

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2018**

The March 13, 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 (ABSENT)
Josh Ost, Deputy County Clerk
Others Present as Listed in Text

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH: Health and Human Services Director Joni Reynolds, Public Health Manager Carol Worrall, Community Services Supervisor Margaret Wacker and County Health Officer Dr. John Tarr were present for discussion.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Chamberland called the Gunnison County Board of Health meeting to order at 10:04 am.

2018 Meeting Agenda Planning: HHSD Reynolds discussed the draft schedule for this year. She stated she was open to input if the Board believes anything was missing. Chairperson Chamberland stated he thought it was good and if anyone thinks an item should be added, it can be done throughout the year.

Vital Records 2017 Data Review & Suicide Prevention: HHSD Reynolds discussed the data from the State for 2017. She reported on the number of suicides in Gunnison County and Dr. Tarr reported on the specific data for suicides in the county. Commissioner Messner asked if mental health services in the county are getting better. Dr. Tarr stated he believes that services are getting better but have plenty of room to grow. There is a facility being constructed in Montrose for use primarily for 48 hour mental health crisis holds. Dr. Tarr stated there is a room at Gunnison Valley Health that is used as a "safe space" for someone in a crisis. The issue of staffing the room is a concern for future use. CSS Wacker gave an update on the Community Coalition's most recent meeting along with the Health and Wellness subgroup. PHM Worrall reported on some of the presentations given to school aged kids because they are a "captive audience" and the difficulty in giving these presentations to adults.

End of Life Options Act: Dr. Tarr reported on the act now that its first year in effect is completed. He explained some of the safe guards and barriers to someone who wants to end their life. There is two open cases in Gunnison County with terminal illness and have the prescribed medication in hand. The price of medication continues to be a barrier to some who wish to end their life.

ADJOURN: The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 11:02 am.

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Chamberland called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Executive Session; Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b); Conference with County Attorney, Common Interest Parties and Counsel; Attorney Client Privileged Communication; Gunnison Sage-Grouse Litigation:

Moved by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Messner to enter an executive session Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b); Conference with County Attorney, Common Interest Parties and Counsel; Attorney Client Privileged Communication; Gunnison Sage-Grouse Litigation. In attendance would be the Board of County Commissioners, County Manager Matthew Birnie (VIA PHONE), County Attorney David Baumgarten, Deputy County Attorney Matthew Hoyt, Gunnison County Stockgrowers Attorney Deb Freeman (VIA PHONE), Greg Peterson, Burt Guerrieri and Wildlife Consultant Jim Cochran. Motion carried unanimously.

The board went into executive session at 1:02 pm. *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)(b).*

Attorney Statement Regarding Executive Session

Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(2)(d.5)(II)(B) and C.R.S. 24-6-402(4), I attest that I am the Gunnison County Attorney, that I represent the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners, that I attended all of the above referenced executive session, that all of the executive session was confined to the topic authorized for discussion pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) and that, because in my opinion all of the discussion during the executive session constituted a privileged attorney-client communication, no record of the executive session was required to be kept and no such record was kept.

Date: _____

David Baumgarten
Gunnison County Attorney

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)(b).

Date: _____

Phil Chamberland, Chairperson
Gunnison County Board of Commissioners

Moved by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Messner to come out of session. Motion carried unanimously. The Board came out of executive session at 2:50 pm. 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.

ADJOURN: **Moved** by Chairperson Chamberland to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Phil Chamberland, Chairperson

Jonathan Houck, Vice-Chairperson

John Messner, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Josh Ost, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Kathy Simillion, County Clerk