

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 2009**

The October 15, 2009 Board of Commissioners meeting was held in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Courthouse. Present were:

- Paula Swenson, Chairperson
- Jim Starr, Vice-Chairperson (Participated via teleconference)
- Matthew Birnie, County Manager
- Ruth Dukeman, Clerk to the Board
- Others Present as Listed in Text

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Swenson called the meeting to order at 1:27 pm.

2010 GUNNISON COUNTY BUDGET; STAFF-PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTATION; Finance Director, Linda Nienhueser and Assistant Finance Director Ben Cowan were present for discussion.

Finance Director Linda Nienhueser presented a balanced budget both in paper and on disk in electronic form for review. She further detailed changes to the General Fund including how Public Health Services were moved into a separate account. She further noted how finding revenues to continue the level of services provided by the County may be more difficult in the coming years. The payroll program reflected the removal of the 1.5% market adjustment or cost of living increases for the coming year.

County Manager Matthew Birnie detailed how 2009 revenue projections were detailed in General Fund. He further explained the effects of 2009 severance tax funds to the 2010 budget. Finance Director Linda Nienhueser noted how it appeared that several departments would be below projected 2009 budgeted amounts, while other accounts may be over budget. Commissioner Starr confirmed that a reserve would be maintained it was explained how a 25% reserve amount was currently projected for 2010.

The sales tax fund revenue projections included a 5% reduction for 2009 and only a 2% reduction for 2010, for a total of 7% reduction from 2008. The 5% projected reduction would remain for the 2009 budget.

Commissioner Starr asked about fuel and utility expenses for 2009. Finance Director Linda Nienhueser advised that utilities were currently below budget and fuel was tracking toward the projected 2009 budgeted figures. Finance Director Linda Nienhueser thanked County Manager Matthew Birnie, Assistant Finance Director Ben Cowan and the department heads for all their efforts with the new budgeting process.

County Manager Matthew Birnie explained that a recently submitted request for an RTA grant match was not included in the current draft and that additional guidance may be needed from the Board as to the amount and source of the funds.

Moved by Commissioner Starr, seconded by Chairperson Swenson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:38 pm.

Paula Swenson, Chairperson

Jim Starr, Vice-Chairperson

Absent
Hap Channell, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Ruth Dukeman, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Stella Dominguez, County Clerk