioners of Saguache County, Colorado, the Board of County Commissioners of Dolores County, Colorado, the Board of County Commissioners of Montezuma County, Colorado, the Board of County Commissioners of Delta County, Colorado, the Board of County Commissioners of Montrose County, Colorado, the Board of County Commissioners of Hinsdale County, Colorado, the Board of County Commissioners of Mesa County, Colorado, the Board of County Commissioners of San Miguel County, Colorado, the Board of County Commissioners of Ouray County, Colorado and the Board of County Commissioners of San Juan County, Utah; Ensure that Reasonable and Adequate Work is Being Conducted, and Shall Continue to be Conducted, to Reach the Goal of Increasing the Current Abundance, Viability and Vitality of Gunnison Sage-grouse and Their Habitat
8. Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Amended Grant Contract #OE FHA IMM13000030; Immunization Core Services; \$3,903
9. Memorandum of Understanding between Northwest Colorado Visiting Nurse Association, Federally Qualified Health Center (Health Resources and Services Administration) and Gunnison County Public Health Division of Dept of H&HS and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for Deputizing and Oversight of Public Health Departments to Provide Vaccines for Children (VFC) Purchased Vaccine to Entitled Underinsured Children
10. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Airport Lease Renewal; Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport

SCHEDULING: The Upcoming Meetings Schedule was discussed and updated.

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

1. Mountain Coal Company, LLC (MCC); Federal Royalty Rate Reduction. County Manager Birnie informed the Board that MCC Senior Geologist Wendell Koontz called to thank the Board for supporting the reduction, which has since been approved. In the near future, a decision regarding the Sunset Trail lease modification should be available.
2. Community Development Department; Building Office Update. County Manager Birnie informed the Board that Rich Wojdakowski retired from his position as the County's Building Inspector, as of the third week in March. City of Gunnison Manager Ken Coleman has been in contact with County Manager Birnie to discuss the possibility of combining efforts to provide building inspection services as the City sold only \$15,000 worth of building permits in 2012. County Manager Birnie has decided not to immediately hire for the vacancy in the Community Development Department as both Assistant Community Development Director Neal Starkebaum and Assistant Building Inspector Crystal Lambert have opined that the upcoming building season

appears as though it will be slow. County Manager Birnie will discuss the vacancy with the new Community Development Director, once in place. In the meantime, the County may contract for services with the City of Gunnison if Assistant Building Inspector Lambert is not able to handle the workload demands. Relative to building inspections in the Marble area, County Manager Birnie was contacted by Kendall Burgemeister, attorney with Wilderson Lock & Hill, LLC, about renewing the building inspection contract with the Town. County Manager Birnie decided not to renew this contract as it performing work at that distance has not been a financially sound practice for the County, and he referred Mr. Burgemeister to an inspector closer to the Marble area. Chairperson Swenson asked for information about how the Town of Pitkin manages their building inspections, and County Manager Birnie agreed to look into it and then report back to the Board with his findings.

3. Colorado Counties, Inc. Summer Conference; 6/3/13 thru 6/5/13. County Manager Birnie informed the Board of his plans to attend this conference. The Board expressed support for the submission of a local basket, which will include items from our community, for the conference's basket event.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Request for Funding; Crystal Valley Environmental Protection Association (CVEPA); White River National Forest Coal Basin Restoration Project. The Board agreed that, while this effort warrants support, the Board would not be providing funding for it since it is located outside of Gunnison County. Correspondence will be sent to the CVEPA regarding this request.
2. Request for Funding; KBUT-FM Radio; Signal Upgrade Project. County Manager Birnie stated that he had verbally communicated the funding decision to KBUT-FM Radio, and the Board agreed to formalize the decision with the draft correspondence provided. County Manager Birnie stated that the Crested Butte Nordic Center had also requested funding to purchase a Sno-Cat, and the Board agreed to send similar correspondence to deny that funding request. Commissioner Chamberland stated his preference that funding should only be provided if a clear benefit to the County can be shown and, in that case, the funding decision should be formalized via the execution of a contract for services.

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

Commissioner Houck:

1. Thompson Divide Coalition (TDC). Commissioner Houck met with a TDC representative to discuss Senator Michael Bennet's proposed legislation, which the County has expressed support of via previous correspondence. He informed the Board that the TDC is taking the tact that leases should be allowed to expire, and that the TDC has asked for another letter of support on this matter. Draft correspondence will be considered during the 4/23/13 meeting.
2. Region 10 Update. Commissioner Houck has been meeting with Senior Resources Program Manager Karin Stewart to better educate himself about the issues facing senior transportation, and he is trying to determine ways that the Gunnison Valley Rural Transportation Authority may be able to assist with this. The Region 10 grant cycle opened on 4/1/13, which will fund projects in \$5,000 increments. He has been working with CSU Extension Agent Eric McPhail and representatives from the City of Gunnison and Western State Colorado University (WSCU) on the creation of an agricultural planning grant application. The City has stated willingness to write the application and serve as the financial agent. The group has discussed the possibility of the City, WSCU and the County each providing \$1,500, along with an additional \$500 from Mountain Roots, for a total of \$5,000 for the cash match. The group hopes to submit the application before the end of the summer. The County's funding decision will be included on the 4/23/13 meeting agenda.
3. Gunnison County Substance Abuse Prevention Project Update. Commissioner Houck informed the Board that he would be attending the 4/3/13 meeting. Initial usage rates indicate that local youth drug and alcohol usage may be decreasing.

UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS:

1. Mark Schumacher; Taylor River Road Project. Mr. Schumacher asked the Board to consider that he negotiated his easement in good faith, and that elements of the project that changed after the easement was executed, including a road closure enacted on 3/1/13, have translated into as much as \$15,000 in lost revenue for his business. Along with the road closure, the project timeline is expected to create other issues for him as the road work near his property, originally slated to occur in the spring, is now not expected to occur until September. As well, he expressed concern related to the anticipated tourist and construction traffic in the Jacks Cabin area during the upcoming season. The Board informed him that the construction schedule changed at the federal level, and that the County was not informed of the change until March. Mr. Schumacher expressed concern that the decision to accept the federal schedule locally was made without first speaking to any of the property owners or business owners in the Taylor Canyon area. Commissioner Swenson asked him to keep the County apprised of his concerns so that they can be worked through.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS (continued):

Commissioner Chamberland:

1. Club 20. Commissioner Chamberland stated that Club 20 is evaluating ways in which aviation industry members might be added to the membership.
2. Local Technical Planning Group Update. Commissioner Chamberland informed the Board that this group is making progress, and the articles and bylaws have been written. Gunnison Country Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tammy Scott and attorney Aaron Huckstep are working on the structure of how the group may be able to operate under the umbrella of the Chamber. The Board previously approved funding for this group, perhaps for a different reason, so that funding decision may have to be revisited.
3. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Big Game Meeting. Commissioner Chamberland stated that the meeting went well, with approximately 30 people in attendance, and that all were complementary of the process followed by CPW.
4. Crested Butte Fire Protection District. Commissioner Chamberland stated that he has been meeting with representatives from Adaptive Sports and John Nichols to discuss issues related to the Crested Butte Fire Protection District.

ADJOURN: Moved by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:48 am.

Paula Swenson, Chairperson

Phil Chamberland, Vice-Chairperson

Jonathan Houck, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Katherine Haase, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Stella Dominguez, County Clerk