

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
December 11, 2018**

The December 11, 2018 public hearing 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
Elizabeth Mense, Deputy County Clerk
Others Present as Listed in Text

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Chamberland called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Public Hearing; Proposed 2018 Gunnison County Budget: Deputy County Manager Marlene Crosby, Finance Director Linda Nienhueser, Senior Accountant Kelly Weak, Senior Accountant Evan Bolt and Accountant Alicia Corliss were present for the discussion.

1. Open Public Hearing: Chairperson Chamberland opened the Public Hearing at 5:30 pm.
2. Public Notice Confirmation: Elizabeth Mense, Deputy County Clerk, confirmed that the Public Hearing had been properly noticed.
3. Identify Ex Parte Communications: There were no ex parte communications identified.
4. Staff Presentation: Finance Director Nienhueser presented the changes to the budget compared to the staff proposed budget that was presented to the Board in October. She also stated that the Gunnison Valley Hospital has an additional change that will be reflected before the final budget adoption on Friday, December 14th, 2018. She also discussed the proposed utility increases. FD Nienhueser stated there were not many major changes from the staff proposed budget and welcomed questions from the Board.
5. Applicant Presentation: N/A.
6. Board Questions: Commissioner Chamberland inquired whether the public would be notified of proposed utility changes. FD Nienhueser stated it'd be noticed in the newspaper. Commissioner Messner inquired whether there are any anticipated budget implications related to the West Elk Mine expansion from a property tax perspective. There are no anticipated changes that the County is aware of currently. Commissioner Houck asked if the County made any Cottonwood payments in 2018. The County hasn't been billed yet, however, DCM Crosby said she does anticipate a bill before the end of the year. FD Nienhueser stated that there is funds available.
7. Public Comments: Chairperson Chamberland opened the Public Hearing to comments at 5:39 pm. There were no comments from the public.
8. Acknowledge Correspondence Received: No additional correspondence was identified.
9. Applicant Response: N/A.
10. Close Public Hearing: Chairperson Chamberland closed the Public Hearing at 5:40 pm.

ADJOURN: Chairperson Chamberland closed the Public Hearing at 5:40 pm.

Phil Chamberland, Chairperson

Jonathan Houck, Vice-Chairperson

John Messner, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Elizabeth Mense, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Kathy Simillion, County Clerk