

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 16, 2018**

The January 16, 2018 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:** Commissioner Chamberland called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

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

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Moved** by Commissioner Messner, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve the regular meeting minutes of 12/19/2017, 12/22/2017 and 1/2/2018 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1. 12/19/17 Regular Meeting
2. 12/22/17 Special Meeting
3. 1/2/18 Special Meeting

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Chairperson Chamberland requested that Consent Agenda Item #1 be pulled for further discussion. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Messner to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Item #1. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:** Acknowledgement of County Manager's Signature; Consultant Agreement; RRC Associates; Update Workforce Housing Fee; \$6,800
2. Amendment of Business Lease; RV Commercial Rentals, LLC; Gunnison Basin Weed Management Program; Extended to September 30, 2020
3. Agreement for Consulting Services; Gunnison Conservation District; Gunnison Sage-Grouse Land Use Permit Application Review Process; January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018; Not to Exceed \$10,000

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #1; Acknowledgement of County Manager's Signature; Consultant Agreement; RRC Associates; Update Workforce Housing Fee; \$6,800:**

Chairperson Chamberland asked County Manager Birnie about the specific parts of the agreement regarding to fees for homes over a certain square footage. Chairperson Chamberland stated he would like to see the fees increase for larger homes. CM Birnie stated he did not believe there would be a break in fees for larger homes. **Moved** by Chairperson Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve Consent Agenda Item #1; Acknowledgement of County Manager's Signature; Consultant Agreement; RRC Associates; Update Workforce Housing Fee; \$6,800. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORTS:** County Manager Matthew Birnie was present for discussion.

1. Compressed Natural Gas Vehicles Grant: This grant is being finalized to allow for the purchase of a few more vehicles.
2. Colorado Association of Ski Towns: CM Birnie will be attending this meeting in Telluride this week.

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

1. Colorado Department of Transportation, Highway Users Tax Fund Report: DCM Crosby explained the changes made to last year's report and there were not any changes made for this year. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Messner to approve the Colorado Department of Transportation, Highway Users Tax Fund Report. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Somerset Water: DCM Crosby gave an update on an issue with the Somerset Water system. She explained some of the planning grants that may be made available to use for the system in Somerset. DCM Crosby asked the Board if they had any interest in trying to help fund Somerset or if the Board would like them to pursue more independence on this issue. The Board agreed that Somerset should pursue independence in funding but the County would help with information if needed.

**Appointments:**

1. Gunnison Valley Health Board of Trustees

**Moved** by Commissioner Messner, seconded by Commissioner Houck to appoint Robert Schutt, M.D. to the Gunnison Valley Health Board of Trustees. Motion carried unanimously.

**Visitor; Matt McCombs; U.S. Forest Service District Ranger; Draft Wilderness Inventory:**

Matt McCombs, Gunnison District Ranger, was present for the discussion and presented the Draft Wilderness Inventory in regards to the current Forest Plan Revision process. Mr. McCombs explained this current step in the process and what attributes an area must have in order to be included in the draft wilderness inventory. He presented the updated inventory map to the Board and how this map may change over the entire process. Mr. McCombs then explained how the rest of the inventory process will work and that ultimately the Forest Service will make a recommendation on wilderness areas but only Congress can designate areas as wilderness.

**Planning Commission Recommendation and Resolution; Approving Land Use Change Permit No. LUC-2016-00040 A Land Use Change Permit for Jim Free Being Situated in U.S. Government Lots 9, 10, 15 & 16, Section 5, Township 46 North, Range 6 West, N.M.P.M. Free Subdivision:**

Community and Economic Development Assistant Director Neal Starkebaum and property owner Mr. Free were present for the discussion. CEDAD Starkebaum explained the subdivision and the location. The Board did not have any questions.

**Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Messner to approve Resolution 2018-01; Approving Land Use Change Permit No. LUC-2016-00040 A Land Use Change Permit for Jim Free Being Situated in U.S. Government Lots 9, 10, 15 & 16, Section 5, Township 46 North, Range 6 West, N.M.P.M. Free Subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.

**Planning Commission Recommendation and Resolution; Approving Land Use Change Permit No. LUC-2016-00042 A Land Use Change Permit for Tina McGuinness NE1/4NE1/4 Section 19, Township 50 North, Range 1 East, N.M.P.M. McGuinness Subdivision:**

Community and Economic Development Assistant Director Neal Starkebaum and property owners Mr. & Mrs. McGuinness were present for the discussion. CEDAD Starkebaum explained the location of the subdivision. The Board did not have any questions.

**Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Messner to approve Resolution 2018-02; Approving Land Use Change Permit No. LUC-2016-00042 A Land Use Change Permit for Tina McGuinness NE1/4NE1/4 Section 19, Township 50 North, Range 1 East, N.M.P.M. McGuinness Subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS:** There were no Unscheduled Citizens present

**COMMISSIONER ITEMS:**

**Commissioner Houck:**

1. The Sage-Grouse Strategic Committee submitted comments to Colorado Parks and Wildlife regarding the shed antler collection season proposals for the Gunnison Basin. The next meeting is this coming Wednesday.
2. Gunnison Public Lands Initiative will meet with Delta County on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Commissioner Messner:**

1. Regional Transportation Authority & Air Command Meeting: Local hotel bookings are falling due to lack of snow. Area flight bookings for March are looking fair. The RTA discussed buy downs this spring for flights. Possible RTA service to the Brush Creek parcel was also discussed. The RTA is having power and transmission with CNG Bus that is being addressed by the manufacturer.
2. Commissioner Messner stated he would like a State of the County address or editorial letter done in the near future.
3. Coal Mine Methane Working Group: Commissioner Messner met with different members of the working group as well as the potential facilitator last week to check in with the process of the group so far. The next meeting for the group is February 7<sup>th</sup>.
4. Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee: The committee met last Thursday. They had an overview of how the committee got to this point and where to move forward.
5. Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority: There was meeting last week and they mostly discussed operations.
6. Commissioner Messner met Colorado Parks and Wildlife regarding the Shady Island property. The next steps and scenarios were discussed for how to move forward and have CPW involved in the process of development.

**Commissioner Chamberland:**

1. Club 20: Commissioner Chamberland attended the presentations on upcoming proposed bills and the upcoming budget.

**ADJOURN:** **Moved** by Commissioner Houck to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:29 am.

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Phil Chamberland, Chairperson

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Jonathan Houck, Vice-Chairperson

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John Messner, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

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Josh Ost, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

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Kathy Simillion, County Clerk