

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
December 22, 2008**

The December 22, 2008 Board of Commissioners meeting was held in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Courthouse. Present were:

Paula Swenson, Vice-Chairperson
Jim Starr, Commissioner - via telephone
Matthew Birnie, County Manager

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

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chairperson Swenson called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Chairperson Channell was absent.

2009 GUNNISON COUNTY MILL LEVY: Finance Director Nienhueser presented the budget year 2009 Certification of Levies and Revenue for discussion and approval. She detailed that the percentages shown on the printed materials were in total revenue. New construction and new oil and gas represented the majority of the increased numbers for Gunnison County. It was noted that several changes had taken place, specifically the Arrowhead Fire Protection District was established showing a 100% increase in revenue and would be reflected in an 8.0% decrease for the Gunnison County Fire Protection District. Mt. Crested Butte DDA also demonstrated an increase that was explained by new building. Finance Director Nienhueser commented that all certifications were turned in on time, and there were no known issues. **Moved** by Commissioner Starr, seconded by Commissioner Swenson to accept the Gunnison County Certification of Mill Levies as presented.

Discussion ensued. Representing the Board of Realtors, Shirley Woodberry was present for comment. She expressed concern about valuation of property in the Gunnison Area. She further explained some recent property sales required stipulations that she felt were uncommon and she was unsure if the improvements would be included in the assessed values of the recently sold properties. It was recommended to schedule a time at a later date for the Assessor's Office to address these types of concerns with the Board of Realtors.

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Starr, seconded by Commissioner Swenson to approve the Gunnison County Certification of Mill Levies as presented, and with Chairperson Channell absent, authorize Vice-Chairperson Swenson's signature on the Gunnison County Certification of Mill Levies. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: **Moved** by Commissioner Starr, seconded by Commissioner Swenson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

ABSENT

Hap Channell, Chairperson

Paula Swenson, Vice-Chairperson

Jim Starr, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Ruth Dukeman, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Stella Dominguez, County Clerk