

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2025**

The February 18, 2025 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:

Laura Puckett Daniels, Chairperson
Elizabeth Smith, Vice-Chairperson
Jonathan Houck, Commissioner
Matthew Hoyt, County Attorney

John Cattles, Assistant County Manager for
Operations and Sustainability
Holly Perry, Deputy County Clerk
Others Present as Listed in Text

GUNNISON COUNTY LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Smith called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

**SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMIT 1-2025; KBUT RADIO STATION; 3/13/2025 TO 3/14/2025
FROM 3:00 PM TO 11:30 PM**

Moved by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels to approve the liquor license for KBUT as presented this morning. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Smith adjourned the meeting of the Gunnison County Local Liquor Licensing Authority at 8:31 am.

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Smith called the meeting to order at 8:31 am.

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

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Moved** by Commissioner Puckett Daniels, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve the February 4, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion amended to include change from Commissioner Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

1. February 4, 2025 Regular Meeting

SCHEDULING: The Upcoming Meetings Schedule was discussed and updated.

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

1. Acknowledgement; Amendment #1; Small Dollar Grant Award; EIAF A-0284; Community Development; 1/31/2025 to 1/31/2026
2. Airport Layout Plan Update; Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport
3. Gunnison Co Signature Sheet; Colorado Department of Transportation; 2025 Mileage Reporting
4. Acknowledgment of County Manager's Signature; Professional Services Agreement; ValueWest, Inc.; Assessors; 2/6/2025 to 12/31/2026; \$118,800
5. Development Improvements Agreement for Larkspur Community Amenities; Terraplen Holdings LLC; Land Use Change Permit No. 24 -00020; Attorney; 12/1/2026
6. Grant Application; FY2026 Veterans Assistance Grant; Health and Human Services; \$32,000
7. Public Service Grant Agreement; City of Gunnison; Juvenile Services; 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2025; \$8,000
8. Grant Award Letter and Resolution; CDAG# 25-GUC-01; Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport; 6/30/2028; \$1,000,000
9. Grant Application; Strategic Prevention Framework-Partnerships for Success for Communities, Local Governments, Universities, Colleges, and Tribes/Tribal Organizations; Juvenile Services; 2025-2028; \$374,110
10. County Aid Agreement; Gunnison Conservation District; 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2025; \$8,000
11. County Aid Agreement; Gunnison Country Food Pantry; 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2025; \$12,000
12. County Aid Agreement; Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League; 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2025; \$11,500
13. County Aid Agreement; Gunnison Valley Health Foundation; 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2025; \$11,500
14. County Aid Agreement; Project Hope of Gunnison Valley; 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2025; \$10,500
15. County Aid Agreement; Safe Ride of Gunnison, Inc.; 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2025; \$3,000
16. County Aid Agreement; Six Points Evaluation and Training, Inc.; 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2025; \$12,000
17. Acknowledgement of County Manager's Signature; Grant Application; 2025 Water Education Grants; 3/1/2025 to 7/1/2025; \$1,500
18. Acknowledgement of County Manager's Signature; Property Management Agreement; Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority; 2/12/2025 to 2/12/2026
19. Agreement for Transfer of Entitlements; Telluride Regional Airport; Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport; 2025; \$1,300,000

20. Grant Application; Gary Community Ventures Grant; Health and Human Services; 6/1/2025 to 5/31/2027; \$100,000
21. Agreement for Cooperative Wildfire Protection; Adam Murdie; Sheriff's Office; 5 Years

A RESOLUTION UPDATING GUNNISON COUNTY FINANCIAL, PROCUREMENT, TRAVEL, AND GRANT POLICIES Finance Director Ana Canada was present for discussion.

Commissioner Smith confirmed any changes from previous versions. It was confirmed only the adjustments made were the limitations to CPI. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels to approve Resolution 2025-8, A Resolution Updating Gunnison County Financial, Procurement, Travel, and Grant Policies as presented this morning. Motion carried unanimously.

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS:

1. Cemetery District Board Appointments:
 - Regular Appointment; Fill One Vacancy for Remainder of Term Ending 2/1/2028
 - Applicant: Allen Moores
2. Historic Preservation Commission Appointments:
 - Regular Appointment; Fill One Vacancy for a Three-Year Term
 - Applicant: Krister Kooiman
3. Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority Board Appointments:
 - At-Large Appointment; Fill One Vacancy for Remainder of Term Ending 1/31/2026
 - Applicants: Michelle Phelps
4. Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee Appointments:
 - At-Large Appointment; Development Regular and Alternate; Fill Two Vacancies for Two-Year Terms
 - At-Large Appointment; Research and Education Regular; Fill One Vacancy for Remainder of Term Ending 2/1/2026
 - Applicants: Sarah Elzay, Julie Donohue
5. Gunnison Valley Land Preservation Board Appointments:
 - Alternate Appointment; Fill One Vacancy for a Two-Year Term
 - Applicant: Julie Donohue

The Commissioners discussed their views on each applicant. The Board decided not to appoint on the Historic Preservation Commission due to a missed interview and their desire to have a conversation with applicants before appointing. It was also decided to leave the Development position available for the Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee. **Moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels to appoint Allen Moores to the Cemetery District Board for the vacancy remainder ending February 1, 2028, Michelle Phelps to the vacancy remainder for the Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority Board, Sarah Elzay for the at-large appointment for Research and Education, which is also a vacancy remainder and lastly, Julie Donohue, for one vacancy for a two-year term to the Gunnison Valley Land Preservation Board. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Tourism and Prosperity Partnership Board Appointments:
 - Regular Appointment; Fill One Vacancy for Remainder of Term Ending 2/1/2026
 - Applicants: Lindsay Beltchenko, Caressa Holland

WCU Representative Gary Pierson, CMBR Representative Bill MacFarlane, and the Board of County Commissioners thanked both for applying but felt Ms. Beltchenko had some stronger qualities but would like to encourage Ms. Holland to attend meetings. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by WCU Representative Pierson to appoint Lindsay Beltchenko to the Tourism and Prosperity Partnership Board to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term which will end on February 1, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

VOUCHERS AND TRANSFERS APPROVAL: Financial Director Ana Canada presented the voucher approval report dated January 21, 2025 and the cash transfer authorization dated January 2025 for discussion and approval. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels to approve the voucher report in the amount of \$3,484,046.31. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Commissioner Puckett Daniels, seconded by Commissioner Houck to approve the cash transfer in the amount of \$7,191,089.98. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT: County Treasurer Debbie Dunbar presented the January 2025 Treasurer's report and an investment report dated January 31, 2025 for discussion and acceptance. **Moved** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented this morning and authorize the Chair signature or stamp on the report. Motion carried unanimously.

UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Joe Dix – Mr. Dix commented on his concerns for the potential impacts President Trump's actions will have on the County. Commissioner Houck responded that the County is effectively engaged with the Departments, the State, and Federally. Commissioner Smith commented they are advocating for stability as well.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS:

Commissioner Puckett Daniels:

1. Mayors & Managers meeting – Commissioner Puckett Daniels attended the Mayors and Managers meeting two weeks ago and got an update on the City of Gunnison’s economic development in partnership with other governments and organizations in the valley and was able to give some feedback.
2. Crested Butte Mountain Resort (CBMR) – Commissioner Puckett Daniels connected with General Manager and Vice President JD Crichton to reiterate the County would like to be engaged with Vail and CBMR to strengthen partnerships and the community.
3. Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region (GVTPR) – Commissioner Puckett Daniels attended a meeting last week with Assistant County Manager for Public Works Martin Schmidt to have conversations regarding their five-year plan. ACM Schmidt relayed they were awarded \$511,000 at that meeting for the Brush Creek Roundabout.

Commissioner Houck:

1. Mountain Resorts – Commissioner Houck invited Vail Resorts President of the Mountain Division Bill Rock, and Rocky Mountain Resorts Chief Operating Officer Nadia Guerriero to have discussions about the future and what investments on the mountain look like.
2. Joint Meeting – Commissioner Houck mentioned they had their joint meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission to talk about their approach to land use and how to utilize the Land Use Regulations (LUR) to meet their goals.
3. Senator Bennet – Commissioner Houck has been working with Senator Bennet’s team on the Gunnison Outdoor Resource Protection (GORP) Act.
4. Colorado Outdoor Recreation & Economy (CORE) Act – Commissioner Houck reached out to Congressman Jeff Hurd to speak to him directly about the community’s work over the years as well as the GORP Act.
5. Senator talks – Commissioner Houck noted that he is reaching out to both Senator Bennet’s and Senator Hickenlooper’s staff specifically about the Federal hiring freezes.

Commissioner Smith:

1. Southwest Colorado Opioid Regional Council – Commissioner Smith relayed they are doing another round of grant funding and area reaching out to potential applicants. She will also be having lunch with Mindy Baumgardner from the Attorney General Staff who also participates with different opioid regional councils in the west of Colorado.
2. Colorado Counties, Inc. Steering Committees (CCI) and Counties & Commissioners Acting Together (CCAT) – Commissioner Smith noted she will be attending meetings this week. The two main legislative bills are the Modular Housing Bill, which is closer to something the Counties may be neutral if not support on, and Yes In God’s Backyard Bill, which she states is contentious in nature.
3. County Revenue Diversification – Commissioner Smith relayed this was a CCI legislative priority and there is not political will to continue this forward.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:24 am.

GUNNISON/HINSDALE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES MEETING:

- (See Separate Minutes)

Laura Puckett Daniels, Chairperson

Elizabeth Smith, Vice-Chairperson

Jonathan Houck, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Holly Perry, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Kathy Simillion, County Clerk

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TEXT INCLUSION INTO MINUTES

Note: For all the details of each resolution including any exhibits, please refer to gunnisoncounty.org

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-8**

**A RESOLUTION UPDATING GUNNISON COUNTY FINANCIAL, PROCUREMENT, TRAVEL, AND
GRANT POLICIES**

WHEREAS, Gunnison County is a statutory county with an elected Board of Commissioners that is responsible for setting policy, appointing administrative personnel and the adoption of an annual budget in accordance with state statutes; and

WHEREAS Gunnison County has established a uniform policy format and an adoption and periodic review process to promote consistency and uniformity throughout the organization; and

WHEREAS Gunnison County previously adopted Gunnison County Financial # 1.2.1.3, Procurement # 1.2.10, and Travel Policies # 4.3.6 via Resolution 2024-33; and

WHEREAS Gunnison County previously adopted Grant Policy # 1.2.1.3.2 via Resolution 2023-5; and

WHEREAS, Gunnison County’s current Financial Policies (1.2.1.3), Procurement Policy (1.2.10), Grant Policy (1.2.1.3.2), and Travel Policy (4.3.6) have undergone review by the Finance Department; and

WHEREAS, Gunnison County’s current Financial Policies (1.2.1.3), Procurement Policy (1.2.10), Grant Policy (1.2.1.3.2), and Travel Policy (4.3.6) required changes to more clearly document policy best practices already followed by Gunnison County personnel and more specifically address requirements of certain state funding agencies; and

WHEREAS, the attached Financial Policies (1.2.1.3), Procurement Policy (1.2.10), Grant Policy (1.2.1.3.2), and Travel Policy (4.3.6) (Exhibit A) were updated to document Gunnison County’s current practices related to financial operations, procurement procedures, grant, and travel policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado that the attached Financial Policies (1.2.1.3), Procurement Policy (1.2.10), Grant Policy (1.2.1.3.2), and Travel Policy (4.3.6) (Exhibit A) are adopted;

INTRODUCED by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels, and adopted this 18th day of February, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO

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