

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
July 30, 2007**

The July 30, 2007 Board of Commissioners meeting was held in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Courthouse. Present were:

Hap Channell, Chairperson  
Paula Swenson, Vice-Chairperson

Jim Starr, Commissioner  
Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Channell called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

**PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT:** Prior to this meeting, the commissioners held interviews for a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Individuals interviewed were Jerry Burgess, Sam Lumb and Harvey Castro.

All commissioners agreed that Mr. Burgess is very new to the community and would prefer that he become involved with the Planning Commission in the future after obtaining more local experience.

Commissioner Swenson stated that she was pleased to have applicants from the north end of the valley. She further stated that both Mr. Lumb and Mr. Castro were knowledgeable and hard-working candidates, however she also stated her preference toward Mr. Lumb because his schedule appeared more flexible. Additionally, Commissioner Swenson was pleased that Mr. Lumb displayed a broad knowledge of current Gunnison County issues.

Commissioner Starr was also pleased that there were applicants from the north end of the valley and stated his belief that it is important to maintain a political and geographical balance on the various boards and commissions. Commissioner Starr stated his preference toward either Mr. Lumb or Mr. Castro, believing them to both be good candidates, however he felt as though Mr. Castro may have more availability since he is retired.

Chairperson Channell expressed his opinion that both Mr. Castro and Mr. Lumb would perform well on the Planning Commission and appreciated the possibility of Mr. Castro having greater availability. However, all commissioners agreed that Mr. Lumb showed proactivity by previously meeting with the Planning Commission to ascertain the level of time commitment that would be involved if he were selected.

**Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Starr to appoint Sam Lumb to the alternate open position on the Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN:** **Moved** by Commissioner Starr, seconded by Commissioner Swenson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:08 pm.

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Hap Channell, Chairperson

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Paula Swenson, Vice-Chairperson

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Jim Starr, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

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Katherine Haase, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

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Stella Dominguez, County Clerk