

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 18, 2023**

The July 18, 2023 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
Liz Smith, Vice-Chairperson
Laura Puckett Daniels, Commissioner [REMOTE]

Matthew Birnie, County Manager
Melanie Bollig, Deputy County Clerk
Others Present as Listed in Text

GUNNISON COUNTY LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY:

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Houck called the Gunnison County Local Liquor Licensing Authority meeting to order at 8:30 am.

BREAK: The meeting recessed from 8:30 until 8:35 am, in order to hold the following Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING; COLORADO LIQUOR RETAIL LICENSE APPLICATION; POWDER MONARCH LLC DBA MONARCH SKI AND SNOWBOARD AREA; 24500 US HWY 50, GUNNISON, COLORADO: Gunnison County Clerk and Recorder Kathy Simillion was present in the room, and Applicant Richard Stroud attended remotely via Zoom.

1. Open Public Hearing. Chairperson Houck opened the Public Hearing at 8:31 am.
2. Public Notice Confirmation. County Clerk Simillion confirmed that the Public Hearing had been properly noticed.
3. Identify Ex Parte Communications. No ex parte communications were identified.
4. Staff Presentation. County Clerk Kathy Simillion confirmed for Chairperson Houck that the application was going through a concurrent review from the County and the State, and there was nothing found to be out of the ordinary in the review process. She further noted that the State had indicated their pre-approval was complete and it was now a matter of receiving the commissioners’ approval; the commissioners should expect a request for approval and signature on the Alcohol Beverage License itself at the next regular meeting.
5. Applicant Presentation. Applicant Richard Stroud thanked the commissioners for considering this application, and added that all the Gunnison County staff he had worked with had been a great help.
6. Board Questions. There were no questions from the Board.
7. Public Comments. Chairperson Houck opened the Public Hearing to comments at 8:35 am. No one in the room or remotely via Zoom was present for comment.
8. Acknowledge Correspondence Received. Commissioner Houck confirmed that no additional correspondence was received.
9. Applicant Response. Applicant Richard Stroud again thanked the County Commissioners and staff for all their help.
10. Close Public Hearing. Chairperson Houck closed the Public Hearing at 8:35 am and immediately reconvened the Local Liquor License Authority meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA: With no questions from the Board, it was **moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Houck, to approve the Alcohol Beverage License #03-11784 for Birdsey Enterprises LLC dba Taylor Park Marina, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Alcohol Beverage License #03-11784; Birdsey Enterprises LLC dba Taylor Park Marina; 21700 County Road 742, Almont, Colorado; 6/11/2023 – 6/11/2024

ADJOURN: Chairperson Houck adjourned the meeting of the Local Liquor Licensing Authority at 8:37 am.

GUNNISON/HINSDALE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES:

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Houck called the meeting to order at 8:37 am. Present in the room was Hinsdale County Commissioner Greg Levine, and attending remotely was Assistant County Manager for Health, Human, and Safety Services Joni Reynolds.

CONSENT AGENDA: ACM Reynolds informed the Board that this was a standard MOU document that they have signed for a couple of years now, allowing them to look up work history through a couple of their programs. She also thanked Commissioner Levine for making the trek down to attend the meeting in person.

With no questions from the Board, it was **moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Levine, to approve the MOU on the consent agenda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Approval for Memorandum of Understanding between; (A) the Rural Consortium Workforce Development Board (the "Workforce Board"); (B) the Colorado Rural Workforce Board of Local Elected Officials (the "LEO Board"); (C) the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment,

Division of Employment and Training, acting by and through the Colorado Rural Workforce Consortium ("CRWC" or the "State"); and (D) The One-Stop Partner (collectively "the Parties") as required by Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA); for preparing rural Coloradoans' access and entry into a skilled workforce; 7/01/2023 - 6/20/2026

ADJOURN: Chairperson Houck adjourned the meeting of the Gunnison/Hinsdale Board of Human Services at 8:39 am.

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Houck called the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners regular meeting to order at 8:39 am.

AGENDA REVIEW: No changes were needed to the agenda.

SCHEDULING: Chairperson Houck noted that the Mayors & Managers meeting would be hosted by the Gunnison County Library on August 3rd. He stated that he would be out of town; Commissioner Smith confirmed she would also be out of town. County Manager Birnie added that he would also be out of town; however, Assistant County Manager for Community and Economic Development Cathie Pagano would be attending in his place. Commissioner Puckett Daniels stated she might be able to attend and suggested that she and Commissioner Houck talk this through after the meeting.

Chairperson Houck reminded the other commissioners of the joint public hearing with the Planning Commission, scheduled for Thursday, July 20th, and further noted that he would not be in office for the August 8th BOCC work session.

MINUTES: Commissioner Smith reminded those present that she not been able to remotely attend all of the June 20th meeting, and had not been present for the Strategic Plan Update from Western Colorado University.

Moved by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the meeting minutes of June 20th, 2023, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1. June 20, 2023 Regular Meeting

CONSENT AGENDA: With no questions from the Board, it was **moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Houck, to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Acknowledgement of Acting County Manager's signature; American Red Cross, Mile High Chapter, Facility Use Agreement; Gunnison County Fairgrounds; for use of the Fred R. Field building at the Fairgrounds as an emergency shelter; Effective date of signing up to 30 days after written notice by either party
2. Approval for Intergovernmental Agreement Between Gunnison County Clerk & Recorder and Bishop of Pueblo; for lease of Queen of All Saint's Parish Hall, 405 Sopris Ave, Crested Butte, Colorado, as a Voter Service Polling Center for 2023 elections; 11/3/2023 - 11/7/2023; \$1,200
3. Acknowledgement of Acting County Manager's signature; Professional Services Agreement; PanTerra Energy; for contractor services – Geothermal Test Well and Thermal Conductivity test - at the Whetstone Housing Project, Crested Butte; 6/16/2023 - 12/31/2023; \$28,468
4. Acknowledgement of Acting County Manager's signature; Professional Services Agreement; PanTerra Energy; for contractor services – Geothermal Test Well and Thermal Conductivity test - at the Gunnison County Road and Bridge Division 2 Shop, Crested Butte; 6/16/2023 - 12/31/2023; \$28,468
5. Acknowledgement of County Manager's signature; United Companies Bid #22352; for paving at Meridian Lake, Crested Butte; Effective 6/22/2023; \$86,753.75
6. Approval for Intergovernmental Agreement Between City of Gunnison and Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gunnison; for the City of Gunnison Senior Meals Program; Effective date of signing until terminated or modified by its parties; \$38,902 for FY 2023
7. Approval for Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment, Office of Gun Violence Prevention Mini Grant; Gunnison County Substance Abuse Prevention Project (GCSAPP); Extension of funding for training to reduce gun violence and suicides involving firearms; Effective date of signing - 12/31/2023; \$4,300
8. Approval for Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Undesirable Plant Management 2023; between Gunnison, Saguache, Hinsdale Counties Board of County Commissioners, Town of Crested Butte, City of Gunnison, and Town of Pitkin; to govern the relationship between parties for the management of undesirable plants in the Gunnison Basin; Gunnison County is provider of services 1/01/2023 - 12/31/2023; \$117.50 / hr for noxious weed management
9. Ratification of BOCC signatures for revised Letter of Support; Colorado Parks and Wildlife's America the Beautiful Grant Application
10. Acknowledgment of County Manager's signature; Electric Utility Relocation Agreement; between Gunnison County Board of County Commissioner, Town of Crested Butte, and Gunnison County Electric Association (GCEA); for relocation/realignment of a portion of electric utility infrastructure on real property "TP5" of the Slate River Subdivision

11. Approval for State of Colorado Audit Extension; Gunnison County; to extend deadline for County Audit re Year Ending 12/31/2022 to be completed by 9/30/2023
12. Approval for Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley 2023 Community Grant Contract; Juvenile Services; funding to support Choice Pass parent education; 7/1/2023 - 5/31/2024; \$2,250
13. Approval for Trade Contract Agreement with Moody Construction & Sons, Inc; for Landfill Liner Expansion Project; timing as specified in a Notice to Proceed - to be provided by the County; not to exceed \$569,722.03

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORTS: County Manager Matthew Birnie was present in the room to give his report and to answer any questions the Board might have.

1. Sawtooth Affordable Housing Project, Phase 1 update. CM Birnie reported that the project was on track and making good progress – all of the units were now set in place and they were currently working on finishes and connections for electric and other utilities. The board requested a site visit to view the units and also discussed with CM Birnie the precision of the factory-built units and the greatly-shortened time for completion of the project.
2. Whetstone Affordable Housing Project update. CM Birnie stated that they had been meeting with Servitas to put an agreement together with them as the development partner on the Whetstone project.

TREASURER'S REPORT: County Treasurer Debbie Dunbar presented remotely via Zoom, confirming for Chairperson Houck that there was nothing out of the ordinary to report.

With no questions from the Board, it was **moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Houck, to accept the Treasurer's reports and authorize the chair's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

VOUCHERS AND TRANSFERS: Chief Financial Officer Perry Solheim was present in the room for discussion and to answer any questions the Board might have.

1. **July 2023 Accounts Payable Report.** Commissioner Puckett Daniels asked about the type of coding on two items in the report, and CFO Solheim let Commissioner Puckett Daniels know what type of transactions each of the codes entailed.

With no further questions from the Board, it was **moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$3,077,525.98. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **May 2023 Purchase Card Report.**
3. **June 2023 Cash Transfer Report. Moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Houck, to approve the June 2023 Cash Transfer report in the amount of \$6,859,151.67. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Sales Tax - LMD Reports.** No comments from the Board, other than to note a general flattening out of sales tax revenues; Commissioner Smith recognized the Finance Department for their continued excellent job in retrieving online sales taxes. CFO Solheim noted that April 2023 had felt like a contraction in revenues, but had actually been more like than a normal April based upon that time period's performance in past years. He further noted the upswing in visitors for the summer so far.

RECESS: The meeting recessed from 8:49 am until 9:01 am in order to hold the below Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ESTABLISHING THE DISTRICTS OF THE GUNNISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS A RESULT OF THE 2020 FEDERAL CENSUS: Geographic Information Services Program Manager Mike Pelletier was present in the room for this public hearing.

1. Open Public Hearing. Chairperson Houck opened the Public Hearing at 8:50 am.
2. Public Notice Confirmation. County Attorney Matt Hoyt confirmed that the Public Hearing had been properly public noticed, and that this was included in the meeting portfolio record.
3. Identify Ex Parte Communications. No ex parte communications were received by the commissioners.
4. Staff Presentation. Chairperson introduced the staff presentation by stating that every ten years, after the census, boundaries for the commissioner districts need to be established, based upon very specific state statutes regarding how many people need to be in each district and how the district boundaries are drawn, with no commissioner participation involved in this process. He then invited GIS Program Mgr Mike Pelletier, as the person involved in establishing the boundaries after the 2020 census, to explain his research of the boundaries as they exist and his proposal for updated district boundaries.

GIS Program Mgr Pelletier then shared a table with the Board, showing the populations for both 2010 and 2020 census results. He stated that with 2020 census numbers, the maximum difference in district population numbers was 1.3% - between Districts 1 (5,549) and 3 (5,769). As a result, and with such a small difference between districts, the staff proposed no changes to the boundaries, but added that they could modify boundaries if the Board felt it to be necessary.

5. Applicant Presentation. n/a
6. Board Questions. Commissioner Houck asked whether the statute required deviations between district populations to be no more than a $\pm 5\%$ difference. CA Hoyt confirmed this and explained that in this county, the commissioners are all elected countywide; any boundaries changes here would help determine where the commissioner must reside – following the stipulation that the

commissioner must live in the district he or she is representing. He then outlined several guidelines for considering the ability and need to change boundary lines. GIS Program Mgr Pelletier also confirmed that he used the 2020 census blocks to confirm the populations per district. The Board then briefly discussed what area the population change might have occurred in, since 2010.

7. Public Comments. Chairperson Houck opened the Public Hearing to comments at 8:58 am. He also noted for those listening that this hearing to establish districts had been changed to a year later than normal, as the state had passed a bill to in 2022 to make the deadline one year later.

No one was present remotely via Zoom or in the room to offer public comment.

8. Acknowledge Correspondence Received. No additional correspondence was identified.
9. Applicant Response. n/a
10. Close Public Hearing. Chairperson Houck closed the Public Hearing at 9:01 am and immediately reconvened the meeting of the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners.

Chairperson Houck then stated that they would go ahead and wait the statutory 30 days before approving a "Resolution Establishing the Districts of Gunnison County Commissioners as a Result of the 2020 Federal Census" – a draft of which had been included in the commissioners' meeting portfolio. He then thanked GIS Program Mgr Mike Pelletier for his work on the districts and their boundary lines.

RESOLUTION; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO PERTAINING TO OPEN FIRE BANS AND THE IMPOSITION OF FIRE RESTRICTION STAGES AND EXEMPTIONS: As Emergency Management Manager Scott Morrill was not present to introduce this resolution, CA Matt Hoyt explained to the commissioners the responsibilities of the BOCC in regulating fire bans and restriction/exemptions, and that the BOCC had delegated authority in the past to the Sheriff so that he might not have to wait to go through a formal open meeting in order to enact any needed fire action or restriction, lending to much more timely responsiveness on the County's behalf. He added that the resolution was in the same format as the one they had approved last year.

Chairperson Houck stated that it enabled the county to be involved at a quicker, more nimble level, yet not making decisions independently of other agencies, and he could not think of a time where there had been a difference of opinions on the fire stages or regulations.

CM Birnie noted that this was a fairly recent change for delegating authority, and he felt it was good to give the Sheriff the ability to make decisions as needed. CA Hoyt added that the resolution still had a check built in, with the Sheriff being required to report to the BOCC within three business day following any action. He further noted that, with the quickness of moving fires these days, it made the resolution very appropriate, with that check in place.

With no questions from the Board, it was **moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Houck, to approve Resolution 2023-16, A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado Pertaining to Open Fire Bans and the Imposition of Fire Restriction Stages and Exemptions. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL FOR AMENDMENTS TO GUNNISON-CRESTED BUTTE REGIONAL AIRPORT RULES AND REGULATIONS; JULY 2023 DRAFT: Airport Director Rick Lampport and Assistant Stephanie Petsch were both present in the room to explain the amendments and to answer any questions the Board might have.

Chairperson Houck began by asking CM Birnie and CA Hoyt about the Board's authority to approve these amendments, stating that it had been a long time since the Board had seen the anything like this from the Airport. CM Birnie answered that it was not statutorily clear, but that this was what the Board has done in the past, to order to give the County's stamp of approval, and he confirmed that the amendments had not been done for quite a while.

Chairperson Houck then requested Airport Director Lampport to walk the Board through the amendments that he would like to make. Director Lampport began by stating that the amendments were minor editorial changes, nothing significant, but similar to other airports' rules and regulations. He outlined that the purpose of the Airport Rules and Regulations was, through policy, to ensure that the airport operates safely and efficiently, and to prohibit anything that might impact that safe and efficient operation. He confirmed for CA Hoyt that the FAA does not approve airport rules and regulations, but that the airport sponsor does this, and further noted that he would also be bringing to the Board a Minimum Standards Guidelines at a future date, which was more regulatory than what was being presented currently to the Board.

As a redline version of the amendments had not been provided in the meeting portfolio, Director Lampport, upon request, briefly went over some of the minor wording changes made, and the reasons and rules behind these amendments.

With no further questions from the Board, it was **moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Houck, to approve the amendments to the Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport Rules and Regulations – July 2023 draft, as presented that morning. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL FOR APPLICATION TO IMPOSE AND USE A PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGE – NOTICE OF INTENT 23-07-C-00-GUC; GUNNISON-CRESTED BUTTE REGIONAL AIRPORT: Airport Director Rick Lampport and Assistant Stephanie Petsch remained in the room to present this item as well, and to answer any questions the Board might have.

Chairperson Houck briefly outlined that the airport is applying to be able to impose a passenger facility charge, and part of the notice of intent is for the Board to authorize that application, with the County Manager to sign the application.

Airport Director Rick Lamport outlined that this charge applies to passengers who are buying a ticket and are departing from an airport, with a maximum charge for a round trip at \$18 - up to two outbound legs and two inbound legs at \$4.50 each leg. Only the FAA is able to approve this charge, and it works with the airport improvement funding (AIP) to collect funds for airport projects which need to be AIP eligible; the airlines collect this on the airport's behalf. Director Lamport then went through the process of putting this application together, and discussed several topics with the BOCC, including: how the funding can be used; what is the cap on fees; time period allowed to collect these fees; and clarification of what fees are charged from each of the airports for a round trip.

CA Hoyt clarified for the Board that the airport is asking for permission to collect these fees, and is also letting the FAA know what they plan to be spending these funds on. The Board discussed for several minutes with CFO Solheim, CM Birnie, CA Hoyt, and Airport Director Lamport what type of projects the airport was hoping to put these funds toward, and requested further clarification on how the monies could be applied.

With no further questions from the Board, it was **moved** by Commissioner Smith to support the application as presented and authorize the County Manager's signature. Commissioner Houck seconded, but requested a friendly amendment to change the word "support" to "approve" the application. Commissioner Smith accepted that amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

2023 BALLOT QUESTION DISCUSSION: Assistant County Manager for Public Works Martin Schmidt was present in the room for discussion and to answer any questions the Board might have.

Chairperson Houck stated that the county's Strategic Plan includes the need to find a way to support revenues for Road & Bridge, noting that the gap between what funding the county has available and what is needed has grown over time. Chairperson Houck added that they would like to discuss what was the best way to present a complete package of information to the community, in order to put this successfully onto a ballot.

ACM Schmidt explained that while he was aware there is a shortfall, they do not yet have hard data of exactly how much that shortfall is. Because they have been delaying maintenance, and because larger projects have not been pursued due to needing grant funding, ACM Schmidt highlighted that they could do a better job of establishing hard data if a consultant were to assist in identifying maintenance and project priorities, costs, and projected benefits. He advised that they have looked at applicants and selected two different consultant groups to interview. The Board, ACM Schmidt, and CM Birnie discussed the benefits to this approach.

Commissioner Houck noted that what he was hearing was they were not quite ready with an informed ask for this year, and so he asked about what would happen if they do not go to the voters this year, but decide to wait a year. The Board, CM Birnie and ACM Schmidt then discussed for several minutes how to keep operating with existing funding through next year, in order to better utilize the insights and recommendations of a consultant. Budget needs, consideration for public engagement in the consultant process, and community outreach were also briefly outlined by ACM Schmidt.

CM Birnie reminded the Board that what they were asking for that day was whether or not they would be sending anything to the County Clerk for this year's ballot.

After each of the Board expressed support for waiting until next year to go to the voters, Chairperson Houck also gave general direction to ACM Schmidt and CM Birnie to work on developing specific needs and cost for projects, so that the community could be better informed before needing to vote on any road and bridge issues put before them.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT (RMPA) FOR THE GUNNISON SAGE-GROUSE; COMMENTS: Chairperson Houck briefly went over the background of the Sage-grouse RMPA process, highlighting that Gunnison County was a cooperating agency in the process, and that the Board had formally granted authority to Commissioner Houck to work with Wildlife Biologist Jim Cochran and County Attorney Matt Hoyt in order to submit comments on the County's behalf.

Commissioner Houck informed the Board that the BLM had currently given them twelve days to review a 1,000-page draft; and they were currently going over this draft and preparing comment – reserving their right as cooperating agency to go past the deadline if needed.

Commissioner Houck also stated that their comments would not deviate from the County's historical stance regarding Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse range, and that he desired to make sure that the good work already done is not minimalized and absorbed into the greater range. He further noted that these comments would be representing Gunnison County's perspective; other area agencies involved would have a different role and responsibility in the process.

Overall, Commissioner Houck stated that this was more of an update on the RMPA process; there would be no direction needed at this time. Commissioner Smith thanked Commissioner Houck for the amount of time he has given to the project and for bringing his extensive knowledge and past background in working on the Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee. She added that she is looking forward to reviewing the comments, but conclude that she was very confident in Commissioner Houck's ability to represent them.

APPROVAL FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA) FOR DISPOSAL OF CARCASSES; COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE (CPW); FOR DISPOSAL OF AGRICULTURAL CARCASSES, PER CPW PROGRAM WITH 30 LANDOWNER PARTICIPANTS; EFFECTIVE DATE OF SIGNING, ANNUAL RENEWAL; 50% DISCOUNT ON COUNTY LANDFILL RATES: Assistant County Manager for Public Works Martin Schmidt, present in the room, and CPW Wildlife Conservation Biologist Nate Seward, present remotely via Zoom, were in attendance to go over the IGA with the Board, and to answer any questions they might have.

Commissioner Smith began by highlighting that the mitigation of carcasses helped to reduce the number of predators in the area - important to Sage-grouse survival. She added that she was pleased to see those listed in the IGA had come to an agreement, and also suggested that the language might need future updates, in view of the upcoming introduction of wolves.

Conservation Biologist Nate Seward informed the Board that there has been an agreement already in place with CDOT and the County for years; he felt that it had not been much of a reach to extend this program with the discounted rate to their larger agriculture operators in the basin. He explained that CPW would be reducing some of the burden for those producers by collecting the carcasses, covering costs for those who would be participating in the Gunnison Sage-grouse Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) program. Mr. Seward further stated that this IGA focused on the conservation of Sage-grouse, specifically the potential predation of young Sage-grouse chicks by common ravens, noting that this effort was a step in the right direction.

Commissioner Houck inquired about the impacts of this program to County operation and revenues. ACM Schmidt answered by observing that animal carcass disposal was not a large amount of funding for the landfill; therefore, he felt that the 50% reduction in the fee charge for single animal disposals would be able to be absorbed. He further noted the project was more about the ways in which the County could contribute to the CCAA program and its goal of Gunnison Sage-grouse preservation.

Commissioner Houck **moved** to approve the IGA for the Disposal of Carcasses, between Gunnison County and Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and to authorize the chair's signature on the agreement. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CHANGE OF AGENDA: As the meeting was running behind schedule, Commissioner Houck elected to take a break in the meeting from 9:58 am to 10:04 am, instead of after the Sawtooth Project discussion, as had been scheduled.

SAWTOOTH PROJECT; UPDATE AND PHASE 2 DISCUSSION: Assistant County Manager for Operations & Sustainability John Cattles and Assistant County Manager for Community and Economic Development Cathie Pagano were both present in the room, for discussion and to answer questions which the Board might have.

ACM John Cattles began by highlighting that Sawtooth was really one project, but was being built in two phases. Phase 1 was funded, and because it was a county project, it would meet the needs of the community's AMI range much more than a state or federally budgeted project. He stated that Phase 1's goal was to have its anticipated annual revenues of \$250,000 put back toward funding additional affordable housing, as well as helping to fund Phase 2.

ACM Cattles then updated the Board on the progress for Phase 2, outlining that they were currently in the design phase and hoped to begin some of the work this fall. The budget for Phase 2 was \$11,135,000, including monies from a DOLA grant which would cover costs for a solar array and geothermal well field. He advised the Board, that currently, with what was budgeted from the 2023 budget, there was still a funding gap – the rates at which they could borrow monies to finish the project would still leave a revenue gap from rentals at the projected goal of 80% AMI. ACM Cattles advised that they were coming to the Board to ask them to consider using Local Marketing District (LMD) funds for Phase 2 in their 2024 budget – to fill the gap and allow the project to be "cash neutral" with rents set at 80% AMI.

CM Birnie added that they would continue also to seek other funding all through the process, advising that the more equity they can put into the project will help with cash flow to put toward other projects. Commissioner Houck stated that he would want these revenues to be designated back into housing needs.

The commissioners, CM Birnie, and ACM Cattles discussed for several minutes various questions, with topics including: allowance and goals for a renewable stream of housing funding, Phase 2 project timing; LMD funds distribution and approval for \$1 million support from the LMD fund; possibilities for future grants; and community needs and goals centered around housing for families, seniors, and childcare.

Chief Financial Officer Perry, also present in the room, noted that this ask for LMD funds was time-bound and a matter of urgency. Commissioner Houck expressed his hope that the county committing up front will maximize leveraging and opportunities for other funding. He then wrapped up the discussion by stating that the Board approved funding of \$1 million from LMD funds toward the Sawtooth Phase 2 project, understanding that this is what the community voted for and this is a place where they can make an impact on housing needs. He stated that their next steps as a Board would be to look at the 40% cap on LMD funds for the workforce and work together to determine how best to allocate that for housing, childcare, and recreation infrastructure for the long term.

CA Hoyt stated for the record that this action was germane and appropriate to the language on the ballot. Chairperson Houck asked if there was a specific action that needed to be taken at that point. CM Birnie answered that, for now, a consensus from the Board was what was needed; further action would be taken in the strategic planning process and in the budget appropriation process for the next year.

UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS: There was no one present in the room or remotely via Zoom for public comment.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS:

Commissioner Smith

1. Out of town for most of June to attend an intensive leadership program. Commissioner Smith reported that she had been away much of June attending an intensive 3-week leadership program at Harvard University in Boston. This was a program for senior executives and state and local government leaders. She related that she found the program very rewarding, and that it was powerful learning from esteemed thinkers and leaders, regarding topics which touched on every aspect of local government. Commissioner Smith also expressed her gratitude to the Gates Family Foundation, which funded this program for seven Coloradoans in 2023.
2. Southwest Colorado Opioid Regional Council (SWCORC). Commissioner Smith outlined that SWCORC was finally in the process of finalizing negotiations with United Way of Mesa County – the organization selected by the council to take on the RFP and contracting process. She outlined that this should help with getting resources out to the region’s communities, and noted that United Way had been very generous with them, taking only 4% for administration.
3. Working with the Gunnison Cultural Connection. Commissioner Smith informed the Board that the group was planning another Welcoming Week event in the fall, and she was asking for a contribution of around \$1,000 out of the BOCC’s discretionary funds to help make it successful. Commissioner Smith expressed her anticipation of another really great event, and added that several in the community had already reached out to find out how to get involved this year, and that she had been in contact with Western Colorado University, Gunnison County Library, and the Art Center regarding their participation as well. Both Chairperson Houck and Commissioner Puckett Daniels indicated that they supported the contribution. CM Bernie advised Commissioner Smith to let him know when they would want the funds and it would be added to a future agenda.
4. Met with Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority (GVRHA) Executive Director Andy Kadlec last week. Commissioner Smith highlighted that she had wanted to catch up on business and projects with Dir Kadlec; she also attended their board meeting last Thursday, July 13th, as well.
5. Attended community meeting with the Wild & Scenic stakeholders committee on Monday night. Commissioner Smith reported that attendees included representatives of Pitkin County, Gunnison County, American Whitewater, and Colorado River District. She noted the interesting and diverse perspectives within the group, and added that they will be holding further in-person meetings in August and September as well. These meetings will be centered around the future of the Crystal River, with educational topics on augmentation, water rights, hydrology and ecology – all designed to help get participants up to speed on context, helping them to assess varying options for enhanced protections on the Crystal River.

Commissioner Puckett Daniels – When asked by Commissioner Houck if there was anything she wished to report on, Commissioner Puckett Daniels indicated that there was not.

Commissioner Houck

1. Worked on responsiveness to the Gunnison Outdoor Resources Protection (GORP) Act. Commissioner Houck outlined for those present that the GORP Act was based directly out of the recommendations in the Gunnison Public Lands Initiative (GPLI). He had met with Delta County, Hinsdale County, and Saguache County Commissioners and coordinated on each county’s requests, in working toward a finalized piece to be introduced to the Senate by Senator Bennet.
2. Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Resource Management Plan (RMPA) Amendment – Commissioner Houck reported that he and Wildlife Biologist Jim Cochran were continuing work on the county’s comments and as a cooperating agency in the RMPA process.
3. Grand Mesa-Uncompahgre-Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests Plan. Commissioner Houck advised that he had reached out to GMUG Forest Supervisor Chad Stewart, trying to get together for a half-day meeting with him to get the forest plan moving forward, a project which has been paused numerous times since 2006.
4. Will be in Crested Butte tomorrow to welcome the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB). Commissioner Houck highlighted that the CWCB would be holding their meeting in Mt. Crested Butte.
5. Thursday and Friday, July 20-21, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Commission is holding their meeting in Gunnison. Commissioner Houck stated that he wished to attend in order to discuss several items, including wolf reintroduction, Gunnison Sage-grouse, and wildlife corridors.
6. Good feedback for the Carnival location during Cattlemen’s Days. Commissioner Houck reported that he had received good feedback regarding the carnival’s new location – one parent liked the paved locations, as their child came home not coated in dust. Others felt the location was very accessible to the fairgrounds still, and to the whole community. Commissioner Houck noted the overall success of this year’s Cattlemen’s Days.

Commissioner Smith – ADDITIONAL ITEM:

6. Attended Club 20 policy meetings in Pagosa Springs, Colorado on July 12-14. Commissioner Smith added her attendance at this policy meeting, noting the policies unique to Gunnison County and adding her desire to stay involved and give the county a voice.

Commissioner Houck – ADDITIONAL ITEM:

7. Date for a townhall visit from Congresswoman Lauren Boebert’s office. Commissioner Houck let those present know that Rep Boebert’s staff had reached out with a suggested date to hold a Gunnison townhall meeting; however, it had not been date that any of our commissioners were able to be at. He added that he was hoping to work out another date with her staff, and he would keep CM Birnie informed on a future date.

CHANGE IN AGENDA: Due to the meeting being behind schedule, Chairperson Houck elected to take a break from 10:54 am to 11:00 am, in order to hold the Gunnison County Board of Health regular meeting at its scheduled time.

RECESS: Chairperson Houck recessed the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners regular meeting, in order to hold the below regular meeting for the Gunnison County Board of Health.

Chairperson Houck also noted that he intended to reconvene the Board of County Commissioners regular meeting immediately after the Board of Health meeting, then recess and hold the Executive Session as the last agenda item of the day.

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Houck called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

Present in the room were Assistant County Manager for Health, Human, and Safety Services Joni Reynolds and Medical Health Officer Dr. John Tarr.

SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE: Wellness, Senior & Enforcement Services Manager Betsy Holena was present to give this report and to answer any questions the Board might have.

Mgr Holena advised the Board that their Senior Resource programs are now located under individual and family health in their new strategic plan. They are allowing for 95% of seniors to be able to remain in their homes, and to have 90% of adult protection cases not have to be reopened within a year.

Dr. Tarr observed that the average age of the senior population in the senior care facility in Gunnison exceeds the national average by as much as 40% at times – an attestation of the fact that elders do remain in their homes a longer here than in other parts of the nation. Also, he gave an example of the number who ride bikes and walk, noting that the population here supports an active lifestyle, in support of Mgr Holena’s goals.

Mgr Holena then went over the programs, funding and challenges due to decreasing funding in some of the programs. The impact of this decreased funding and future opportunities were also briefly looked at as well. She explained that they have 4-1/2 people providing services that range from gathering information and making referrals, to options counseling wherein they sit down with family or a caregiver to go over options for an aging plan and services to go along with that. She next outlined the criteria and process for adult protective services, adding that they try to work with families for the least restrictive means, allowing people to self-determine what they want their aging process to look like.

For funding of these programs, Mgr Holena stated that they were supported by Region 10, Next Fifty, Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing, Colorado Department of Human Services, Gunnison County, and Community Services Block Grant. She advised that the federal Funding for Older Americans Act is expected to decrease funding significantly, so they were looking for other sources of funding to support the services they currently have. Also, she reported that they did receive a NextFifty grant that will help backfill the monies being lost by a decrease in Region 10 funding.

For the Senior Meal Program, the County funds \$38,000 per year to the program and provides referrals to any older adult on their low-income program. Overall, Mrg Holena outlined, they seek to broker resources for older citizens, connecting them to services that they might need to help them stay in their homes and on fixed incomes. Dr. Tarr also noted that social needs are enormous in this community, and that Medicare support is also very restrictive for many, so that having senior resources available to help support the socio/economic needs of the community’s aging population is critical.

The Board discussed with Mgr Holena, Dr. Tarr and ACM Reynolds topics around Senior Services, including: state of senior housing, in consideration of the area’s current real estate market; lack of availability to downsize homes or rent; the lack of local Medicaid providers for home services; and possible resources or alternatives for filling the gaps.

COMMUNITY HEALTH; ASSESSMENT AND HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE: Community Health Manager Margaret Wacker, West Central Public Health Partnership (WCPHP) Grants Manager Erika Stoerkel, and HHS Intern Nola Hadley were present in the room to give the update and to answer any question the Board might have.

CH Mgr Wacker introduced both WCPHP Grants Manager Ericka Stoerkel and HHS Summer Intern Nola Hadley to the commissioners, then went into a slide presentation of her Community Health Assessment.

The presentation included a timeline from Fall 2022 to Summer/Fall 2023, showing times for data reviews, community engagement and their prioritization and planning processes. The results will be submitted to the State Board of Health. Next, she outlined several demographics for Gunnison County residents. Demographics covered: population (Gunnison experienced a 10.4% population increase from 2010 to 2020); ethnicity (86.52% of the county identified as Non-Hispanic White, with Hispanic or Latino next at 9.56%); age (the largest two ages groups were 20-24 years and 35-39, with only 144 at 85 years and older); percentage of linguistically isolated households (10.2% for Gunnison County); percentage of persons in Poverty (12.3% for Gunnison County); median household income (\$63,341 for Gunnison County); Behavioral Health data on Adult Current Smokers, Binge Drinking, No Leisure Time Activity, and Child Maltreatment Rate; Aging in Place data; Access to care for adults and children; percentage of population receiving SNAP benefits; and Healthy Eating/Active Living data.

Mgr Wacker also outlined the goals and process they used for prioritization of topics as they updated the regional Community Health Assessment, comparing them to past priorities and top issues from 2022 and 2023. The results showed the top three priorities as: 1) Behavioral and Mental Health; 2) Aging in Place; and 3) Prevention & Education Health (chronic diseases, women’s health, cancer). Priorities for the years 2024-2028 were also covered, with top priorities identified as Behavioral and Mental Health, and Capacity Building for the regional West Central Public Health Partnership (WCPHP).

The Board, ACM Joni Reynolds, and Mgrs Wacker and Stoerkel then discussed several issues, including: public health system swamped during the COVID pandemic; moving forward through staff and funding losses; building capacity to offer services to this region; data on poverty levels for Gunnison County; and how the West Central Public Health Partnership is beneficial to it’s participating counties.

ADJOURN: Chairperson Houck thanked ACM Reynolds, the Health and Human Services staff, and Dr. Tarr for joining the meeting, and then adjourned the Gunnison County Board of Health regular meeting at 11:56 am.

RECONVENE: Chairperson Houck reconvened the Board of County Commissioners regular meeting at 11:56 am.

RECESS: Chairperson Houck recessed the meeting from 11:56 am until 12:46 pm, in order to hold the below executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, PURSUANT TO C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (4)(E)(I): DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS, DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS RELATED TO REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO: Chairperson Houck **moved** to go into Executive Session, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(e)(I), determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations related to real property located in Gunnison County, Colorado. The participants in the Executive Session would be Commissioner Houck, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Puckett Daniels (remotely via Zoom), County Manager Matthew Birnie, County Attorney Matthew Hoyt, and Assistant County Manager for Public Works Martin Schmidt. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into executive session at 11:57 am. The executive session was held in the BOCC Boardroom. *Executive sessions of the Board of County Commissioners are conducted as per C.R.S. §24-6-402(4). This specific session was conducted as per §24-6-402 (4)(e)(I).*

Attorney Statement Regarding Executive Session

Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4), I attest that I am the Gunnison County Attorney, that I represent the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners, that I attended all of the above referenced executive session, that all of the executive session was confined to the topic authorized for discussion pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(e)(I).

Date: _____

Matthew Hoyt
Gunnison County Attorney

Chairperson Statement Regarding Executive Session

Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4), I attest that I am the Chairperson of the Gunnison County Board of Commissioners, that I attended all of the above referenced executive session, and that all of that executive session was confined to the topic authorized for discussion pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(e)(I).

Date: _____

Jonathan Houck, Chairperson

Gunnison County Board of Commissioners

At 12:46 am, it was **moved** by Chairperson Houck to come out of executive session, affirming that the participants in the executive session remained consistent with those read into the record, and that they did stay on topic. No decisions were made within the executive session. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Houck then informed those present that no guidance would be needed from the Board.

ADJOURN: Chairperson Houck adjourned the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners regular meeting at 12:46 pm.

Jonathan Houck, Chairperson

Liz Smith, Vice-Chairperson

Laura Puckett Daniels, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Melanie Bollig, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

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. 23-15**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO
PERTAINING TO OPEN FIRE BANS AND THE
IMPOSITION OF FIRE RESTRICTION STAGES AND EXEMPTIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County ("Board"), pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 30-11-101(2) and 30-15-401, et seq. has the general enabling power to adopt ordinances, resolutions, rules and other regulations as may be necessary for the control or licensing of those matters of purely local concern, and to do all acts which may be necessary or expedient to promote the health and welfare of the residents and visitors of Gunnison County ("County"); and

WHEREAS, the Board may adopt ordinances to ban open fires and impose fire restriction stages within those portions of the unincorporated areas of the County where the danger of forest or grass fires is found to be high, pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-15-401(1)(n.5); and

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized to prohibit the sale, use, and possession of fireworks, including permissible fireworks, within those portions of the unincorporated areas of the County, pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-15-401(1)(n.7); and

WHEREAS, the Board passed Ordinance Nos. 8a, 14, 16, and 20 relating to fire bans and fire restrictions, including penalties for the violation of those Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that from time-to-time fire conditions resulting from extended hot, dry and windy weather in the area make it prudent to impose restrictions on open fires, open burning and sale, use and possession of fireworks in order to reduce the danger of wildfire in the unincorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board specifically finds that in certain high fire-danger conditions such restrictions are in the best interests of the residents and visitors of the County in order to preserve the health, safety and welfare of the residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Gunnison County Sheriff ("Sheriff") is authorized pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 30-10-512 and 30-10-513 to act as fire warden of the County and is responsible for coordination of fire suppression efforts in case of prairie, forest or wildland fires or wildfires occurring in unincorporated areas of the County outside the boundaries of a fire protection district or that exceed the capabilities of the fire protection district to control; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the Sheriff, as fire warden, is the appropriate person, using their expertise and discretion along with established fire restriction evaluation guidelines, and in consultation with local Fire Chiefs, State and Federal land management agencies, and State and Federal fire suppression authorities, to determine whether a restriction of open fires, open burning and use of fireworks should be implemented or elevated in times of extreme fire danger or suspended during times of decreased fire danger;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gunnison Colorado, that:

1. The Sheriff or their designee shall have the authority, in collaboration with local Fire Chiefs, State and Federal land management agencies, and State and Federal fire suppression authorities to declare Stage I or Stage II Restrictions regarding open fire, open burning or the sale, use or possession of fireworks, whenever the danger of forest or grass fires is found to be high and without the need for further proceedings or resolution ("Restrictions"). The Sheriff or their designee shall also have the authority to rescind those Restrictions when he or she determines it is appropriate considering the current fire danger.
 - a. Stage I Restrictions shall allow the Sheriff to impose the following prohibitions:
 - i. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire or stove fire, including but not limited to agricultural and the burning of trash or debris, except:
 - 1) Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire in constructed, permanent fire pits or fire grates within developed recreation sites;
 - 2) Fires fueled by gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel; or
 - 3) Fires burned in portable chimineas, fire pits and tiki torches wholly on or within private property.
 - ii. Smoking, except:
 - 1) within an enclosed vehicle or building; or
 - 2) in a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet (3') in diameter that is barren or clear of all flammable materials.
 - iii. Restrictions or prohibitions on the sale, use and possession of fireworks pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-15-401(1)(n.7).
 - iv. Using explosives, including but not limited to fuses or blasting caps, model rockets, exploding targets, tracer bullets or incendiary rounds.
 - v. Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame except in cleared areas of at least 10 feet (10') in diameter and in possession of a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A.
 - vi. Operating or using internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order.
 - b. Stage II Restrictions shall allow the Sheriff to impose the following prohibitions:
 - i. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire or stove fire including but not limited to:
 - 1) Agricultural burning and the burning of trash or debris;
 - 2) Maintaining, attending or using a fire in constructed, permanent fire pits or fire grates within developed recreation sites;
 - 3) Fires fueled by gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel, except that devices using pressurized liquid fuel or gas (e.g., stoves, grills or lanterns and shut-off valves are allowed when used at least three (3') or more from flammable material such as grasses or pine needles; and
 - 4) Fires burned in portable chimineas, fire pits and tiki torches.
 - ii. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building.
 - iii. Restrictions or prohibitions on the sale, use and possession of fireworks pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-15-401(1)(n.7).
 - iv. Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine without a USDA or SAE approved spark arrester properly installed and in effective working order, a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A kept with the operator, and round point shovel with an overall length of at least 35 inches (35") readily available for use.
 - v. Welding, operating a torch with open flame, or any activities which generate flame or flammable material.
 - vi. Using explosives, including but not limited to fuses or blasting caps, model rockets, exploding targets, tracer bullets or incendiary rounds.
 - vii. Operating or using internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order.
 - viii. Possessing or using a motor vehicle off established roads, motorized trails or established parking areas, except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within ten feet (10') of the vehicle.

- c. Stage III Restrictions may only be imposed by the Board by duly adopted Resolution or Ordinance.
- 2. Any declaration by the Sheriff or their designee of Restrictions shall specify the Stage level, parameters, and the duration of the Restrictions as deemed necessary and appropriate. The Sheriff or their designee shall promptly coordinate notification to the public through press release(s) to local radio and print media, as well as posting on the County Internet Website and County Sheriff's Office Facebook page. Likewise, when conditions indicate a reduction or the suspension of Restrictions, the same notification to the public shall occur.
- 3. No less than three (3) business days after imposing or suspending any Restriction pursuant to this Resolution, the Sheriff shall present, for ratification by the Board, a written summary of the competent evidence and recommendations that are or were the basis of the decision to impose or suspend the Restriction. Notwithstanding the above, the Sheriff will engage in all reasonable efforts to immediately notify the members of the Board, the County Manager and the County Attorney regarding the imposition, modification or lifting of any Restrictions.
- 4. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to allow the burning or combustion of any material or any burning or fire activity otherwise prohibited by law.
- 5. The Sheriff or their designee shall consult with various state and federal land management agencies and obtain their recommendation prior to the Sheriff imposing or suspending any Restrictions. Recommendations shall be made pursuant to Fire Restriction Evaluation Guidelines as currently used by such agencies to evaluate the indicators that predict fire danger. Upon any implementation or suspension of Restrictions, the Sheriff or their designee shall coordinate and cooperate with these agencies to enforce the Restrictions.
- 6. This Resolution shall be enforced by the Sheriff or their designee, through his Deputies, the Fire Chief or their designee of any fire protection district or administering agencies of the state and federal lands located therein, and they shall have authority to order any person to immediately cease any violation of this Resolution. This shall include the right to issue a penalty assessment notice and the right to take such person or persons violating this Resolution into temporary custody.
- 7. Pursuant to Ordinance No. 20, any person who violates this Resolution commits a civil infraction and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars for each separate offense. The penalty assessment procedure provided in C.R.S. § 16-2-201, as amended, may be followed by any arresting law enforcement officer for any such violation. That penalty assessment procedure shall provide for a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each separate offense and a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for any repeat offense by the same individual. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-15-402(2)(a), in addition to the foregoing penalties, persons convicted of a violation of this Resolution are subject to a surcharge of ten dollars (\$10.00) to be paid to the clerk of the Gunnison County Court by the defendant, as well as any other penalties or surcharges set forth in C.R.S. § 30-15-402, as amended, or as otherwise provided by law.
- 8. If any section, subsection, clause or sentence of this Resolution is judged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other provisions of this Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision.
- 9. The Board hereby finds, determines and declares that this Resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation and protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Gunnison County, Colorado because of the high danger of forest or wildland fires occurring in all unincorporated areas of the County. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption and remain in full force and effect until midnight Mountain Time, December 31, 2023 at which point this Resolution shall expire and no longer remain in effect, or until rescinded by subsequent Resolution or Ordinance adopted by the Board, whichever first occurs.

INTRODUCED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Houck, and adopted this 18th day of July, 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GUNNISON COUNTY

Houck – yes; Smith – yes; Puckett Daniels – yes