

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
October 14, 2022**

The October 14, 2022 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 [REMOTE]  
Liz Smith, Commissioner  
Matthew Birnie, County Manager  
Melanie Bollig, Deputy County Clerk  
Others Present as Listed in Text

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

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

**2023 GUNNISON COUNTY BUDGET; STAFF-PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTATION:** County Manager Matthew Birnie and Chief Financial Officer Perry Solheim were in the room, ready to present a draft of the 2023 County budget and to answer any questions the Board might have.

CM Birnie introduced the discussion by noting that we had a new CFO but that CFO Perry Solheim had gotten up to speed very quickly and they were ready to present the budget. He noted that he had asked staff to be as conservative as possible with their budgets and growth, in order to really take care of the County’s existing employees through a pretty aggressive cost of living allowance. He added that, given the transition turmoils which the County had been under over the last three years, he was very pleased with where the County currently is and the work that everyone has done. CM Birnie then turned the presentation over to CFO Solheim.

CFO Solheim then went over the budget draft with the Board. Topics covered included: appropriations, employee benefits, Housing Authority Fund, sales tax revenues. Other charts displayed for the Board and briefly discussed included: Summary of Fund Resources – All Funds; Summary of 2023 Budget by Type of Fund / Governmental Funds and Proprietary & Other Funds.

CM Birnie let the board know that there would be a budget work session on October 25<sup>th</sup>, where the budget would be examined and they would be able to answer at that time. CFO Perry added that he would do his best to highlight any further significant budget changes from this initial draft so that they could easily find them.

CM Birnie then outlined the upcoming meeting schedule for budget discussions as follows: October 25<sup>th</sup> would be a budget work session at the end of day – with LMD budget scheduled and County Housing projects, as we have time; November 8<sup>th</sup> all morning was reserved for budget – with LMD discussion with Marble Chamber, contract for allocations to Food Pantry and various organizations; and the rest would be filled in as the Board directed.

Chairperson Houck then requested a list ahead of time with dates for the budget agendas, in order to see what was coming and prepare ahead of the budget sessions.

CM Birnie continued with the schedule outline: budget public hearing would be on December 6 at 5:30 pm, with final adoption to be held by the 15<sup>th</sup> of December. He advised that afternoons should be held aside by the Board, for any budget related meetings.

Chairperson Houck thanked both CM Birnie and CFO Perry and his staff, and acknowledged the Finance Department’s efforts throughout this transition time, in order to have a budget ready for presentation.

**ADJOURN:** Chairperson Houck adjourned the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting at 9:34 am.

NOTE: The document presented to the Board at the meeting by CFO Solheim was added to the portfolio, attached to this October 14<sup>th</sup> agenda and meeting calendar.

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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

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Kathy Simillion, County Clerk