

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 4, 2024**

The June 4, 2024 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
Elizabeth Smith, Vice-Chairperson
Laura Puckett Daniels, Commissioner
Matt Hoyt, County Attorney

Matthew Birnie, County Manager
Holly Perry, Deputy County Clerk
Others Present as Listed in Text

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING:

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

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

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

1. May 21, 2024 Regular Meeting
 - Commissioner Puckett Daniels Commissioner Items #2 – This is supposed to say 0.3 miles of fencing not 3 miles.

SCHEDULING: The Upcoming Meetings Schedule was discussed and updated.

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

1. Contract Amendment #1; Health and Human Services; Task Order 2023*0026; 7/1/2024 to 6/30/2025; \$143,525
2. Contract Amendment #3; Health and Human Services; Contract No. 2022*0148; 7/1/2024 to 6/30/2025; \$242,090
3. Development Improvements Agreement; Bobette McCarroll and Richard McCarroll; LUC-22-00052; Resolution 2024-11
4. Contract Amendment #3; Colorado Department of Human Services; Contract No. 21 IHGA 168836; 7/1/2024 to 6/30/2025; \$6,403,75
5. Acknowledgment of County Manager's Signature; Geotechnical Investigation; Gunnison County Public Works and Yeh and Associates, Inc.; Gunnison County Road 12; \$23,093
6. Contract Amendment #4; Health and Human Services; Contract No. 2022*2745; 7/1/2024 to 6/30/2025; \$315,349
7. Acknowledgement of Option Letter #1; Health and Human Services; Contract No. 2024*0222; 7/1/2024 to 6/30/2025; \$350,000
8. Modification of Grant or Agreement; Road Project Agreement; USDA, Forest Service, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Gunnison Ranger District; Grant/Agreement Number 22-RO-11020400-040 Modification Number 001; \$100,000
9. Intergovernmental Agreement; Colorado Department of Public Safety – DHSEM; Contract No. CT RFAA 2024*4153; 4/23/2024 to 6/30/2025; \$500,000

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORTS:

1. Schedule – CM Birnie relayed that he will not be attending next week for the work session.
2. Fading West – CM Birnie informed the Board that Fading West will be setting units for Sawtooth Phase 2 on the first week of August and it is on time for September or October occupancy. Commissioner Houck reminded the Board that the groundbreaking is tomorrow at 3 pm.
3. Kebler Pass – Commissioner Houck noted that Kebler was opened last Friday. CM Birnie stated that they were able to get the contract in place for flaggers on each end of the pass. Commissioner Smith stated that she met with Montrose County Commissioner Sue Hansen at the CCI Conference and was thankful for their help in getting the pass open. She asked CM Birnie about Ohio Pass and he responded that it is normally not plowed, and it is discouraged from using it as a bypass but will probably take a couple weeks to open.

LETTER OF SUPPORT; CIMARRON VALLEY & RIVER WATERSHED COALITION; BIG BLUE DITCH COMPANY GRANT APPLICATION FOR COLORADO RIVER DISTRICT COMMUNITY FUNDING PARTNERSHIP FINANCIAL SUPPORT Cimarron Valley and River Watershed President Allen Distel was present for discussion.

Commissioner Smith stated she appreciated these kinds of projects coming forward. Commissioner Puckett Daniels expressed her appreciation for the thorough overview and documentation given. Commissioner Houck commented that this project checks all the boxes of things the Board prioritizes with policies and

values. Allen Distel thanked the Board and General Manager Sonja Chavez for their support. **Moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels to approve the letter of support for the Big Blue Ditch Diversion and Rehabilitation and Piping Project. Motion carried unanimously.

UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no persons present for discussion.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS:

Commissioner Smith:

1. Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) Steering Committees Summer Conference – Commissioner Smith was pleased to pass the torch for the Western District Presidency on to Montrose County Commissioner Sue Hansen.
2. Child Welfare Allocation Committee – Commissioner Smith attended a work session which was to circle back and look at the process. She relayed that Gunnison County has been identified by a new funding model as perpetually underfunded.
3. Middle Housing – Commissioner Smith commented that she attended an interesting panel on middle housing which included Servitas Vice President Garrett Scharton who mentioned the Whetstone project as well as how Gunnison County is performing alongside other counties. Commissioner Smith relayed that she brought up rent to own models which would give a lot of opportunities for local governments and partners that are working on community-based asset models.
4. Petar Simic – Commissioner Smith informed the Board that Cheatgrass Coordinator Petar Simic will be coordinating a Cheatgrass Pull Day on Saturday at 11:00 am.

Commissioner Puckett Daniels:

1. Colorado Counties, Inc. Steering Committees Summer Conference – Commissioner Puckett Daniels attended with Commissioner Smith but attended different panels. She commended CA Hoyt for his participation in 1041 Powers. She also attended a general session on property taxes that she found was helpful in demonstrating the history of the property tax conversation since the special session last summer, as well as trying to come up with a property tax solution. Lastly, Commissioner Puckett Daniels attended a session on workforce development centers and how they help individuals as well as industries. She also relayed that there were examples given of how counties have partnered with workforce development centers.

Commissioner Houck:

1. Forest service – Commissioner Houck will meet with CA Hoyt to develop a response to their objection responses. CA Hoyt noted that there will be an executive session next meeting about it.
2. CDOT – Commissioner Houck stated they are still fully connected with CDOT and are meeting twice a week. He also informed everyone that the best source of information will be on the County’s website (gunnisoncounty.org) and they will get an update next week.
3. Club 20 – Commissioner Houck attended a Public Lands Natural Resources Meeting which was to get policy positions up to date. He noted that he and Delta County Administrator Robbie LeValley helped to improve their Sage-grouse policy and the policy statements will come for approval at the summer meeting. He then expressed that policies are trying to be crafted in a way that are balanced and more about policies not politics.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Houck adjourned the meeting at 8:58 am.

Jonathan Houck, Chairperson

Elizabeth Smith, Vice-Chairperson

Laura Puckett Daniels, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Holly Perry, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Kathy Simillion, County Clerk