

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 2023**

The September 19, 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
Matthew Hoyt, County Attorney

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

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Houck called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Dr. John Tarr, Assistant County Manager for Health, Human and Safety Services Joni Reynolds were present for discussion.

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (SUD) AND HARM REDUCTION: Health Educator Kyle Tibbett and Juvenile Services Director Kari Commerford presented the information that was included in the meeting portfolio. JSD Commerford explained that Narcan is available around the community, in locations such as provider clinics, Gunnison Valley Health Obstetrics clinic and Emergency Room, Gunnison County Public Health and Detention Center facilities, and the local pharmacies. Commissioner Houck thanked staff for their outreach efforts.

PROCLAMATION; SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO —SEPTEMBER 2023: **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the Proclamation for Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in the County of Gunnison, Colorado for September 2023. The Board discussed the importance of awareness, advocacy and services, and they thanked staff for the work they are doing to help our community. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF APPRECIATION TO NATIONAL PARK SERVICE RANGER MELISSA POST: Emergency Manager Scott Morrill and NPS Ranger Melissa Post were present for discussion.

EM Morrill presented the certificate to Ms. Post, who is retiring from the National Park Service, for her efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic. ACM Reynolds noted that Ms. Post's strong presence and sense of humor were very appreciated. Ms. Post stated that the experience opened doors for her and made her realize that there are more teams to which she can continue to make contributions. Commissioner Houck thanked Ms. Post, on behalf of the County and the community.

ADJOURN: Chairperson Houck adjourned the meeting of the Gunnison County Board of Health at 9:08 am.

BREAK: The meeting recessed from 9:08 until 9:19 am.

GUNNISON COUNTY LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY:

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Houck called the meeting to order at 9:19 am.

CONSENT AGENDA: **Moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Alcohol Beverage License #26-54026-0000; Black Mesa Lodge LLC dba Black Mesa Lodge; 100 Corral Gulch Rd, Gunnison, Colorado; 9/06/2023 - 9/06/2024
2. Alcohol Beverage License #03-10559; Kebler Corner Liquors LLC dba Kebler Corner Liquors; 30682 County Road 12 Unit A, Somerset, Colorado; 10/02/2023 – 10/02/2024

ADJOURN: Chairperson Houck adjourned the meeting of the Local Liquor Licensing Authority at 9:19 am.

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Houck called the meeting to order at 9:19 am.

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

SCHEDULING: The Upcoming Meetings Schedule was discussed and updated.

1. Draft: 2024 Gunnison County Holiday Schedule. **Moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels to approve the Draft 2024 Holiday Schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA: **Moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Acknowledgment of County Manager Signature; Temporary Road Use Agreement; Gunnison County Electric Association to Modify Traffic Flow on a Portion of County Road 734 Slate River Road; 9/12/2023 at 8:00 am until September 14, 2023 at 4:30 pm; Underground Cable Replacement
2. Acknowledgment of County Manager Signature; Addendum COBRA to the Claim Administration Agreement between Gunnison County (Client) and Imagine360 Administrators, LLC (TPA); 7/1/2023
3. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement; West Region Wildfire Council; Regarding USDA Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act, Title III Awards for 2016-2022 Associated with Wildfire Mitigation Activities in Gunnison County, Colorado; Transfer of Title III Funds currently held; \$52,849.81
4. Acknowledgment of County Manager's Signature; OpenGov End User License Agreement; OpenGov, Inc; for hosted software services; Effective 9/12/2023
5. Approval for General Services Administration (GSA) and Transportation Security Administration (TSA) On-Airport Lease Agreement #GS-08P -LCO00631; for leasing premises in the commercial Terminal Building
6. Approval of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Rent Schedule, Low Rent Housing; for Mountain View Apartments; Effective 11/01/2023; 1-bedroom \$806, 2-bedroom \$976
7. Approval for Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG) and Crystal River Wild and Scenic Feasibility Collaborative Chairs; to establish roles and responsibilities for NWCCOG to serve as fiscal agent for stakeholder coordination and facilitation for the Crystal River Wild and Scenic Feasibility Collaborative; Effective date of signing
8. Approval for Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) grant submission; for West Central Public Health Partnership (WCPHP) Project staffing; \$45,000 requested
9. Approval for Mt Crested Butte Community Service Grant application; by Gunnison County Substance Abuse Prevention Project (GCSAPP); for Youth Leadership Programming & Youth Wellness; \$5,000 requested
10. Approval for Intergovernmental Agreement Re: Nurse Home Visitor Program (NHVP); between Montrose and Gunnison Counties; for the provision of NHVP services in Gunnison County, 7/01/2023 - 6/30/2024; payable by Montrose County, up to \$112,000
11. Approval for Temple Hoyne Buell Grant Application; for funding the Parents as Teachers program in Gunnison and Hinsdale County; \$25,000 requested
12. Approval for Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation Grant; Gunnison-Hinsdale Early Childhood Council; for infrastructure and systems building; 9/01/2023 - 8/31/2025; \$60,000/two years
13. Approval for Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment CDC Infrastructure Multi Year Budget and Work Plan; 5-year budget and work plan to include staff retention, education, recruitment, and data modernization; \$368,874
14. Approval for Trade Contractor Agreement; Nunatak Alternative Energy; for Sawtooth solar arrays; 9/05/2023 - 9/01/2024; Not to exceed \$242,744.05
15. Approval for Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Subaward Agreement; Gunnison County Substance Abuse Prevention Program; for programs and services to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries resulting from traffic crashes on Colorado roads; 10/01/2023 - 9/30/2024; \$123,485.78
16. Approval for Release of Development Improvements Agreement for Tomichi Gravel Pit; Tomichi Materials, LLC; for approved improvements to Tomichi Gravel Pit, 43188 Hwy 50; Effective date of signing
17. Approval for three (3) Youth Wellness Program Professional Services Agreement contract renewals: 1) Erin Wesley; Date of Signing - 8/31/2024; Not to exceed \$4,800; 2) Abby Johnson; Date of Signing - 8/31/2024; Not to exceed \$4,800; and 3) Pinnacle Insight LLC; Date of Signing - 8/31/2024; Not to exceed \$4,800
18. Professional Services Agreement; Gunnison County Sheriff's Department; Rocky Mountain Clinics LLC; for Jail-Based Behavioral Services Program services; 7/01/2023 - 6/30/2026; Not to exceed \$10,000 annually

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORTS:

1. Housing Projects Update.
 - a. Whetstone. CM Birnie stated that stakeholders and entities throughout the local design network recently attended a two-day design workshop in Crested Butte. He said that engagement was high and a lot of really good input was shared during the workshop. Last night, the Town of Crested Butte signed the utility-extension agreement. Early test results have come back positive for the possibility of utilizing geothermal technology in the project.
 - b. Sawtooth. CM Birnie was appreciative of the City of Gunnison's efforts related to the water taps, which helped save a great deal of time for the project. This week, County and City teams will meet to begin the formal process for Phase II, which will result in additional housing units being available in 2024.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT: County Treasurer Debbie Dunbar presented the August 2023 Treasurer's report and an investment report dated August 31, 2023 for discussion and acceptance. **Moved**

by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels to authorize the Chair's signature on the acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

VOUCHERS AND TRANSFERS APPROVAL: Chief Financial Officer Perry Solheim presented the voucher approval report dated September 19, 2023 and the cash transfer authorization dated August 2023 for discussion and approval. **Moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$2,925,338.52. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels to approve the cash transfer for \$5,030,947.12. Motion carried unanimously.

BREAK: The meeting recessed from 9:45 until 9:47 am.

APPROVAL OF A BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT PLAT; LUC-23-00022; LOT 13 SILVERJACK SUBDIVISION, AND A PART OF BALSAM TRAIL, GUNNISON, COLORADO; APPLICANTS HEIDI AND WILLIAM SHIELDS: Planning Director Hillary Seminick was present for discussion and explained that the foundation was originally placed in the wrong location. Rather than moving the house, the applicant decided to adjust the property boundary. Members of the subdivision will still be capable of using the road. The Homeowners Association accepted the adjustment and there were not concerns about utilities. **Moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels to approve the Boundary Line Adjustment for LUC-23-00022 and authorize the Chair's signature on the plat. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF A LOT CLUSTER; LUC-23-00031; LIME BASIN 5 LODGE MINING CLAIM AND LIME BASIN 6 LODGE MINING CLAIM, QUARTZ CREEK PROPERTIES, GUNNISON COUNTY; APPLICANTS MELODY AND GARY DANHOF: Planner I Rachael Blondy present for discussion and relayed that the applicants want to combine these lots so that there will be no further development around them. **Moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels to approve the lot cluster for LUC-23-00031 and authorize the full Board's signature on the document. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE; COMMENT LETTER TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT; REGARDING PROPOSED FLUID MINERAL LEASES AND LEASING PROCESS RULE (1004-AE80): The draft letter included in the meeting portfolio was discussed, and modifications were agreed upon. Comments must be submitted by the 9/22/2023 deadline. **Moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels to approve the comment letter to the US Department of the Interior, BLM regarding proposed fluid mineral leases and leasing process rule, also reflecting the grammatical suggestions that Laura (Commissioner Puckett Daniels) might have for Matt (CA Hoyt). Motion carried unanimously.

FUNDING REQUEST; MARBLE JAILHOUSE PROJECT: Geographic Information Systems Manager Mike Pelletier, Marble Town Manager Ron Leach and Town of Marble Administrative Assistant Alie Olivia Wettstein were present for discussion.

The Town of Marble is hoping to compile the \$37,000 of necessary funding from various sources in order to complete this project. MTM Leach confirmed that a total of \$18,373 has been received thus far, making today's funding request the balance of \$18,627. CM Birnie opined that matching the Town of Marble's \$5,000 contribution may help to leverage additional funding from potential supporters and grant sources. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve \$5,000 of discretionary funds to be given to the Marble Jail Restoration and Preservation Project, with the intent of that \$5,000 from discretionary funding is that it matches the Town's contribution, it shows that the Town as a municipality and the County in which it's located both are putting money and resources towards this, and they can then hopefully use that as an opportunity to leverage more opportunity going forward for the overall project. Commissioner Houck noted that the Board will still need a better understanding of overall costs and timeframes that will be needed to get the project done. Motion carried unanimously.

UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT: There wasn't anyone present for discussion.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS:

Commissioner Smith:

1. Gunnison Country Chamber. Commissioner Smith attended a recent meeting, during which the Gunnison County Food Pantry made a presentation. The Chamber is also looking at a community-coop model for Employee Assistance Programs, and the conversations will continue.
2. Western Colorado University's Welcoming Week. The series of exciting events wrapped up with a big celebration that was well attended. A documentary screening was made possible by the County's financial support.
3. Pre-selection Committee for the Colorado Counties, Inc. Board of Directors. She has finished this work, and CCI should now be conducting interviews with the finalists. She felt that the pre-selection process was successful.

4. Club 20 Fall Conference. Commissioner Smith attended this conference. Club 20 has decided not to support Proposition HH.
5. Gunnison Valley Rural Transportation Authority (RTA).
 - a. Ground Transportation. Commissioner Smith informed the Board that the RTA approved a measure to increase capacity for bikes and fat tire bikes on the buses, as long as room remains for children's bikes.
 - b. Air Transportation. The RTA expects it will need to put more money out this year since operating costs are rising. JSX has decided not to offer the Austin flight at this point in time, due to contract renegotiations. There may be some opportunity for flights to/from the front range.
6. US 250 / Colorado 150 Celebration. Commissioner Smith has been working with Montrose County Commissioner Sue Hansen to organize some sort of celebration around the US turning 250 years old during the same year that Colorado will be turning 150 years old. Commissioner Smith will gather more information about what this celebration might look like and require of the Board.
7. Crystal River Steering Committee Meeting. Commissioner Smith attended this meeting last night. They have established the criteria and outcome definitions that they will use to evaluate the opportunities for enhancing protections on the Crystal River. The four-hour summit is tentatively scheduled for October 26th.

Commissioner Puckett Daniels:

1. Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority. Commissioner Puckett Daniels informed the Board that the GVRHA has a draft budget and has contracted with a bookkeeper. Submittal of a final budget and draft Intergovernmental Agreement to the partners will be mid-to-end of October. CM Birnie stated that the budget timeline will need to be discussed with GVRHA Executive Director Andy Kadlec since the County is well within its 2024 budget process.
2. Palisades Apartments. Looking at a potential Limited Special Partnership (LSP) with the Palisades Apartment.
3. Gunnison Valley Rural Transportation Authority (RTA). Commissioner Puckett Daniels stated that the RTA has finalized an RFP for strategic planning. Two new diesel-powered buses are on order as electric buses don't fit our climate yet. CNG technology is being phased out in the style of coach bus utilized locally.
4. Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Trails Committee. Last Friday, Commissioner Puckett Daniels and Andrew Sandstrom gave a presentation at this Committee meeting about the Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation (STOR) Committee and STOR as a regional partnership model.

Commissioner Houck:

1. Mayors & Managers Meeting. Commissioner Houck attended this meeting, which was hosted by the RE1J School District.
2. Nature Conservancy Board Retreat in Mt. Crested Butte. Commissioner Houck attended the dinner 9/10. The Nature Conservancy has partnered with Gunnison County on many projects and has made some significant investments in our valley. Former Colorado Governor Bill Ritter, also in attendance, serves on the Conservancy's Board, and Commissioner Houck was able to discuss renewable energy issues with him during that dinner.
3. Crested Butte to Crested Butte South Trail Open House. Commissioner Houck stated that he attended this event and received good feedback and insight from the community.
4. Gunnison Sage-grouse Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA) Meeting. Commissioner Houck stated that he attended this meeting last week with representatives from all cooperating agencies. He and Wildlife Consultant Jim Cochran will soon be meeting with representatives from the Bureau of Land Management, Colorado Parks and Wildlife and US Fish and Wildlife Service to make sure that Gunnison County's concerns are being met.

Commissioner Smith (continued):

8. Southwest Colorado Opioid Regional Council (SWCORC). Commissioner Smith informed the Board that SWCORC ratified the agreement with United Way and Mesa County. Also now have up to \$949,000 in regional allocation.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Houck adjourned the meeting at 11:21 am.

Jonathan Houck, Chairperson

Liz Smith, Vice-Chairperson

Laura Puckett Daniels, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Katherine Haase, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Kathy Simillion, County Clerk