

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
November 1, 2022**

The November 1, 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	Matthew Birnie, County Manager
Roland Mason, Vice-Chairperson [REMOTE]	Melanie Bollig, Deputy County Clerk
Liz Smith, Commissioner	Others Present as Listed in Text

**GUNNISON COUNTY LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Houck called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

**ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE; RED MOUNTAIN LIQUORS, INC., DBA RED MOUNTAIN LIQUORS; LICENSE #15-15264-0000; EFFECTIVE 12/20/2022 THRU 12/20/2023:** With no questions or concerns from the Board, it was **moved** by Commissioner Smith to approve the alcohol beverage license for Red Mountain Liquors, Inc., dba Red Mountain Liquors. Commissioner Mason seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN:** Chairperson Houck adjourned the Gunnison County Local Liquor Licensing Authority meeting at 8:31 am.

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Houck called the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:31 am.

**AGENDA REVIEW:** There were no changes needed to the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** County Attorney Matt Hoyt stated for the record that Item #1 on the consent agenda was comprised of both a contract and a resolution required by the Colorado Department to execute; he advised that he did think it was appropriate to adopt both the contract and the corresponding resolution #2022-40 on the consent agenda – there would not be a need to introduce the resolution separately.

**Moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mason, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Grant Award Letter, Summary of Grant Award Terms and Conditions; Colorado Department of Transportation, Colorado Aeronautical Board, Division of Aeronautics; General Aviation Ramp Rehabilitation – Design; \$440,000 with \$48,889 Local Match
2. FY24-FY 26 Colorado State Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership Program (STEPP) LHA Mini Application; \$50,000
3. Professional Services Agreement; Concrete Conservation, LLC; Apply SpectraShield to Existing Manholes; 10/13/2022 thru 12/31/2022; \$39,000
4. Request to Submit Grant Application; City of Gunnison; Gunnison-Hinsdale Early Childhood Council and the Multicultural Resource Office; \$20,000

**SCHEDULING:** The Upcoming Meetings Schedule was discussed and updated. Commissioner Houck noted that the Mayors & Managers meeting was next Thursday in Crested Butte. Commissioner Smith noted she would be unable to attend, due to an opioid meeting. Commissioner Houck affirmed he would be attending, and Commissioner Mason stated he was planning to attend Mayors & Managers as well.

Commissioner Smith also noted that November 8<sup>th</sup> and November 22<sup>nd</sup> she would be participating remotely.

1. Draft 2023 Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Schedule. The Board noted that the July 4th holiday falls on a Tuesday in 2023. County Manager Birnie advised that it would make the most sense to keep the schedule as it is for now and possibly amend it as they get closer to the date, noting that the Board could add a special meeting to July 11<sup>th</sup> or possibly June 27<sup>th</sup>, if needed.

**Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adopt the 2023 BOCC Meeting Schedule, as presented in the packet that day. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORTS:**

1. Airport Celebration scheduled tentatively for December 9<sup>th</sup>. CM Birnie let the Board know that they did not yet have a fixed time for the celebration, but it would be sometime in the afternoon. He reported that he was not sure if the inside mural would be completed for the celebration, but the outside mural was done and he noted the finished topographical map was gorgeous. The Board briefly discussed the much-improved passenger flow and experience, as well as vendor possibilities upstairs. Commissioner Houck requested that Airport Manager Rick Lamport, present in the room,

email to the BOCC the food vendor RFQ which had been put out the week before, so they could take a look at it.

2. Commissioner Houck requested that CM Birnie look into the status of recycling cardboard. Commissioner Houck noted that he had been hearing confusing messages regarding what types of cardboard were available, which were not. He asked if CM Birnie would please check into the status of this type of recycling for him.

#### **CRESTED BUTTE RV DUMP STATION DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE:**

Commissioner Houck began by noting that the Crested Butte dump station had closed for a week or two and then reopened, not knowing that Gunnison was closing their dump at the same time for maintenance. Because of this, the CB Council had taken back up the issue of whether to keep their RV dump station open, modify, or possibly close the site.

In reopening the discussion regarding the location of the dump site at Crested Butte, Commissioner Houck recommended that they provide correspondence to the Town of Crested Butte, thanking them for opening up this discussion, as well as for their installation of signage educating users at the site. He further advised that the Board should look at the issues and agree on some of the tenets that day.

The commissioners then discussed main issues, such as: opportunities to look at other sites, possibility of limiting the length of rigs that use the site, better routing through the site, and providing water elsewhere.

Commissioner Smith stated that she supported using Gunnison for larger rigs; Commissioner Houck expressed his support for the CB site staying open, noting that action did need to be taken regarding hours open and length of rigs. He stated that they should support the Town's decisions, adding that he felt the Town had done a really good job of working through the logistics. Commissioner Smith also suggested that they should locate and identify alternative areas for supplying water and other needs for larger rigs, and Commissioner Mason added that they could defer much of the traffic with a change in the water location.

The Board briefly asked County Attorney Matt Hoyt for advice on requirements for their correspondence and how to approve.

Upon receiving advice, it was **moved** by Commissioner Houck that the Board of County Commissioners develop and deliver correspondence to the Town of Crested Butte on the RV dump station decision they are making. The letter will reflect that the Board of County Commissioners support the station staying open; the Board also understands that the Town will have some specifics to that operation that they are best suited to choose (wherein the Board does not want to micromanage the Town's project). The letter will include appreciation for the Town's overall involvement in STOR and in addressing needs as a county-wide issue and not just a town issue – and their thoughtfulness for this matter will be reflected in the letter as well. This letter will be placed on a further agenda just so it will be documented within the public record and anyone can access that correspondence. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS:** No one was present for discussion.

#### **COMMISSIONER ITEMS:**

##### **Commissioner Mason**

1. Missed an Air Command meeting, but received an update from Scott Truex at a later date. Commissioner Mason gave highlights of his meeting update, mainly centered around the JSX service. He noted that, at the RTA level, they had originally approved \$125,000 to help get an Austin direct flight into Gunnison, with pricing at \$2,500 for a one-way trip, aiding in subsidizing flights from Austin. However, JSX has added other flights on their own dime and Commissioner Mason reported that the Air Command had to adjust numbers and will be going back to the RTA Board that next Friday to ask for an increase, to just under \$200,000. Commissioner Mason added that he hoped the flight from Austin was successful; JSX will then add other flights at their own costs. He reported that Montrose is also getting flights from Austin, though not from JSX.
2. Met with Matt Hoyt and Cory Wong. Commissioner Mason explained that the meeting centered on addressing questions which the the forest service had for the County regarding the land exchange and Kebler Pass and trailhead – land that the County will be receiving deeded over from Mt. Emmons Mining Company. Commissioner Mason revealed that Cory Wong was concerned with early bad weather delaying the schedule for getting boundary surveys, noting that it might be pushed to the spring before they can get monuments set for mapping.
3. Attended Region 10 meeting. Commissioner Mason stated that they were adding a grant navigator position. He clarified that this was not a grant writer, but a navigator can be utilized to help locate grants which the County can access. As for grant writers, Commissioner Mason added that perhaps Region 10 can develop an in-house list for grant writers available to Region 10 members.
4. Meeting with White River National Forest District Ranger Kevin Warner. Commissioner Mason stated that they would be going over some of the recommendations presented at the last Lead King Loop meeting.

##### **Commissioner Smith**

1. Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee has updated a Gunnison Sage-grouse Action Plan. Commissioner Smith noted that this was the first update in more than a decade and asked how the Board would like to proceed with the formal approval. Commissioner Houck requested a

- redline version to go look at, and from there he and CM Birnie would decide how to schedule for a future meeting, possibly at the first of next year.
2. Researching models for carcass disposal. Commissioner Smith reported that she was taking a look at some ways to expand opportunities for carcass disposal, exploring possible compost programs as utilized in other areas.
  3. Onboarding with the new Cheatgrass Mitigation and Habitat Restoration Coordinator, Petar Simic. Commissioner Smith stated that she had been working with new coordinator, developing a management structure and check-in process with a subcommittee of the Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee. She noted that they were currently in the process of developing that subcommittee and appointing people to it, as they move towards larger-scale strategic planning.
  4. Attended a Southwest Colorado Opioid Regional Council meeting. Commissioner Smith explained they were presently trying to erect a regional consortium to deploy their two-year plan. Last week, she coordinated with Colorado Counties Inc (CCI) to discuss data boards across the regions, looking at the possibility of scaling this to a larger level – using the dashboard from Adams County as an example. She reported that the State might be able to put in some of their infrastructure monies already reserved, and CCI has offered to continue with this in quorums.
  5. Conversation regarding the possibility of a manufacturing innovation center to intersect with the Rady School of Computer Science and Engineering, on Western Colorado University's campus. Commissioner Smith briefly highlighted that she had discussed with John Norton of TAPP, David Assad of ICELab and others regarding the potential for a manufacturing center to interact between Rady School and Western's business school as well. The concept for the center would be not only to assist in prototyping for new product, but for providing Phase I manufacturing – tweaking and displaying what is possible with a new product, making preparations and promoting initial, small-scale manufacture.

**Commissioner Houck:**

1. Attended the Spruce Beetle Epidemic Aspen Decline Management Response (SBEADMR) annual meeting. Commissioner Houck reported that largely-successful projects continue across the Grand Mesa-Uncompahgre-Gunnison (GMUG) national forest areas. He highlighted that adaptive management standards have allowed the flexibility to respond to special circumstances; overall, the SBEADMR process is going well.
2. Met (virtually) with a representative from Utah State University, regarding the Gateway Natural Amenity Region (GNAR). Commissioner Houck briefly explained that GNAR looks at how communities like ours have responded to growing property values, tourism-based economy, large amount of service workers, housing challenges, among other growth factors. GNAR is reviewing regions in the entire western United States, and they are using the Gunnison area as a case study on good response and how to work through these issues. He added that he will be really interested to see the outcomes in the study.
3. Attended a BLM Wildlife Corridor Resource Management Plan Meeting last Thursday. Commissioner Houck reported that he was able to attend a part of the meeting, but will go back and listen to the recording of the last part he had to miss.
4. Attended a Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation (STOR) Committee meeting. Commissioner Houck reported that the committee worked on their strategic plan, updating all the things that have been accomplished. Also, they were planning to go through the interviewing process with their members; Commissioner Houck would be participating with Joe Lavorini on this.
5. Attended a Colorado Counties Inc (CCI) session with the Division of Natural Resources (DNR). Commissioner Houck stated that DNR is bringing forward the "Keep Colorado Wild" campaign, where residents have the ability when they register for their vehicle, they can add a parks pass for \$29 to their vehicle. This is significantly cheaper than if they were to buy a pass separately. The meeting focused on working through issues associated with the new program, one of which is that a lot of state parks are located on county road access. If county roads are the mechanism for access to these increasingly popular sites, then where is the cost-sharing opportunity for maintenance, since the entrance is often maintained by counties? This is an ongoing discussion which will be part of a legislative package with CCI and also with the DNR.
6. Onboarding preparation for whoever will take over Commissioner Mason's seat. Commissioner Houck requested that Roland prepare information for the next commissioner, and to inform both Commissioners Houck and Smith on the status of issues and boards he is currently dealing with. Commissioner Houck noted that the Board will not want to lose the amount of time, effort and energy which Commissioner Mason has spent on all the issues he has been working on – Region 10, Lead King Loop recommendations to the Forest Service (deciding whether or not to keep County Road #3 open), and the Mt. Emmons Mining Company land exchange and its water rights adjudication.
7. Kudos for Benefest. Commissioner Houck highlighted the Board's appreciation for the fun, informative employee benefits ("Benefest") meeting put together by Human Resources. He wanted to again thank Director Lauren Trautz for a fantastic job.

**ADJOURN:** Chairperson Houck adjourned the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting at 9:48 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

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TEXT INCLUSION INTO MINUTES**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO  
RESOLUTION NO: 2022-40**

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING RICK LAMPORT AS THE PROJECT DIRECTOR FOR COLORADO  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT AWARD CDAG # 23-GUC-01

CDOT – Aeronautics Division  
CDAG #: 23-GUC-01  
ROUTING: 23-HAV-ZH-00025  
PO #: 471002010

EXHIBIT B, RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS:

The General Assembly of the State of Colorado declared in Title 43 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, Article 10, 1991 in CRS §43-10-101 (the Act) "... that there exists a need to promote the safe operations and accessibility of general aviation in this state; that improvements to general aviation transportation facilities will promote diversified economic development across the state; and that accessibility to airport facilities for residents of this state is crucial in the event of a medical or other type of emergency..."

The Act created the Colorado Aeronautical Board ("the Board") to establish policy and procedures for distribution of monies in the Aviation Fund and created the Division of Aeronautics ("the Division") to carry out the directives of the Board, including technical and planning assistance to airports and the administration of the state aviation system grant program. SEE CRS §43-10-103 and C.R.S. §43-10-105 and CRS §43-10-108.5 of the Act.

Any eligible entity operating a public-accessible airport in the state may file an application for and be recipient of a grant to be used solely for aviation purposes. The Division is authorized to assist such airports as request assistance by means of a Resolution passed by the applicant's duly-authorized governing body, which understands that all funds shall be used exclusively for aviation purposes and that it will comply with all grant procedures, grant assurances and requirements as defined in the Division's Program and Procedures Manual, ("the Manual") and the Airport Sponsor Assurances for Colorado Discretionary Aviation Grant Funding ("Grant Assurances") attached hereto as Exhibit C.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Gunnison County, as a duly authorized governing body of the grant applicant, hereby formally requests assistance from the Colorado Aeronautical Board and the Division of Aeronautics in the form of a state aviation system grant. The Gunnison County states that such grant shall be used solely for aviation purposes, as determined by the State, and as generally described in the Application.

By signing this Grant Agreement, the applicant commits to keep open and accessible for public use all grant funded facilities, improvements and services for their useful life, as determined by the Division and stated in the Grant Agreement and Grant Assurances.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Gunnison County hereby designates Rick Lamport as the Project Director, as described in the Manual and authorizes the Project Director to act in all matters relating to the work project proposed in the Application in its behalf, including executions of the Grant Agreement and any amendments.

FURTHER:

The Gunnison County has appropriated or will otherwise make available in a timely manner all funds, if any, that are required to be provided by the Applicant under the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement.

FINALLY:

The Gunnison County hereby accepts all guidelines, procedures, standards, and requirements described in the Manual as applicable to the performance of the grant work and hereby approves the Grant Agreement submitted by the State, including all terms and conditions contained therein.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO

Houck – yes, Mason – yes, Smith – yes