

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2025**

The December 15, 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 (remote)
Elizabeth Smith, Vice-Chairperson
Jonathan Houck, Commissioner
Matthew Hoyt, County Attorney

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

GUNNISON RIVER VALLEY LOCAL MARKETING DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING: Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Melissa LaMonica was present for discussion.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chairperson Smith called the Gunnison River Valley Local Marketing District meeting to order at 8:31 am.

2026 GUNNISON RIVER VALLEY LOCAL MARKETING DISTRICT BUDGET ADOPTION:

1. Resolution; Adopting a Budget for the Gunnison River Valley Local Marketing District for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2026, and Ending December 31, 2026. **MOVED** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Chairperson Puckett Daniels to approve Resolution #2025-3, a Resolution Adopting a Budget for the Gunnison River Valley Local Marketing District for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2026, and Ending December 31, 2026, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Resolution; Appropriating Revenues for the Gunnison River Valley Local Marketing District for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2026, and Ending December 31, 2026. **MOVED** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Chairperson Puckett Daniels to approve Resolution #2025-4, a Resolution Appropriating Revenues for the Gunnison River Valley Local Marketing District for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2026, and Ending December 31, 2026, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: Vice-Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:33 am.

GUNNISON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING: CFO LaMonica was present for discussion.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chairperson Smith called the Gunnison County Housing Authority meeting to order at 8:33 am.

2026 GUNNISON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY BUDGET ADOPTION:

1. Resolution; Adopting a Budget for the Gunnison County Housing Authority for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2026 and Ending December 31, 2026. **MOVED** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Chairperson Puckett Daniels to approve Resolution #2025-003, a Resolution Adopting a Budget for the Gunnison County Housing Authority for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2026 and Ending December 31, 2026, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Resolution; Appropriating Revenues for the Gunnison County Housing Authority for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2026, and Ending December 31, 2026. **MOVED** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Chairperson Puckett Daniels to approve Resolution #2025-004, a Resolution Appropriating Revenues for the Gunnison County Housing Authority for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2026, and Ending December 31, 2026, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: Vice-Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:34 am.

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING: CFO LaMonica was present for discussion.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chairperson Smith called the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:34 am.

2026 GUNNISON COUNTY BUDGET ADOPTION: Chairperson Puckett Daniels thanked CFO LaMonica and her team for all their hard work in working through the budget process and preparing for today. She noted that she is confident in the budget because of their work.

1. Resolution; Adopting a Budget for the County of Gunnison, Colorado, for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2026, and Ending December 31, 2026. **MOVED** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Chairperson Puckett Daniels to approve Resolution #2025-31, a Resolution Adopting a Budget for the County of Gunnison, Colorado, for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2026, and Ending December 31, 2026, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Resolution; Appropriating Revenues of the County of Gunnison, Colorado, for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2026, and Ending December 31, 2026. **MOVED** by Commissioner Houck,

seconded by Chairperson Puckett Daniels to approve Resolution #2025-32, a Resolution Appropriating Revenues of the County of Gunnison, Colorado, for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2026, and Ending December 31, 2026, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Resolution; Setting the Temporary Tax Credit Mill Levy for the County of Gunnison, Colorado for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2026 and Ending December 31, 2026. **MOVED** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Chairperson Puckett Daniels to approve Resolution #2025-33, a Resolution Setting the Temporary Tax Credit Mill Levy for the County of Gunnison, Colorado for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2026 and Ending December 31, 2026, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Resolution; Setting the Mill Levy for the County of Gunnison, Colorado for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2026 and Ending December 31, 2026. **MOVED** by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Chairperson Puckett Daniels to approve Resolution #2025-34, a Resolution Setting the Mill Levy for the County of Gunnison, Colorado for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2026 and Ending December 31, 2026, as presented this morning. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: Vice-Chairperson Smith thanked CM Birnie, CFO LaMonica and the Finance Department for their thorough work. She stated that she hears from other commissioners, and that they express very different experiences regarding their budget processes. She believes this consistent difference says a great deal about how our organization is aligned with the values of the people within our community. Vice-Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:39 am.

Laura Puckett Daniels, Chairperson

Elizabeth Smith, Vice-Chairperson

Jonathan Houck, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Katherine Haase, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Kathy Simillion, County Clerk

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TEXT INCLUSION INTO MINUTES

**GUNNISON RIVER VALLEY LOCAL MARKETING DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-3**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE GUNNISON RIVER VALLEY LOCAL
MARKETING DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
JANUARY 1, 2026, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026**

WHEREAS, the Board of the Gunnison County River Valley Local Marketing District did on the 15th day of December, 2025, consider a proposed budget covering the fiscal operations of the County of Gunnison for fiscal year 2026; and

WHEREAS, public notice of such budget hearing was published as required by law on October 15th, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Gunnison River Valley Local Marketing District after considering the proposed budget at said public hearing and after considering public comment, did take into consideration the public comment in developing the final budget; and

WHEREAS, all expenditures budgeted by the Board of the Gunnison River Valley Local Marketing District have been matched by projected income and existing resources so that the total means of financing the budget is at least equal to or greater than the amount of the proposed expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Gunnison River Valley Local Marketing District, that the budget of the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026, which was considered at the public hearing on December 9th, 2025, and finally accepted by the Board on

WHEREAS, the Board of the Gunnison County Housing Authority has adopted a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026, in accordance with the statutes of the State of Colorado,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Gunnison County Housing Authority, that the following sums of money or as much thereof as may be authorized by law and as may be needed or deemed necessary to defray all expenses and liabilities of the Gunnison County Housing Authority, be and the same hereby are appropriated for the lawful purposed and objectives of the Gunnison County Housing Authority during the 2026 fiscal year:

Gunnison County Housing Authority	\$57,097,739
Total Appropriations	\$57,097,739

INTRODUCED by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels, and adopted this 15th day of December, 2025.

GUNNISON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

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

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GUNNISON COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-31**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO,
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
JANUARY 1, 2026, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado did on the 15th day of December, 2025 consider a proposed budget covering the fiscal operations of the County of Gunnison for fiscal year 2026; and

WHEREAS, public notice of such budget hearing was published as required by law on October 16th, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, after considering the proposed budget at said public hearing did take into consideration the public comment in developing the final budget; and

WHEREAS, all expenditures budgeted by the Board of County Commissioners have been matched by projected income and existing resources so that the total means of financing the budget is at least equal to or greater than the amount of the proposed expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado, that the budget of the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, which was considered at the public hearing on December 9, 2025, and finally accepted by the Board on the 15th day of December, 2025, be and the same (and attached hereto) hereby is approved and adopted as the budget for the County of Gunnison, Colorado, for the fiscal year 2026 beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026.

INTRODUCED by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels, and adopted this 15th day of December, 2025.

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO

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

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GUNNISON COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-32**

**A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING REVENUES OF THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO,
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
JANUARY 1, 2026, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado, has adopted a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026, in accordance with the statutes of the State of Colorado:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado, that the following sums of money or as much thereof as may be authorized by law and as may be needed or deemed necessary to defray all expenses and liabilities of the County, be and the same hereby are appropriated for the lawful purposes and objects of the County of Gunnison during the 2026 fiscal year:

General Fund	\$26,664,371
Road & Bridge Fund	15,557,007
Human Services Fund	6,550,840
Conservation Trust Fund	55,000
Sales Tax Fund	5,540,464
Land Preservation Fund	615,000
Mosquito Control District Fund	113,914
Sage Grouse Trust Fund	112,000
Risk Management Fund	100,600

Public Health Agency Fund	2,981,005
Public Trustee Agency Fund	60,485
Capital Expenditures Fund	2,242,000
Debt Service Fund	2,276,814
Airport Operations Fund	13,631,490
Gunnison County Sewer District Fund	2,069,171
Gunnison County Water District Fund	655,589
Solid Waste Fund	1,857,268
Internal Service I Fund	4,350,723
Internal Service II Fund	1,191,780
Internal Service III Fund	4,276,819
Gunnison Valley Transportation Authority	12,922,503
Gunnison Valley Health Fund	105,379,025
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$209,203,868

INTRODUCED by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels, and adopted this 15th day of December, 2025.

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO

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

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GUNNISON COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-33**

**A RESOLUTION SETTING THE TEMPORARY TAX CREDIT MILL LEVY FOR THE COUNTY OF
GUNNISON, COLORADO,
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado has adopted a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026, in accordance with the statutes of the State of Colorado, which budget includes revenues from ad valorem taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the permanent mill levy of 17.075 mills will raise excess revenues; and

WHEREAS, the revenue limit created by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Colorado will be reached by a mill levy of 13.717, plus a refund/abatement mill levy of 0.042 for a total mill levy of 13.759; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado, that this Board refund the excess revenue raised through a temporary tax credit of 3.316 mills to be applied to each tax schedule issued by the County Assessor and Treasurer.

INTRODUCED by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels, and adopted this 15th day of December, 2025.

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO

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

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GUNNISON COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-34**

**A RESOLUTION SETTING THE MILL LEVY FOR THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO,
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado has adopted a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026, in accordance with the statutes of the State of Colorado, which budget includes revenues from ad valorem taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has also appropriated the necessary revenues for the said 2026 fiscal year as authorized by law in accordance with the statutes of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Gunnison County Assessor has certified the 2025 total net assessed valuation of \$1,180,953,670;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado, that the following mill levies are hereby established and levied upon the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within Gunnison County for the fiscal year 2025:

	General Operating	Tax Abatement	Total
General Fund	12.274	.042	12.316
Hospital Fund (GHCC)	1.018	.000	1.018
Human Services Fund	<u>0.425</u>	<u>.000</u>	<u>0.425</u>
	13.367	.010	13.759
Total Mill Levy			<u>13.759</u>

INTRODUCED by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Puckett Daniels, and adopted this 15th day of December, 2025.

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO

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

Gunnison County
Mill Levy Calculation
8/28/24

Total County Revenue Limit	\$	16,199,130
Plus Abatements		50,085
	\$	16,249,214
		Mill Levy
		Revenue
FORM DLG 70		
1 Permanent Mill Levy (Line 1 General operating Expenses)	17.075	\$ 20,164,794
2 Temporary Tax Credit	(3.358)	(3,965,654)
Net Mill Levy	13.717	16,199,130
3 GO Bonds and Interest	-	-
4 Contractual Obligation	-	-
5 Capital Expenditures	-	-
6 Refunds and Abatement	0.042	50,085
7 Other	-	-
Total	13.759	\$ 16,249,214

Allocation of Property Tax Revenues and Levies

FUND/Description	2026 Property Tax		Breakdown by Allocation						2026 vs 2025				
	2025 Allocation	Revenue	AV	%	General / Operating		Capital Exp. Special, Abatement		Total	Total Levy	2025 Tax Revenue	\$ Difference	% Change
					Levy	Revenue	Levy	Revenue					
General	89.48%	\$ 14,539,797	1,180,953,670	89.48%	12.274	\$ 14,494,981	0.042	\$ 50,085	\$ 14,545,066	12.316	\$ 13,502,574	\$ 1,037,223	7.68%
Public Welfare	3.10%	503,726	1,180,953,670	3.10%	0.425	502,173	-	-	502,173	0.425	467,791	35,934	7.68%
Public Hospital	7.42%	1,205,692	1,180,953,670	7.42%	1.018	1,201,975	-	-	1,201,975	1.018	1,119,681	86,010	7.68%
TOTALS	100.00%	\$ 16,249,214		100.00%	13.717	\$ 16,199,130	0.042	\$ 50,085	\$ 16,249,214	13.759	\$ 15,090,047	\$ 1,159,167	7.68%