

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 17, 2021**

The August 17, 2021 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
Roland Mason, Vice-Chairperson
Liz Smith, Commissioner

Matthew Birnie, County Manager
Melanie Bollig, Deputy County Clerk
Others Present as Listed in Text

GUNNISON COUNTY LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY:

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Houck called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Special Event Liquor Permit 2012-02; Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy; 8/19/2021 from 3-10 pm

Moved by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mason to approve the Special Event Liquor Permit for the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Chairperson Houck, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the Gunnison County Local Liquor Licensing Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 am.

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Houck called the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting to order at 8:31 am.

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

MINUTES APPROVAL:

1. June 1, 2021 Regular Meeting – Commissioner Smith noted that the Gunnison Valley Community Foundation did not receive an \$80,000 grant, but had \$80,000 to award as grants. **Moved** by Chairperson Houck, seconded by Commissioner Mason to approve the June 1, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes with the noted correction. Motion carried unanimously.
2. June 17, 2021 Special Meeting – **Moved** by Chairperson Houck, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the June 17, 2021 Special Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
3. July 6, 2021 Regular Meeting – **Moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mason to approve the July 6, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULING: Chairperson Houck noted that there was a conflict on Friday Aug 20th with a joint Planning Commission meeting and a Colorado Counties Inc (CCI) meeting; however, the Board determined that both could be covered, though possibly remotely. No changes were made to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA: With no questions or concerns by the Board, it was **moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mason to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Acknowledgment of County Manager's Signature; Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE); Contract Agreement #4; Gunnison County Department of Health and Human Services (GCHHS); Emergency Preparedness; 8/09/2021 - 6/30/2022; \$93,600
2. Memorandum of Agreement; Western States Water Partnership (WSWP), LLC; Beta Site installation of WSWP radar, southwest of Gunnison, Colorado; Mid-September 2021 installation
3. Acknowledgment of County Manager's Signature; Contractor Agreement; Gunnison Valley Health; Gunnison County Sheriff's Department; for Licensed Nurse Practitioner health services at the jail; 6 hours per week; 8/01/2021 - 12/31/2021; \$6,000
4. Subcontractor Agreement; Front Range Clinic P.C.; Gunnison County Sheriff's Department; for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment at the jail; 8/17/2021 - 6/30/2022; \$8,000
5. Approval for CPW Appointments to the Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee; Nathan Seward and Brandon Diamond

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORTS:

1. Opening for Shady Island River Park on Friday Aug 20th. County Manager Matthew Birnie reported on the upcoming opening ceremony, adding that they had recently built a natural log play structure that looked great. He noted that the re-milled asphalt was not performing well, probably due to the heavy

construction equipment traffic; they planned to add another layer of asphalt next Spring. Future plans also included building a bathroom in the Fall of 2021.

2. Library project. CM Birnie reported that in the next few days they would be pouring concrete for the main slab and getting utilities in. Next, they would start to go vertical with the steel frame.
3. Airport project. CM Birnie let the Board know they had found some conditions not expected – in the form of buried concrete slabs - and were presently in the process of working out these challenges with budget and even more so timing, as they kept an eye on the coming ski season.
4. Attended the informational meeting for the Gunnison Valley Hospital's EMS project. CM Birnie noted that he had found the history very interesting, and noted that he could see their building is not meeting the needs of the EMS team for the community. He informed the Board they would be hearing very soon about a request for funds from the County for this building project.

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT AND PROJECT UPDATES: Deputy County Manager Marlene Crosby was present for discussion.

1. Consultant Agreement; Mead & Hunt, Inc; Design Concept for Reconstruction of the Brush Creek intersection; \$83,725. DCM Crosby explained that this is an agreement for reconstruction of the Brush Creek intersection hopefully to start in August. She noted that she was working that day on scheduling a meeting for the first public meeting, and noted that they were already starting the traffic counting. **Moved** by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the consultant agreement with Mead & Hunt, Inc's design concept for reconstruction of the Brush Creek intersection, in the amount of \$83,725. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Coverage of staffing at the landfill. DCM Crosby explained to the Board that they were struggling to cover shifts at the landfill – since they were short Road & Bridge operators, they could not fill in with other crews. She has contacted the City and a private hauler to see how to adjust the hours. DCM Crosby noted that it would be bad to close on Saturdays because of tree dumps, etc, but then suggested that perhaps they could extend hours somewhat during the middle of the week to replace Saturdays. She added that they would put a notice in the newspapers as soon as these adjustments could be worked out.
3. Glitches with getting a facilitator for the Marble Project. DCM Crosby revealed that the facilitator they had earlier lined up for this project had now taken on another job. In finding someone else, the price went up significantly. The Forest Service, who is providing funds, said yes to earlier prices, but refused the recent rate increase. DCM Crosby further noted that the Forest Service had to obligate their money by August 27th. Commissioner Mason then let the Board and DCM Crosby know that he had just heard that day from the Forest Service, wherein the Forest Service offered a draft revision of budget showing a limit of \$23,000 – listening sessions added in had raised the price a bit. The Board added that some of the administrative costs and facilitation may need to be contracted through the County.

CHANGE OF AGENDA: Chairperson Houck elected to go first to Vouchers and Transfers, then come back to the Treasurer's Report.

VOUCHERS AND TRANSFERS: Chief Financial Officer Juan Guerra was present to answer any questions the Board might have.

1. August 2021 Accounts Payable Report. With no questions from the Board, it was **moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mason to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$3,691,890.22. Motion carried unanimously.
2. June 2021 Purchase Card Report.
3. July 2021 Cash Transfer Report. **Moved** by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the cash transfer in the amount of \$5,019,946.84. Motion carried unanimously
4. Sales Tax - LMD Reports. CFO Guerra noted that the sales tax increases were highlighted by three main areas of growth – building materials, bars & restaurants, and lodging.

TREASURER'S REPORTS: County Treasurer Debbie Dunbar was not able to join the meeting that day, but as the Board had no questions, it was **moved** by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mason to accept the Treasurer's Report and authorize the Chair's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

SUBMISSION OF GUNNISON COUNTY'S FIRST QUARTERLY FISCAL TRANSPARENCY REPORT; AS OF JUNE 30, 2021: Presented by CFO Juan Guerra. He introduced this report by stating that as he took a look at what reports had been generated in the past, he asked if these were truly serving the needs of both the County's decision makers and the public. In doing so, he saw opportunity for improvement, and stated that this transparency report gave needed information to the County decision-makers and planners on a more current basis. CFO Guerra noted that the County's audits were not necessarily relevant, since there was a 9-10 month lapse until the audit reports come in. Therefore, he created a quarterly report that can better reflect the County's financial status. He then outlined the sections for the Board, explaining each area's economic impact on the community.

RECESS: Chairperson Houck recessed the regular meeting at 9:17 am, in order to hold the Gunnison-Hinsdale Board of Human Services Meeting.

GUNNISON/HINSDALE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES REGULAR MEETING:

9:00 am • **(See separate agenda)**

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING:

RECONVENE: At 9:38 am, Commissioner Houck reconvened the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting.

HEARING (CONTINUED FROM 6/15/2021); PETITION FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF TAXES; PROPERTY TAX YEAR 2020; R013123, 12.84 ACRES IN THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 86 WEST, 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; PARCEL NO. 3255-120-00-082; VAN DELAY INDUSTRIES LTD: Presented by County Appraiser Chris Nutgrass. Because Chairperson Houck had not been present for the beginning of the hearing on 6/15/2021, he asked Commissioner Mason to step in as Acting Chair for this continuation of the Petition for Abatement by Van Delay Industries Ltd.

As the petitioner was not present, either in the room or via Zoom, and with confirmation that a timely notice was sent to the petitioner with the correct date and time, Appraiser Nutgrass was then asked to go ahead with a brief outline of the change from agricultural to vacant land for tax year 2020. Commissioner Mason first outlined that, during the initial hearing on June 15th, the petitioner had maintained the land was still being used for agriculture and Appraiser Nutgrass had shown photos with fences down and the land showing no evidence of cows on the property. At that point, the petitioner had asked for a continuance, stating that they would provide a lease showing the usage for the correct time period.

Appraiser Nutgrass then gave a brief overview of what had been discovered and presented during the hearing on June 15th, concluding that the agricultural status was changed to vacant land for 2020, because there had been no eyewitness, lease or other evidence which established that it had been used for agricultural purposes in 2019. He then recommended that the Board deny the abatement petition for the tax year of 2020.

Chairperson Houck noted that at the conclusion of the hearing on June 15th, the petitioner had understood that the continued hearing would be with a lease from the petitioner which would substantiate the agricultural use in 2019. Commissioner Smith added that the petitioner did have a lease through 2018 and again for 2020; however, this lease document was not able to be provided by the petitioner for 2019. Deputy County Attorney Emilee Gaebler clarified that the purpose of this hearing was for the petitioner to dispute that they did not lose their agricultural status in 2019. With no agricultural lease or other evidence presented to show agricultural use during 2019, agricultural status would be lost for 2019, and that status could not be regained until the petitioner could show ongoing agricultural use for another three-year period of time.

Commissioner Mason then closed the Public Hearing at 9:46 am. With no further discussion from the Board, it was **moved** by Chairperson Houck, seconded by Commissioner Smith to deny the petition for abatement of 2020 property taxes for Van Delay Industries, Parcel No. 3255-120-00-082, based on the fact that no evidence was provided to substantiate 2019 agricultural use, and therefore, under state statute, did not meet the criteria for that type of classification. Motion carried unanimously.

RIVERLAND LOT 7 JOINT VENTURE CONDOMINIUM PLAT; RIVERLAND FILING #1- AKA 296 BUCKLEY DR; LUC-21-00034; ATTORNEY DANIAL SPIVEY, REPRESENTATIVE: Present for discussion was Community Development Administrative Services Manager Beth Baker. She explained to the Board that this was a "condominiumization" of two existing structures on Lot 7, adding that all the needed documents for this process had been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney's Office.

With no questions from the Board, it was **moved** by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the Riverland Lot 7 Joint Venture Condominium Plat, Riverland Filing #1, LUC-21-00034, and to authorize the chair's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION; OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT: Present for discussion were the Board of County Commissioners, County Manager Matthew Birnie, and County Attorney Matt Hoyt.

Commissioner Smith started by noting that Gunnison County's region had organized and would be meeting that afternoon to establish governance, structure and bylaws, and would proceed with appointments and discussion of how these resources should be allocated across the region. She added that her preparation had included discussions with Health and Human Services Director Joni Reynolds, Early Childhood Council Coordinator Margaret Wacker, and Gunnison County Substance Abuse Prevention Program Manager Kari Commerford – regarding how to best identify and address the specialized needs of the Gunnison-Hinsdale Counties region.

County Attorney Hoyt filled in with the background on this settlement, explaining that the State of Colorado, through the Attorney General's Office, was in litigation with the manufacturers of opioids. That case was not yet finalized, but the settlement contemplated a portion of funds to be paid by the defendant to counties and municipalities directly, and then a portion to various regions around the State, essentially comprised of all the judicial districts, of which Gunnison County's region was the 7th Judicial District. Other counties in this district included Montrose, Delta, Ouray, San Miguel, and Hinsdale Counties. One thing the Attorney General was requesting in order to process the distribution and administrative response, was for these regions to establish regional councils to administer, oversee, distribute these settlement funds. Gunnison County, in consultation with the County Attorney's Office, came up with a set of bylaws modeled after Southeast Colorado's already established bylaws, with input from the Attorney General. This model was essentially called the "One County, One Vote" system, wherein each county has an equal say, and allowed for proxy voting. CA Hoyt added that the bylaws also gave a voice to non-voting members: those coming out of opioid addiction, public health providers, mental health providers, and law enforcement

municipalities – all to function as a big tent, allowing a multiple of voices in the room to help guide in the decision making.

After several minutes discussion addressing some of the challenges in organizing, regional representation, disbursement of funds, and Gunnison County appointment possibilities, it was **moved** by Chairperson Houck, seconded by Commissioner Mason to authorize Commissioner Smith to serve as representative of the Board on the opioid settlement, to speak on the Board's behalf, and to continue conversation and correspondence with the other counties in the region, utilizing the resources of the County Manager's and Attorney's Offices in this matter. Motion carried unanimously.

UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS: There were no Unscheduled Citizens present, in the room or via Zoom, for discussion.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS: This discussion began earlier than scheduled due to a gap in the meeting.

Commissioner Mason:

1. Work with White River National Forest and the facilitator project. Commissioner Mason reported to the Board that a proposal update just given to him that morning looked like it would come in line with the previous proposal.
2. Attended Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority (GVRHA) meeting last Thursday, August 12th. Commissioner Mason said that one item of note out the meeting was the agreement being worked on between Executive Director Jennifer Kermode and investors for a Crested Butte Hostel Housing initiative, in an effort to create more affordable housing. They would be working on the details that week, noting it would be "an outside-of-the-box" idea.
3. Pitkin County Commissioners had reached out to Commissioner Mason regarding a Wild and Scenic designation on the Crystal River. Commissioner Mason let the Board know that Pitkin County Commissioners wished to have a joint meeting with the Gunnison Board of County Commissioners; he wanted to know where the Board was with this meeting proposal. Chairperson Houck noted that he had some input for this which he could address in his Commissioner Items, and CM Birnie noted that he and the County Attorney's Office had been in communication, but had not yet heard back and the ball was now in Pitkin County's court.

Commissioner Houck:

1. Met with Senator Bennet in Marble last Saturday and Sunday, August 14-15. Chairperson Houck had gathered with the Senator, Commissioners and others from Pitkin County, Bureau of Land Management, and the Forest Service up in Coal Basin, to discuss coal mine methane capture. Much of this program had been piloted by Gunnison County in the North Fork, and the meeting's main focus was on procuring funding and opportunities to capture and utilize this resource.
2. After the meeting at Coal Basin, Chairperson Houck spoke with Commissioner Kury from Pitkin County. He suggested that the Pitkin Commissioners decide if they would like to meet on Zoom or in person and then let their County Manager get with Gunnison CM Birnie to coordinate a meeting date. The Board then briefly discussed topics for this meeting such as Wild and Scenic designation, permitting in the White River National Forest, and how to include Gunnison County and Marble participants in these. Chairperson Houck added that in the past, the Colorado River District had been strongly opposed to a Wild and Scenic designation, and that they would be a major component in this.
3. Visited Marble during Marblefest on Sunday, August 15th. Chairperson Houck had wanted to see the traffic status in and around Marble at a very busy time. He drove to the base Daniel's Hill and in the 45 minutes he was there, observed no trucks, ATVs, UTVs or OHVs of any kind there; he noted only around six people on Beaver Lake, and several parking spaces open in the lot. However, during his drive, he did note there was a large pile of earth and debris at the entrance to Serpentine Drive that had been pushed off the road after a large storm, and it unintentionally created a loading / unloading ramp for ATVs. Deputy County Manager Crosby discussed adding possible signage there, as it is private property next to the county road. The law enforcement presence was also noted as a being a positive influence this year. Overall, the conclusion was that there did not seem to be the same intense traffic that had been there in 2020.
4. Toured the Marble Quarry with Senator Bennet. Chairperson Houck highlighted that Senator Bennet was a history lover, and with this being his first time to the quarry, the guides there treated them to an amazing tour.
5. Attended the National Association of Counties (NACo) Public Lands Steering Committee meeting last Friday, August 13th. Chairperson Houck explained his focus was working on assessing the current infrastructure bill to see if it includes any provision for capped wells and methane capture. A positive project back East was working with this, so he had contacted Senators Bennett and Hickenlooper's staff to mention that this project might be good to contact.
6. Able to have a 20-minute phone conversation with Congressional Representative Lauren Boebert and a couple of her staff members on Friday, August 13th. Within this call, Chairperson Houck explained that he was able to go over several items of importance for Gunnison County, such as: issues around public, forest and BLM lands; strong management of recreation and its infrastructure – understanding the large economic impact; issues around rural broadband; and COVID-19 impacts, transition, and recovery in our County and region. Lastly, he issued an invitation to her to visit Gunnison County, letting her know that the Board would be happy to host an open house for her at the courthouse anytime she would like.

7. The GMUG (Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, Gunnison) National Forest revision plan draft has been released. Chairperson Houck let the Board know he was working through that, compiling comments on the Board's behalf.
8. Asked to participate on a Presidential Search Committee for Western Colorado University. Chairperson Houck stated that he was looking forward to serving on this committee with the trustees and other appointed members.

Commissioner Smith

1. Planning to attend the ribbon cutting next Friday August 20th for Wonderland Nature School. Commissioner Smith noted that an earlier date for the ribbon cutting had been postponed by rain and a COVID-19 outbreak. She also noted that the early childcare policy in the valley since the outbreak would be for all teachers to be vaccinated or they must wear masks at all times, if not fully vaccinated.
2. Continuing work with the Whetstone Building Process Committee. Commissioner Smith reported that the process was into two overlapping stages, moving from the Outreach Partnership Building and Technical Analysis phase, into the Planning and Design Strategies part of the process. She added that there would be a final open public meeting that afternoon, from 4-6pm, in which they were collecting people's housing ideas and background stories. For August 26th and 27th, they planned an outreach to many different demographics of the valley, hoping to reach out to the area's service-related industries who could really benefit from this project. A website address for input was also provided as: <https://whetstonehousing.weebly.com>.
3. Attended the Counties & Commissioners Acting Together (CCAT) affordable housing taskforce meeting. Commissioner Smith stated that she and several other county commissioners supplied input relating to their counties' priorities for affordable housing – from expanding infrastructure to marketing to developers, leveraging funding, safeguarding existing affordable housing, and to consideration of mobile home parks and possible ownership by residents of the parks. Commissioner Smith added that she brought up the tools to develop on appropriate State land parcels, as well, citing the example of the Paintbrush project in Gunnison adjacent to Western Colorado University's state land.
4. Spoke briefly with John Norton of the Tourism and Prosperity Partnership (TAPP). Commissioner Smith asked him to consider doing something for Western with the remaining marketing funds that had been earmarked but not needed for the Summer tourism season. She asked him to consider possibly marketing to Western's mountain sports programs. She will be following up with this project, as all parties were very interested in the idea.
5. Attended a meeting of the Gunnison County Community Health Coalition. Commissioner Smith stated that they had a follow-up meeting on health equity, wrapping up a topic started earlier in the year. Presentations were also made by the Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority and Country Meadow Mobile Home Park, to update on present market conditions and examine what can be done to facilitate a more wholistic vision of health equity which includes housing and these other components that are really essential to overall health.

Chairperson Houck recessed the regular meeting at 10:31 am, in order to go into an executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, PURSUANT TO C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(E)(I), FOR DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS RELATED TO THE COUNTRY MEADOWS MOBILE HOME PARK, DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS; PURSUANT TO CRS § 24-6-402(4)(A), THE PURCHASE, ACQUISITION, LEASE, TRANSFER, OR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY OR OTHER PROPERTY INTEREST(S) IN RELATION TO THE COUNTRY MEADOWS MOBILE HOME PARK; AND PURSUANT TO C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(B), CONFERENCES WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY, DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY OR ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR GUNNISON COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING LEGAL ADVICE RELATED TO THE COUNTRY MEADOWS MOBILE HOME PARK: Commissioner Houck **moved** to go into Executive Session, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(e)(I), for determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations related to the Country Meadows Mobile Home Park, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators; pursuant to CRS § 24-6-402(4)(a), the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of real property or other property interest(s) in relation to the Country Meadows Mobile Home Park; and pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b), conferences with the County Attorney, Deputy County Attorney or Assistant County Attorney for Gunnison County for the purpose of receiving legal advice related to the Country Meadows Mobile Home Park. The participants in the Executive Session would be the full Board of County Commissioners, County Attorney Matthew Hoyt, Deputy County Attorney Emilee Gaebler, Assistant County Attorney Alex San Filippo-Rosser, Community Development Director Cathie Pagano, Community Development staff member Loren Ahonen, Deputy County Manager Marlene Crosby, and County Manager Matthew Birnie. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into executive session at 10:33 a.m. The executive session was held in the BOCC Boardroom, and no contemporaneous records were kept. *Executive sessions of the Board of County Commissioners are conducted as per C.R.S, §24-6-402(4). This specific session was conducted as per §24-6-402 (4) (E) (I), §24-6-402 (4) (a), and §24-6-402 (4) (b).*

Attorney Statement Regarding Executive Session

Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4), I attest that I am the Gunnison County Attorney, that I represent the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners, that I attended all of the above referenced executive session, that all of the executive session was confined to the topic authorized for discussion pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) and that, because in my opinion all of the discussion during the executive session constituted a privileged attorney-client communication, no record of the executive session was required to be kept and no such record was kept.

Date: _____

Matthew Hoyt
Gunnison County Attorney

Chairperson Statement Regarding Executive Session

Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4), I attest that I am the Chairperson of the Gunnison County Board of Commissioners, that I attended all of the above referenced executive session, and that all of that executive session was confined to the topic authorized for discussion pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4).

Date: _____

Jonathan Houck, Chairperson
Gunnison County Board of Commissioners

At the end of the Executive Session, it was **moved** by Chairperson Houck to come out of executive session, affirming that the participants in the executive session remained consistent with those read into the record, and that they did stay on topic, and were able to receive the advice from their attorneys and staff, as necessary. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Houck adjourned the Executive Session at 12:02 pm.

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING:

RECONVENE: At 12:02 pm, Chairperson Houck reconvened the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting.

Chairperson Houck then advised that it was hard to see where negotiations with the owner of the Country Meadows Mobile Home Park was going because of a several key issues:

1. Correspondence had to be by mail only, and that directed to be only by US Postal Service mail.
2. There had been no correspondence back, which indicated that the other party was not operating in good faith; instead they appeared to be running the clock out.
3. A subpoena was issued by Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) requiring correspondence back by August 4th, and that deadline had come and gone with no correspondence reported back from DOLA.
4. This information required back was instrumental for working out financing and structuring any type of deal.

Chairperson Houck summarized his directions with saying that, regardless of these issues, the County needed to move forward anyway, by:

1. Having Community Development hold an extra work session outside of the regular BOCC work sessions, meeting wherever the residents of Country Meadows Mobile Home Park would like, in a time frame and place that works best for them.
2. With Commissioner Mason as chair on the Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority (GVRHA) Board, inviting the GVRHA Board to be part of this special work session.
3. Having Community Development Director Cathie Pagano and her staff continue to work with DOLA to obtain site access as the designated local government personnel, pursuant to the DOLA subpoena to Country Meadows Mobile Home Park.
4. Emphasizing at the special work session that parallel actions needed to continue, because both actions had value in enabling the residents of County Meadows Mobile Home Park to have quality of life.
5. Stressing that, throughout all of this, the Board of County Commissioners were committed to the Country Meadows residents' well-being and future.

ADJOURN: Moved by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mason to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Jonathan Houck, Chairperson

Roland Mason, Vice-Chairperson

Liz Smith, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Melanie Bollig, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Kathy Simillion, County Clerk