

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
March 23, 2021**

The March 23, 2021 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  
Melanie Bollig, Deputy County Clerk  
Others Present as Listed in Text

**GUNNISON RIVER VALLEY LOCAL MARKETING DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Houck called the meeting to order at 8:30 am, and explained that the Board must meet as the Gunnison River Local Marketing District – the three commissioners constituting a quorum of the Local Marketing District – in order to ratify the following appointments of Wynn Williams and William Ronai under the correct authority.

**RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE TOURISM AND PROSPERITY PARTNERSHIP (TAPP) BOARD; WYNN WILLIAMS AND WILLIAM RONAI; TERMS ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 2024:** **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Smith to ratify the appointments of both applicants to the Tourism and Prosperity Partnership Board. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN:** **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the Gunnison River Valley Local Marketing District Special Meeting. The Gunnison River Valley Local Marketing District Special Meeting adjourned at 8:32 am.

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Houck called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** **Moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mason to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Agreement Regarding Payment for Coroner's Work Space; Gunnison Funeral Services, LLC; 106 S. Taylor #2, Gunnison, CO 81230; 4/1/2021 thru 4/1/2022; \$434.66/Monthly
2. Plan Resolution – Amendment; Gunnison County, Colorado; Gunnison County Colorado Employee Medical Benefit Plan; Inclusion of Testing for and Treatment of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19); Effective 3/18/2021

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** With no changes needed by the commissioners, it was **moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mason to approve both the August 18, 2020 Regular Meeting and the September 2, 2020 Special Meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

1. August 18, 2020 Regular Meeting
2. September 2, 2020 Special Meeting

**VOUCHERS AND TRANSFERS APPROVAL:** Chief Financial Officer Juan Guerra and Senior Accountant Kelly Weak presented the voucher approval report dated March 23, 2021, and the cash transfer authorization dated February 2021. One question came from Commissioner Smith, regarding the Colorado State University cashier's transaction for \$22,623; wishing to verify that it was related to the CSU Extension Program; Senior Accountant Kelly Weak confirmed that it was for the CSU Extension Program. **Moved** by Commissioner Mason; seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the voucher report for \$1,421,632.06. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mason to approve the February 2021 cash transfer for \$3,313,946.14. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** County Treasurer Debbie Dunbar presented the February 2021 Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Smith posed the question as to whether there was any way, regarding lodging taxes, to parse out the difference between receipts from short-term rentals and that of hotel establishments. County Manager Birnie submitted that the County does pay for a service that monitors the listings across platforms; however, they can get only a general consensus, partly due to the variety of ways these businesses are listed – LLC, etc. Airbnb's show a lump sum with no properties identified; what can be determined is that receipts are increasing dramatically, in large part due to Airbnb's, since hotel growth is not a significant factor. Commissioner Smith expressed the desire to look into ways moving forward to talk about clarifying that picture; County Manager Birnie reaffirmed there is currently not a way to more accurately identify the sources of these receipts and to regulate licensing compliance in reporting lodging income. With no more questions, it was **moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mason to accept the Treasurer's report and authorize the Chairperson's signature. Motion was carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN: Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 am.

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Jonathan Houck, Chairperson

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Roland Mason, Vice-Chairperson

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Liz Smith, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

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Melanie Bollig, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

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Kathy Simillion, County Clerk