

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
December 8, 2009**

The December 8, 2009 Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners meeting was held in the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners' boardroom in the Gunnison County Courthouse located at 200 E. Virginia, Gunnison, Colorado. Present were:

Paula Swenson, Chairperson  
Jim Starr, Vice-Chairperson  
Hap Channell, Commissioner

Matthew Birnie, County Manager  
Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board  
Others Present as Listed in Text

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Swenson called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**BREAK:** The meeting recessed from 7:30 until 7:55 pm in order to hold the below Public Hearing.

**PROPOSED 2010 GUNNISON COUNTY BUDGET:** Finance Director Linda Nienhueser, Assistant Finance Director Ben Cowan, Senior Accountant Maureen Eden and Assistant County Manager Marlene Crosby were present for discussion.

1. Open Public Hearing. Chairperson Swenson opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 pm.
2. Public Notice Confirmation. Clerk to the Board Haase confirmed that the Public Hearing had been properly noticed.
3. Identify Ex Parte Communications. There were no ex parte communications identified.
4. Staff Presentation. Finance Director Nienhueser provided the 2010 Proposed Budget Summary and the 2010 Proposed Budget Change Summary Sheets for discussion. All proposed changes to the documents were discussed and considered acceptable.

County Manager Birnie explained that the Human Services budget included the elimination of three positions, but that further reductions may be necessary as funding from the State would be limited.

5. Applicant Presentation. This was not applicable.
6. Board Questions. Commissioner Starr questioned whether or not the Marble Tourism Association funding was set aside in the budget. Finance Director Nienhueser explained that these funds are identified in the fund balance, but that the funds were not listed in a separate account.
7. Public Comments. Chairperson Swenson opened the Public Hearing to comments at 7:52 am.

Elizabeth Bond from the Crested Butte Mountain Theatre explained that Community Based Organization funding in the amount of \$1,000 had recently been denied by the Board and she urged reconsideration of this action so that the Theatre could purchase pocket calendars. The Board explained that no additional funding was available and that the denial was not likely to be reconsidered.

Interim Executive Director for the Gunnison Arts Center Janice Wellborn thanked the Board for the recent Community Based Organization funding approval. She promised that the Center would leverage the funds to the fullest extent.

8. Acknowledge Correspondence Received. No additional correspondence was identified.
9. Applicant Response. This was not applicable.
10. Close Public Hearing. Chairperson Swenson closed the Public Hearing at 7:55 pm and immediately reconvened the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners Meeting.

Chairperson Swenson thanked staff members for their work in creating the 2010 budget documents. The 2010 Gunnison County budget is scheduled for adoption on 12/15/09. Finance Director Nienhueser stated that she did not anticipate any further modifications to the projections.

**ADJOURN:** **Moved** by Commissioner Channell, seconded by Commissioner Starr to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

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Paula Swenson, Chairperson

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Jim Starr, Vice-Chairperson

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Hap Channell, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

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Katherine Haase, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

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Stella Dominguez, County Clerk