

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2020**

The June 16, 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 4/21/20, 4/28/20, 5/5/20, 5/12/20, 5/14/20, 5/19/20 and 5/26/20 as presented. Motion carried.

1. 4/21/20 Regular Meeting
2. 4/28/20 Special Meeting
3. 5/5/20 Regular Meeting
4. 5/12/20 Special Meeting
5. 5/14/20 Special Meeting
6. 5/19/20 Regular Meeting
7. 5/26/20 Special Meeting

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

1. Intergovernmental Agreement; Noxious Weed Management
2. Ratification of County Manager's Signature; Apple Agreement
3. Acknowledgment of County Manager's Approval to Submit Grant Application; Colorado Health Foundation; Gunnison / Hinsdale Early Childhood Council
4. Contract; City of Gunnison; Large Generation Project
5. Extension of Lease Agreement; Ohio City Fire Department
6. Memorandum of Agreement; Gunnison Conservation District
7. Memorandum of Understanding; Summer Experience
8. OCAF Rent Increase; Mountain View Apartments
9. Ratification of BOCC Signatures; Letter of Support; 2nd Variance – Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment
10. Grant Agreement; CARES Act – Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport
11. Agreement Re: Assignment of Ground Lease Agreement; McGuire & Smith
12. Business Associate Agreement; GPA, Inc.
13. Gunnison County Flexible Spending Plan; Plan Sponsor Certification
14. Services Agreement; Flex Benefit Plan, GPA Inc.
15. Grant Award; Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District; Shady Island River Park; \$45,000
16. Funding Agreement; Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District; GCSAPP; Choice Pass Scholarships
17. Contract Amendment No. 2; Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment
18. Memorandum of Agreement; Gunnison Country Food Pantry

SCHEDULING:

- Commissioner Mason will be out of the office traveling August 4, 2020 – August 22, 2020. He should be able to call into BOCC meetings, if necessary.
- There is a continued Joint Public Hearing with the Planning Commission on Friday, 6/19/20.

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

1. Local CARES Act Funds Distribution Allocation:

Finance Director Linda Nienhueser was present for the discussion.

CM Birnie discussed the Collaboration Agreement that is required by the State for division of the nearly 1.5 million dollars of the CARES Act funding. The Collaboration Agreement would include Gunnison County, Town of Crested Butte, City of Gunnison, Town of Marble, Town of Mt Crested Butte and Town of Pitkin.

CM Birnie inquired whether the Board was in support of the Collaboration Agreement and if so, requested authority to execute the agreement.

Moved by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Messner to approve the Local CARES Act Funds Distribution Allocation and authorize County Manager Birnie to execute the Collaboration Agreement. Motion carried.

2. Gunnison County COVID-19 Relief Fund Request for Health and Human Services

Programs:

CM Birnie requested an allocation of \$5,000 for the Gunnison County Health & Human Services utility assistance program from the Gunnison County COVID-19 relief fund.

Moved by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Messner to approve the allocation of \$5,000 from the Gunnison County COVID-19 relief fund for the Health & Human Services utility assistance program. Motion carried.

- CM Birnie noted that the County will be closing on the Certificates of Participation tomorrow, 6/17/20. It will yield nearly 7.5 million dollars of funding for the Gunnison County Library Project.
- CM Birnie noted that the County closed on a 1.7-million-dollar transaction for Phase II of the energy projects. Phase I, the solar panels, is nearly complete pending final inspections and the installation of meters. Phase II includes additions to the geothermal field for the Blackstock and O'Leary buildings. John Cattles, Sustainable Operations Director will be putting out Requests for Proposals for that portion of the project soon.
- CM Birnie briefly discussed the decrease in Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF) between December of 2019 through May of 2020.

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

1. Temporary Road Use Agreement; County Road #49; July 4, 2020 – July 5, 2020:

DCM Crosby explained that the Temporary Road Use Agreement is a request from the City of Gunnison for the 4th of July fireworks. The request is for the closure of County Road #49 beginning the morning of July 4th until 8:00 am on July 5th. Emergency access will be maintained throughout the closure.

Moved by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Messner to approve the Temporary Road Use Agreement for County Road #49, July 4th – July 5th as presented and authorize County Manager Birnie's signature on the agreement. Motion carried.

- DCM Crosby briefly discussed bridges within the County that are included on the State inventory. DCM Crosby noted that inspections are done every 2 years. Inspections are currently taking place.
- DCM Crosby briefly discussed Somerset Waterworks District. There will be a Work Session in July that will provide greater detail.

Gunnison County Land Use Resolution Amendments:

Cathie Pagano, Community & Economic Development Director was present for the discussion. Director Pagano provided a memo to the Board dated May 29th, 2020. The memo states that on May 29th, 2020 the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of proposed amendments to the Gunnison County Land Use Resolution (LUR). The proposed amendments would apply to the following sections of the LUR: 1-105: Sections Necessary for Immediate Preservation of Public Health and Safety, 6-106: Minor Impact Review Process, 7-201: Sketch Plan Application for Major Impact Projects, 7-301: Preliminary Plan Application for Major Impact Projects, 7-302: Preliminary Plan Review Process for Major Impact Projects, 7-401: Final Plan Application for Major Impact Projects, 7-402: Final Plan Review Process for Major Impact Projects, 9-202: Mobile Home Communities, 9-504: Attached Wireless Telecommunication Structures, 9-505: Freestanding Wireless Telecommunication Structures, 11-106: Protection of Wildlife Habitat Areas, 12-103: Road System and 16-118: Development Improvements Agreement Required. Director Pagano provided an overview of the proposed amendments for each of the sections listed. Questions and feedback from the Board were welcomed and addressed. A final version of the proposed LUR amendments will be provided at an upcoming BOCC meeting. A Public Hearing will take place for final consideration and approval of the proposed amendments. No action was taken.

BREAK: The meeting briefly recessed at 9:56 am. The meeting resumed at 10:01 am.

STOR Corps Proposal:

Cathie Pagano, Community & Economic Development Director was present for the discussion. Joe Lavorini, Gunnison County Stewardship Coordinator was also present via Zoom Meeting. Director Pagano explained that Community & Economic Development is leading the development of a "Civilian Conservation Corps" (CCC) for Gunnison County, also known as the Gunnison County STOR Corps (GCSC). The two main objectives for the GCSC would be to provide local, urgent and seasonal employment opportunities in the wake of the economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and proactively address the increased impacts on natural resources and recreation infrastructure on public lands in Gunnison County. Community Development is proposing to partner with the National Forest Foundation to implement the program. The Gunnison County Stewardship Coordinator would be responsible for managing the GCSC program. The Gunnison County Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation (STOR) Committee would provide input on the structure and work plan of the GCSC. The work would be completed

in collaboration with other community stakeholders such as Crested Butte Conservation Corps and Gunnison Trails. Under the proposed plan, the GCSC would employ ten crewmembers for approximately 40 hours a week for 12 weeks. The anticipated season would be June 29th – September 18th. The GCSC crew would focus on natural resource stewardship projects including public outreach, infrastructure maintenance and restoration throughout the Gunnison Valley. The draft budget, expenses and sources of funding were discussed. The fiscal impact for Gunnison County is \$45,000. Other funding sources include the National Forest Foundation, Tourism & Prosperity Partnership and the Great Outdoors Colorado grant. The total program cost is estimated at \$105,000.

Moved by Commissioner Messner, seconded by Commissioner Mason to approve the STOR Corps Proposal, a COVID-19 response program, and authorize the expenditure of \$45,000 from the Gunnison County COVID-19 relief fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Lot Cluster; Whetstone Industrial Park:

Beth Baker, Administrative Services Manager from Community & Economic Development was present for the discussion. Scott Truex, Executive Director of the Gunnison Valley Rural Transportation Authority (RTA) was also present via Zoom Meeting. ASM Baker explained that Mountain Express and the RTA have applied to cluster their lots in the Whetstone Industrial Park, Lots 10, 11 and 12. The taxes are current on the lots and the utility companies have agreed to the cluster. The application was reviewed and approved by both the Community & Economic Development Director and County Attorney.

Moved by Commissioner Messner, seconded by Commissioner Mason to approve the Lot Cluster for Whetstone Industrial Park, Lots 10, 11 and 12 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS:

Roland Mason-

- 1. Commissioner Mason discussed the 6/5/20 Gunnison Valley Rural Transportation meeting he attended.
- 2. Commissioner Mason discussed the 6/11/20 Housing Authority meeting.

John Messner-

- 1. Commissioner Messner discussed House Bill 20-1421, concerning delinquent interest payments for property tax payments. Commissioner Messner requested that a discussion be added to the Tuesday, 6/23/20 agenda to provide direction to the Gunnison County Treasurer. A Special Meeting will be added to the agenda.
- 2. Commissioner Messner briefly discussed the reinsurance program.

Jonathan Houck-

- 1. Commissioner Houck noted that he'll be attending a Gunnison County Sage-Grouse Strategic Committee meeting this week.
- 2. Commissioner Houck noted that he is going to reach out to Gunnison, Crested Butte and Mt Crested Town Councils to schedule upcoming commissioner updates possibly beginning again in July.
- 3. Commissioner Houck noted that he has received correspondence regarding the North Fork Exemption to the Colorado Roadless Rule in the Sunset Roadless area. The Board instructed the County Attorney's office to compile information from all parties involved in the litigation and prepare a comprehensive report that'll be presented during an upcoming BOCC meeting.

UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS:

There were no Unscheduled Citizens present

ADJOURN: **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Mason to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:41 am.

Jonathan Houck, Chairperson

John Messner, Vice-Chairperson

Roland Mason, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Elizabeth Mense, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Kathy Simillion, County Clerk