AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item:

Action Requested: Board of County Commissioners' Signature

Parties to the Agreement:

Term Begins: **Term Ends:** **Grant Contract #:**

Summary:

A RESOLUTION AND DECLARATION ESTABLISHING A THIRD EXTENSION OF THE GUNNISON COUNTY COVID-19 LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

Fiscal Impact:

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Finance Review: ○ Required ◉ Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date:

County Attorney Review: ○ Required ◉ Not Required

Comments:

Reveiwed by: Discharge Date: Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes ○ No ○

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\emense Discharge Date: 5/13/2020

○ Consent Agenda ◉ Regular Agenda ○ Worksession Time Allotted: 5

Agenda Date: 5/14/2020

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, STATE OF COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-___

A RESOLUTION AND DECLARATION ESTABLISHING A THIRD EXTENSION OF THE GUNNISON COUNTY COVID-19 LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, as of March 12, 2020, Gunnison County Department of Health and Human Services ("DHHS") confirmed three cases of COVID-19 within the county and public health experts anticipate that, due to the contagiousness of the illness and the fact that numerous travelers from around the world visit the county, over the coming weeks or months, Gunnison County will continue to see cases of the virus and its transmission within the community; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, pursuant to the authority provided by law and delegated by the Board of County Commissioners, the Gunnison County Manager declared a local disaster emergency because the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovering from the impact of the ensuing event is far in excess of the county's available resources; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2020, the Governor of the State of Colorado issued an executive order amending and extending the state of disaster emergency due to COVID-19 for an additional 30 days; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1) "A local disaster may be declared only by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision. It shall not be continued or renewed in excess of seven days except by or with the consent of the governing board of the political subdivision"; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners passed a Resolution extending the local disaster emergency declared by the County Manager for an additional 30 days; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2020, the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners passed a second Resolution extending the local disaster emergency declared by the County Manager for an additional 30 days; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the aforementioned Resolution, the current local disaster emergency declaration expires on May 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the conditions that spurred the Gunnison County Manager to initially declare the local disaster emergency, and for the Board of County Commissioners to extend this declaration, have not abated; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has confirmed to a reasonable degree the continued existence of such emergency; and

WHEREAS, the public health, safety and welfare of Gunnison County citizens remains in danger; and

WHEREAS, persons are or will be harmed unless continued efforts are undertaken to reduce the threat to life caused by this emergency; and

WHEREAS, "The effect of a declaration of local disaster emergency is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster and emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans." C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(2); and

WHEREAS, defining clear roles for and direction to those responding to the local disaster emergency and operating under Gunnison County's emergency operations plan will allow a more effective response;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado:

THAT, the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners ("Board") confirms, determines, and declares that the presence and likelihood of additional cases of the COVID-19 virus within Gunnison County and the State of Colorado constitute a local disaster emergency that warrants continuing the emergency response and furnishing aid and assistance to affected portions of the community.

THAT, the Board recognizes that the Sheriff of Gunnison County is a constitutional officer charged with maintaining public order within Gunnison County and is authorized under state law to enforce orders of the Gunnison County Department of Health and Human Services ("DHHS") as well as other governmental directives related to disasters and emergencies, all as reasonably necessary to protect the safety of the public. The Board requests the Sheriff to enforce the orders of DHHS and continue taking other actions as necessary to ensure the safety of the public during this local disaster emergency.

THAT, the Emergency Manager for Gunnison County and the Gunnison County Director of Health and Human Services are coordinating the countywide response to the disaster, including with partners of Gunnison County, such as the towns within the county, first responders, human services, healthcare and emergency medical services providers, providers of critical infrastructure for the community, and other providers of important and necessary services to the public. The Board directs the Emergency Manager and Director of Health and Human Services to continue to work closely with these partners to ensure a coordinated response throughout the county, and to continue to utilize Gunnison County staff and other resources as necessary for an effective response, in consultation with the Board as appropriate.

THAT, the Gunnison County Manager manages the general operations of the county and serves as a liaison to municipalities within the county and others. The Board directs the County Manager to continue coordinating with internal and external partners and to direct county staff as appropriate and necessary to address the local disaster emergency. The Board also directs the County Manager to work with directors and managers within the county to address staff illness, sick time, working remotely, and similar topics to ensure the continuity of operations within the County in consultation with the Board as appropriate.

THAT, this local disaster emergency will continue indefinitely until amended, extended, or rescinded by the Board.

THAT, this Resolution and Declaration shall be promptly filed with the Gunnison County Clerk and Recorder and with the Office of Emergency Management.

THAT, this Resolution and Declaration is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County of Gunnison, State of Colorado.

MOVED, READ AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gunnison, State of Colorado, this ____ day of May, 2020.

Introduced by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____ and adopted this ____ day of May, 2020.

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Jonathan Houck, Chairperson

By: _____
John Messner, Commissioner

By: _____
Roland Mason, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Deputy County Clerk