

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
October 28, 2008**

The October 28, 2008 Board of Commissioners meeting was held in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Courthouse. Present were:

Hap Channell, Chairperson
Paula Swenson, Vice-Chairperson
Matthew Birnie, County Manager

Ruth Dukeman, Clerk to the Board
Others Present as Listed in Text

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Channell called the meeting to order at 9:29 am. Commissioner Starr was absent due to a scheduling conflict.

P.L. 110-343 Formula Payment: Finance Director Linda Nienhueser was present for discussion. County Manager Birnie presented details of proposed Secure Rural School (SRS) and Community Self-Determination Act funding opportunity available to Gunnison County.

Discussion about options for fund allocation ensued. Maximum allocations to the tier that included road and bridge was recommended. It was advised there was a potential for additional allocation to other programs to include community wildfire prevention and suppression, and a potential for reimbursement for search and rescue efforts on public lands. This allocation of funding could allow for monies currently budgeted for these projects to be turned back to the treasury and allocated for different needs. Explanation as to the allowable uses of funding was still to be determined.

Moved by Commissioner Swenson to accept the County's share of the Colorado State payment under SRS. Seconded by Chairperson Channell.

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Swenson to grant the authority to County Manger Birnie to complete the paper work necessary, and set allocations of funding to Tier I, Tier II and Tier III for maximum benefit to Gunnison County. Motion seconded by Chairperson Channell.

Motion carried.

ADJOURN: **Moved** by Commissioner Channell, seconded by Commissioner Swenson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:48 am.

Hap Channell, Chairperson

Paula Swenson, Vice-Chairperson

Absent

Jim Starr, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Ruth Dukeman, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Stella Dominguez, County Clerk