

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2020**

The October 20, 2020 meeting was held in the Board of County Commissioners' meeting room located at 200 E. Virginia Avenue, Gunnison, Colorado. Present, either in person or via Zoom, were:

Jonathan Houck, Chairperson
Roland Mason, Vice-Chairperson
Liz Smith, Commissioner

Matthew Birnie, County Manager
Katherine Haase, Deputy County Clerk
Others Present as Listed in Text

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

AGENDA REVIEW: There were no changes made to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA: Chairperson Houck noted that Item #4 needed to be pulled from the Consent Agenda and added to the 10:00 am Board of Health meeting agenda. **Moved** by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the Consent Agenda, with the removal of Item #4. Motion carried unanimously.

1. 2021 Gunnison County Holiday Calendar
2. Contractor Agreement; Ultraswaged, LLC; Annual Benefits Compliance Notices; \$3,000
3. Contractor Agreement; Colorado Hazard Control; Asbestos Abatement/Vapor Barrier Install; \$47,338
4. Indirect Cost Negotiation Agreement; Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; 1/1/2021 through 12/31/2021; 24.87% Rate
5. Letter of Agreement; Neurosequential Model Network, LLC; 11/1/2020 through 1/31/2022; \$4,000
6. Form Joinder Agreement; Group & Pension Administrators, Inc.
7. Retirement Plan and Trust Agreement Participation Agreement; Deferred Compensation Plan Participation Agreement; Colorado Retirement Association
8. Airport Advertising Agreement Extension; Gunnison-Crested Butte Airport Media; 11/1/2020 through 10/31/2021
9. Airline Operating Agreement and Lease of Airport; United Airlines, Inc.; 11/1/2020 through 10/31/2022

SCHEDULING: The Upcoming Meetings Schedule was discussed and updated.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORTS:

1. Mobile Veteran Services. CM Birnie informed the Board that mobile clinical services were provided utilizing a slip at the fairgrounds. The trial run went well, and a more private location will be sought for the future.
2. HEPA Filters. CM Birnie informed the Board that 150 filters had been purchased for approximately \$900 each using a mix of County and pooled funds. The Recovery Team will prioritize distribution, with the majority going to local businesses in an attempt to keep disease transmission down. Approximately 30 will be retained for use in County facilities where people congregate. The filters are expected to arrive on 10/22/2020, and additional units may be purchased in the future.
3. Community Loans. CM Birnie reminded the Board that the County had approved loans for the community, with six months of 0% interest. Delta County also created a loan process, and Region 10 is now implementing a similar program.
4. DOLA Grant Update: Solar Project. CM Birnie stated that the final DOLA grant report had been submitted, which represented Qtr. 3, 2020. Because of this successful project, the Blackstock Government Center has seen a 40% reduction in electrical usage, the Courthouse has seen a 50% reduction, and the Human Services building has seen a 53% reduction. These reductions translate into fiscal efficiency as well as environmental benefits.

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

1. Application for SHC Bridge Funding. DCM Crosby provided the submittal letter for this application. The funds would go toward engineering and design for the bridge over Gothic Road. Design grants will likely be funded this year, we should be notified in November and design should be completed by mid-January. If funding is made available, we also apply for a construction grant. **Moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mason to approve submittal of the application and authorize the Chair's signature on the application letter. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Kebler Trailhead Update. DCM Crosby informed the Board that this project was completed last week. She read an email that she received from GMUG Gunnison District Ranger Matt McCombs praising the work performed by the County. Commissioner Mason noted that he has received some emails about permitting, and he asked the Board to take comment from the public during a future work session. Mr. McCombs, permittees and property-owner representatives also plan to attend the meeting

VOUCHERS AND TRANSFERS APPROVAL: Senior Accountant Kelly Weak presented the voucher approval report dated October 20, 2020 and the cash transfer authorization dated September 2020 for discussion and approval. **Moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mason to approve the vouchers, as submitted, in the amount of \$2,091,569.72 for payments through #146051. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the cash transfer of \$3,683,070.53. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT: County Treasurer Debbie Dunbar presented the September 2020 Treasurer's report for discussion and acceptance. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the Treasurer's report, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION; SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A RESILIENT COMMUNITIES GRANT FROM THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND: Community and Economic Development Department Director Cathie Pagano was present for discussion, and she noted that the funds were already awarded and that this resolution was just a formality. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adopt Resolution #2020-35, a Resolution Supporting the Grant Application for a Resilient Communities Grant from the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION; ADOPTING THE GUNNISON COUNTY NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN: Emergency Manager Scott Morrill was present for discussion and explained that this document identifies threats and risks that the County and our communities face. FEMA formulas are used to prioritize vulnerabilities and the likelihood of their occurrence, and mitigation actions are then proposed. The threat of ice jams was incorporated into the document, based on the occurrences in the valley a few years ago, but pandemics are thought to be human caused, so they weren't incorporated into the document. Completion of the document ran about a year behind schedule, due to the pandemic, staff shortages, and staff assignments to fires around Colorado. It was completed in-house instead of hiring a contractor. The document will be due for completion again in five years. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adopt Resolution #2020-36, a Resolution Adopting the Gunnison County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

BREAK: The meeting recessed from 9:21 until 9:25 am.

MARIJUANA LICENSE RENEWAL REQUESTS: Administrative Services Manager Beth Baker participated in the discussion via Zoom. Commissioner Houck noted that the County has protocols in place to work through during renewal process. ASM Baker stated that each of these were licensed in 2014, renewed in 2017 and were applying to renew in 2020. ASM Baker stated that there were no problems during the site visits, there were no comments received from the HOAs, and no negative comments were provided by either the Public Works Department or the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Houck stated his appreciation for the owners' diligence related to safety for employees and the community, and he thanked ASM Baker for following a good process.

1. CCCenterSeven, LLC. Owner Lou Costello stated that this has been in operation for six years with 14 employees, they have not received any complaints, and they are not open to the public. **Moved** by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the renewal of the marijuana cultivation license for CCCenterSeven, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Crested Butte Concentrates, LLC. Owner Will Jones was present via Zoom, but he did not have any additional comments. **Moved** by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the renewal of the Gunnison County marijuana license for cultivation for Crested Butte Concentrates, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Southern Charm Organics, LLC. Owner Fred Woener was present via Zoom, but he did not have any additional comments. **Moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mason to approve the marijuana facility license for cultivation for Southern Charm. Motion carried unanimously.

UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS:

1. Kent Cowherd. Mr. Cowherd was present via Zoom. He requested consideration of a historical marker for the Jokerville mining accident in 1884 that killed 60miners. It is the third-largest mining accident in Colorado's history, and it happened approximately 0.25 miles up Kebler Pass. Commissioner Houck agreed to pass this request to the Gunnison County Historic Preservation Commission for evaluation and recommendation.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS: This discussion began earlier than scheduled due to a gap in the meeting.

Commissioner Mason:

1. Travel Observations. Commissioner Mason stated that he was on the front range last week, during which he witnessed the start of a forest fire in the Boulder area. He also witnessed mask compliance in dense communities.
2. Marble Area Parking and Traffic Issues. Commissioner Mason stated that he contacted John Groves, the local game warden for CPW to see about setting up a Zoom meeting with interested

parties, including White River Forest District Ranger Kevin Warner and the Marble Town Council.

3. Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority. Commissioner Mason noted that he missed last week's meeting. GVRHA Director Jennifer Kermode participated on Governor Polis' Special Eviction Prevention Task Force, which produced recommendations for the Governor's consideration. The Governor recently passed an executive order that will provide month-to-month relief for housing assistance for people impacted by COVID 19. The program may be extended through the end of the year.
4. Serpentine Trail Road Maintenance. Commissioner Mason stated that residents near Serpentine Trail are responsible for road maintenance, and they have requested matching funds of about \$4-5K for road-base material. CM Birnie stated that the whole project would need to be evaluation, and DCM Crosby would need to be involved.

Commissioner Smith:

1. Travel Observations. Commissioner Smith stated that she recently traveled to Missouri. While there, she observed poor social distancing and low mask compliance.
2. Marble Roads. Commissioner Smith stated that, if meeting will not be possible, perhaps the Board should submit a write-up for the Crystal Valley Echo related to road ownership, responsibilities and enforcement difficulties. She offered to pen the piece.

Commissioner Houck:

1. Public Lands Steering Committee. Commissioner Houck stated that the Committee recently met and is working on increasing PILT and SRS payments to those public lands.
2. Ski Resort Operations Information. Commissioner Houck stated that the draft information has been distributed. CM Birnie and Health and Human Services Director Joni Reynolds are participating on the committee. CM Birnie noted that some communities want the State to take control, while others want to retain local control.
3. Colorado Counties, Inc. Commissioner Houck stated that CCI had finished its legislative priorities, and that the information had been emailed to the Board.
4. US Fish & Wildlife Service. Commissioner Houck stated that he is working with the Service on a draft recovery plan, specifically grazing language as it impacts the Gunnison Sage-grouse.

Unscheduled Citizens (continued):

2. Mark Schumacher; Zoom Meeting Recordings. Mr. Schumacher asked about posting County Commissioner Zoom meeting recordings on the County website. Commissioner Houck explained that the Zoom meetings are live and people can participate from anywhere. However, a technology conflict between our local audio recording program and Zoom prevents both from working simultaneously. Recordings are archived and can be made available via a formal records request.
3. Mark Schumacher; Tourism and Prosperity Project. Mr. Schumacher stated that the bylaws were not followed during the section of TAPP board members. Commissioner Mason suggested that Mr. Schumacher reach out to the TAPP board since this involves the TAPP bylaws. Deputy County Attorney noted that he has not been asked by TAPP to review any bylaws, so he could not offer additional comments on this issue.
4. Mark Schumacher; Shady Island. Mr. Schumacher asked about the possibility of the County purchasing adjacent land that is currently owned by Michael Busse

ADJOURN: Moved by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the regular session. Motion carried unanimously. The Board of County Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:08 am.

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH:

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Houck called the Gunnison County Board of Health meeting to order at 10:08 am. Health and Human Services Director Joni Reynolds was present for discussion.

SHIRLEY HASS SCHUETT QUALITY AWARD: WIC Coordinator Kim Bemis and Economic Security Services Manager Brad Wheaton were present for discussion. This award was presented for WIC Coordinator Bemis' work in the area of cancer prevention and early detection, working with women aged 21-64 on breast and cervical cancer screenings. There were only three awards designated within the State for the last fiscal year. HHS Director Reynolds thanked WIC Coordinator Bemis for her work, noting that she was instrumental in the success of the effort.

BOCC CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #4; INDIRECT COST NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT; COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT; 1/1/2021 THROUGH 12/31/2021; 24.87% RATE: Moved by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Mason to accept and approve the Indirect Cost Negotiation Agreement and authorize the Public Health Agencies signature on behalf of Gunnison County. Motion carried unanimously.

COVID-19 UPDATE: HHS Director Reynolds indicated that she emailed slides to the Board earlier in the day. She stated that hospitalizations have remained much lower than during the start of the pandemic,

and that the medical community is managing cases much more effectively now. While the positivity rate has increased, it is still considered to be low. The goal is to remain under 5%.

STAFF UPDATE: HHS Director Reynolds noted that a couple new positions have been opened - - a new Public Health nurse will begin working for us at the end of October, and a new Administrative Assistant has already started work.

VACCINATIONS:

1. Influenza. HHS Director Reynolds stated that her staff have been working on influenza vaccinations to help maintain the communities' respiratory health. Over 1,600 vaccinations have been provided so far this season.
2. COVID-19. HHS Director Reynolds indicated that the COVID-19 vaccine may be available nationally by the end of the year. Distribution, packaging and storing issues have been challenging. Doses will likely be distributed in larger metropolitan areas first, beginning in late Qtr 1, 2021 or early Qtr 2, 2021, and some vaccinations may require secondary doses. Equitable distribution has been a consideration so that the highest-risk individuals can get vaccinated first. HHS Director Reynolds said that the number who call and report COVID-19 symptoms has remained stable, with consistent trending showing more reports near the beginning of each week. This past week, self-administered nasal and oral testing (under a healthcare professional's supervision) was deployed to urgent care centers and schools. The County collects completed tests and ships them overnight to a lab in California, and results are being returned within 48 hours of lab receipt.

WEST CENTRAL PH PARTNERSHIP: HHS Director Reynolds informed the Board that she is collaborating with the WCPHP to fund a regional epidemiologist position.

EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL: HHS Director Reynolds stated that funding is now being focused on quality improvement rather than on systems building. The conference will be virtual this year.

ADJOURN: Moved by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the Board of Health meeting. The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 10:43 am.

Jonathan Houck, Chairperson

Roland Mason, Vice-Chairperson

Liz Smith, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Katherine Haase, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Kathy Simillion, County Clerk

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TEXT INCLUSION INTO MINUTES

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GUNNISON COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 35**

A Resolution Supporting the Grant Application for a Resilient Communities Grant from the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund.

WHEREAS, the Gunnison County Board of Commissioners supports the Great Outdoors Colorado grant application for the Gunnison County resilient community application on behalf of the Gunnison County Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee. Gunnison County supports the completion of the project.

WHEREAS, Gunnison County has requested \$450,000 from Great Outdoors Colorado to implement the Gunnison County resilient community scope of work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:

1. The Gunnison County Board of Commissioners strongly supports the application and has appropriated matching funds for a grant with Great Outdoors Colorado.
2. The Gunnison County Board of Commissioners strongly supports the completion of the project.
3. The Gunnison County Board of Commissioners authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any Grant awarded.
4. The Gunnison County Board of Commissioners recognizes that as the recipient of a Great Outdoors Colorado Local Government grant the project site(s) must provide reasonable public access.
5. If the grant is awarded, the Gunnison County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the designated Official to sign the grant agreement with Great Outdoors Colorado.

THIS RESOLUTION AND THE APPROVAL GRANTED HEREBY shall not be effective unless and until a copy is recorded in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder of Gunnison County.

INTRODUCED by Commissioner Houck seconded by Commissioner Smith, and adopted on this 20th day of October, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO

Houck – yes; Mason – yes, Smith – yes.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-36**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE GUNNISON COUNTY NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Gunnison County, with the assistance from Gunnison County Emergency Management has gathered information and prepared the Gunnison County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and,

WHEREAS, the Gunnison County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with FEMA requirements at 44 C.F.R. 201.6; and,

WHEREAS, Gunnison County is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners that Gunnison County adopts the Gunnison County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction’s Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

INTRODUCED by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and adopted this 20th day of October, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO

Houck – yes; Mason – yes, Smith – yes.