

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2020**

The May 19, 2020 meeting was held in the Board of County Commissioners' meeting room located at 200 E. Virginia Avenue, Gunnison, Colorado. Present were:

Jonathan Houck, Chairperson
John Messner, Vice-Chairperson
Roland Mason, Commissioner

Matthew Birnie, County Manager
Elizabeth Mense, Deputy County Clerk
Others Present as Listed in Text

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Houck called the meeting to order at 8:31 am.

AGENDA REVIEW: There were no changes to the agenda

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Moved** by Commissioner Messner, seconded by Commissioner Mason to approve the meeting minutes of 3/24/20 and 4/16/20 as presented. Motion carried.

1. 3/24/20 Special Meeting
2. 4/16/20 Special Meeting

CONSENT AGENDA: **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Messner to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

1. Contract; National Park Service – Weed Management at Curecanti NRA
2. Acknowledgment of County Manager's Approval to Submit Grant Application; Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation; Early Childhood Council; \$30,000
3. Acknowledgment of County Manager's Approval to Submit Grant Application; Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley; Early Childhood Council; Nurturing the Young Child Conference; \$2,000
4. Agreement; Eco-Right Solutions; Noxious Weed Management
5. Application for Federal Assistance; Federal Aviation Administration; Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport
6. CARES Act Grant Application; Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport
7. Grant Application; Colorado Department of Human Services; Early Childhood Council; \$60,000
8. Colorado Health Foundation Donation Letter; \$14,000
9. Agreement; Colorado Community Action Association; Mountain Roots; \$3437
10. Grant Application; Gunnison County Juvenile Services & Health Resource Administration Services

SCHEDULING:

There were no additions to the schedule.

BOCC Appointment; Gunnison / Hinsdale Combined Emergency Telephone Service Authority: **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Mason to appoint Scott Morrill, the Gunnison County Emergency Manager to the Gunnison / Hinsdale Combined Emergency Telephone Service Authority as the representative for Gunnison County. Motion carried.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT: County Manager Matthew Birnie was present for the discussion.

- CM Birnie provided an update on the Gunnison County Library Project, Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport terminal project and Lot 22 project. CM Birnie noted that the Lot 22 agreement was signed.

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

- DCM Crosby discussed the opening of Kebler Pass and requested Board direction. DCM Crosby indicated that the current road conditions would allow for opening of the pass. The Board consensus was to open the pass on Friday, May 22nd.
- DCM Crosby discussed the opening of Cottonwood Pass. The Board consensus was to open the pass on June 1st.

Discussion; Landfill Billing Interest Charges:

DCM Crosby requested Board direction for turning off interest charges on the next billing cycle for landfill customers. The average interest charged for the years 2018 and 2019 is \$101.40 per month. Interest charges have been suspended for water/sewer utility billing statements per previous Board authorization. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Messner to suspend the interest charges until staff requests that charges are reinstated. Motion carried.

Phase 2 Performance Contract; JCI:

John Cattles, Sustainable Operations Director was present for the discussion. He is requesting authorization for the County Manager to execute the contract for phase 2 of the energy performance with JCI and all necessary financial documents. Phase 2 falls under the previously authorized not to exceed finance resolution that was approved with phase 1. The fiscal impact is \$1,179,311 financed through a performance contract with JCI, funded by Sterling National Bank.

Moved by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Messner to authorize County Manager Birnie to execute a contract for phase 2 of the energy performance contract with JCI and any related financial documents. Motion carried.

Colorado River District Update; Andy Mueller:

Andy Mueller and Zane Kessler were present for the discussion. Water issues on the Western Slope including population growth, climate change and repercussions from the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed. Budget deficits and funding were also discussed. Questions from the Board were welcomed and addressed.

BREAK: The meeting briefly recessed at 10:00 am. The meeting resumed at 10:03 am.

VOUCHERS AND TRANSFERS:

Finance Director Linda Nienhueser presented the voucher approval report dated May 19, 2020 and the cash transfer authorization report dated April 2020 for discussion and approval.

Moved by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Messner to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$1,493,132.73. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Mason to authorize the cash transfers in the amount of \$4,985,078.76 Motion carried.

Sales Tax & Local Marketing District Reports:

Finance Director Linda Nienhueser presented the March 2020 Sales Tax & Local Marketing District reports.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Debbie Dunbar was present for the discussion. The April 2020 Treasurer's report and Investment report dated April 30, 2020 were provided for Board review.

Moved by Commissioner Houck seconded by Commissioner Messner to accept the Treasurer's reports as presented and authorize Chair signature. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS:

Roland Mason-

1. Commissioner Mason discussed the Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority meeting he attended on 5/14/20.
2. Commissioner Mason discussed a recent Community Health Coalition meeting he attended.
3. Commissioner Mason discussed the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley resiliency project.
4. Commissioner Mason discussed summer programs at Western Colorado University and the Mountain Roots pop-up food pantries.

John Messner-

1. Commissioner Messner mentioned the Gunnison High School graduation parade and commended the efforts of the community.
2. Commissioner Messner discussed the CARES Act COVID-19 relief funding.
3. Commissioner Messner briefly discussed the industry sub groups and COVID-19 economic recovery. He commended the industry sub group efforts.

Jonathan Houck-

1. Commissioner Houck discussed recent conversations with Greg Salsbury from Western Colorado University.
2. Commissioner Houck discussed recent conversations with the COVID-19 Public Information Office and outreach with neighboring counties.

UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS:

Dave Taylor made public comments regarding Gunnison Health Public Health authority and the current Public Health Orders.

Mark Schumacher from 3 Rivers Resort made public comments regarding a variance for rafting outfitters.

ADJOURN: **Moved** by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Houck to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:13 am.

Jonathan Houck, Chairperson

John Messner, Vice-Chairperson

Roland Mason, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Elizabeth Mense, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Kathy Simillion, County Clerk