

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
August 22, 2017**

The August 22, 2017 meeting was held in the Board of County Commissioners' meeting room located at 200 E. Virginia Avenue, Gunnison, Colorado. Present were:

Phil Chamberland, Chairperson
Jonathan Houck, Vice-Chairperson
John Messner, Commissioner
Matthew Birnie, County Manager
Josh Ost, Deputy County Clerk
Others Present as Listed in Text

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Chamberland called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

VOUCHERS AND TRANSFERS APPROVAL: Finance Director Linda Nienhueser presented the voucher approval report dated August 22, 2017 and the cash transfer authorization dated July 2017 for discussion and approval. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Messner to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$1,669,761.12. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Messner to authorize the cash transfers in the amount of \$3,917,587.01. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT: County Treasurer Debbie Dunbar presented the July 2017 Treasurer's report and Investment report dated July 31, 2017 for discussion and acceptance. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Messner to accept the reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session; Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(e)(I) – Determining Negotiating Strategies and Positions and Instructing Negotiators:
Moved by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Messner to enter an executive session Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(e)(I) – Determining Negotiating Strategies and Positions and Instructing Negotiators. In attendance would be the Board of County Commissioners, County Attorney David Baumgarten and County Manager Matthew Birnie. Motion carried unanimously.
The board went into executive session at 8:35 am. *Executive sessions of the Board of County Commissioners are conducted as per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4). This specific session was conducted as per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e)(I).*

Chairperson Statement Regarding Executive Session
Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4), I attest that I am the Chairperson of the Gunnison County Board of Commissioners, that I attended all of the above referenced executive session, and that all of that executive session was confined to the topic authorized for discussion pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e)(I).

Date: _____
Phil Chamberland, Chairperson
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Moved by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Messner to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. The Board came out of executive session at 8:39 am. Chairperson Chamberland confirmed that the discussion remained on-topic, that all parties stated to be in attendance were, in fact, in attendance and that no decisions were made.

Resolution; Consenting to the Calling of an Election by the Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority on November 7, 2017:
Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority Director Jennifer Kermode was present for the discussion. She presented the resolution, how it came to be and how much funds it would raise if passed by the voters in the fall. Chairperson Chamberland asked if there is support from the business community for this measure. GVRHA Director Kermode stated she believes there is support. Chairperson asked how it was decided to go to the ballot this year and not wait until 2018 when the proposal could be more refined. GVRHA Director Kermode stated that it was due to the need right now for a solution. Chairperson Chamberland asked what would be the next step if the issue went to the ballot this fall and was defeated. Discussion ensued as to the different options that could happen in the event of a defeat. Commissioner Messner stated he did not believe that this package is supported right now as presented. He stated he did not believe the amount of money this would raise would be able to do anything substantial and there is not a list of projects that are in the "pipeline." Commissioner Messner believed they would get one shot at this and could not go back to the voters for more money a couple years from now. Commissioner Houck stated he thinks that the legislative issue with a lodging tax can be solved faster than previously thought and may be an option faster than many think. The Board agreed that the housing issue in the Valley is one of the top priorities but they believed that a comprehensive package is needed to address it. Multiple citizens in the audience spoke in support of this resolution to place the question on the ballot. The Board discussed the ballot

measure and what would happen if it passed or not. It was the opinion of the Board that if it passed or not, it would not be feasible to go back to the voters in the near future for more funds as this proposal did not seem like enough to fix the problem. The Board decided at this time they cannot support this resolution, consenting to the calling of an election by the Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority on November 7, 2017.

ADJOURN: Moved by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Messner to adjourn the special meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:29 am.

Phil Chamberland, Chairperson

Jonathan Houck, Vice-Chairperson

John Messner, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Josh Ost, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Kathy Simillion, County Clerk