

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
December 9, 2025**

The December 9, 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

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

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Puckett Daniels called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING; PROPOSED 2026 GUNNISON COUNTY BUDGET: Chief Finance Officer Melissa LaMonica was present for discussion.

1. Open Public Hearing. Commissioner Puckett Daniels opened the Public Hearing at 5:32 pm.
2. Public Notice Confirmation. Clerk Perry confirmed that the Public Hearing had been properly public noticed.
3. Identify Ex Parte Communications. N/A
4. Staff Presentation. N/A
5. Applicant Presentation. N/A
6. Board Questions. N/A
7. Public Comments. Commissioner Puckett Daniels opened the Public Hearing to comments at 5:33 pm.
8. Acknowledge Correspondence Received. No additional correspondence was identified.
9. Staff Comment – CA Hoyt expressed that no persons present for public comment speaks volumes for how strong the County’s budget process is and relayed how other counties have people fill the room. Commissioner Houck and CM Birnie agreed with stating it’s not common to have people in the room for the budget public hearing historically.
10. Applicant Response. N/A
11. Close Public Hearing. Commissioner Puckett Daniels closed the Public Hearing at 5:34 pm.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Puckett Daniels adjourned the meeting at 5:35 pm.

Laura Puckett Daniels, Chairperson

Elizabeth Smith, Vice-Chairperson

Jonathan Houck, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Holly Perry, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Kathy Simillion, County Clerk