

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2010**

The January 5, 2010 Board of Commissioners meeting was held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Courthouse. Present were:

Paula Swenson, Commissioner
Jim Starr, Commissioner
Hap Channell, Commissioner
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 8:07 am.

AGENDA REVIEW: Two reorganization appointments, for the Chamber of Commerce and the Tourism Association were added to the agenda. The agenda was approved as modified.

CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Starr requested Consent Agenda item #9 be pulled for discussion. Commissioner Channell requested Consent Agenda items #4, #8 and #13 be pulled for further discussion. **Moved** by Commissioner Channell, seconded by Commissioner Starr to approve the Consent Agenda, and authorize signatures for Consent Agenda items #1, #2, #3, #5, #6, #7, #10, #11, #12 and #14. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Addendum to the Development Improvements Agreement for Taylor River Ranch Subdivision, Now Known as Wilder on the Taylor
2. Addendum to the Development Improvement Agreement for Thornton Meadows Subdivision
3. Health and Human Services Director, Renee Brown's Request for Out-of-State Travel Authorization; Laramie, Wyoming; 11/12/2009 – 11/13/2009; \$150
4. **Pulled for Discussion and Separate Action:** Annual Self-Funding Agreement for Gunnison County's Primary Property and Liability Insurance Policy
5. Acknowledgement of County Manager Signature; Emergency Management Contract Amendment #8; EIAF #5147, Gunnison County DTR System-WIN
6. Petition for Abatement or Refund of Taxes; Account R030250; Lots 16, 17 and 21, Block 22, Crested Butte South Filing 4
7. Petition for Abatement or Refund of Taxes; Account R012736; Lot 11, Meridian Lake Park Filing 1
8. **Pulled for Discussion and Separate Action:** Health and Human Services; Colorado ARRA CSBG Risk Assessment Assurance Form
9. **Pulled for Discussion and Separate Action:** Agreement; Employee Assistance Program for Profession Services in 2010
10. Agreement: Purchase and Installation of Electronic Timesheet Software Package
11. Agreement: 2010 Purchase of Consulting Services for FundWare Additional Modules
12. Agreement: 2010 Purchase of Additional Modules for FundWare Accounting Software
13. **Pulled for Discussion and Separate Action:** Contract; CB Specialty Services and Gunnison-Crested Butte Airport
14. Acknowledgement of Assistant County Manager/Public Works Director Signature; Allocation of ARRA Funds Certification

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #4: Commissioner Channell asked that this item be pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Discussion about the self funding process ensued. **Moved** by Commissioner Channell, seconded by Commissioner Starr to approve Consent Agenda Item #4 and approve signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #8: Commissioner Channell asked that this item be pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Commissioner Channell requested additional insight into the reporting process. County Manager Birnie was able to provide details related to the process and explained that the State of Colorado audits many of these functions. **Moved** by Commissioner Channell, seconded by Commissioner Starr to approve Consent Agenda Item #8 and authorize signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #9: Commissioner Starr requested that this item be pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Discussion about the costs for training, separate from the cost for other services commenced. **Moved** by Commissioner Starr, seconded by Commissioner Channell to approve Consent Agenda Item #9 and authorize signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #13: Commissioner Channell asked that this item be pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. The types of services being provided were further deliberated.

Moved by Commissioner Channell, seconded by Commissioner Starr to approve Consent Agenda Item #13 and authorize necessary signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULING: The Upcoming Meetings Schedule was discussed and updated.

1. **Designation of 2009 Meeting Dates:** **Moved** by Commissioner Channell, seconded by Commissioner Starr to schedule Board of County Commissioner Regular Meetings on the first and third Tuesday of the month, with Work Sessions scheduled on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, with afternoon sessions on the second Tuesday and morning sessions on the fourth Tuesday. Motion Carried Unanimously.
2. **Designation of 2009 Agenda Posting Locations:** **Moved** by Commissioner Starr, seconded by Commissioner Channell to utilize the same posting location from 2009 for 2010. At the Courthouse, outside the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room entrance area, near the Finance Offices and at the Blackstock Government Center. County Attorney Baumgarten advised that the legal designation for 2009 was only the bulletin board outside the BOCC meeting room. The other locations could be designated as advisory. Commissioner Starr amended the motion. **Moved** by Commissioner Starr, seconded by Commissioner Channell to designate the official agenda posting location for 2010 to be the cork board immediately outside of the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room on the second floor of the Courthouse, with the understanding that if possible, agendas would be posted downstairs, outside, next to the Finance Offices, online (in electronic format) and at the Blackstock Government Center, as optional posting locations. Motion Carried Unanimously.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE: County Manager Birnie was present for discussion.

1. **Project Management Firm Interviews:** County Manger Birnie and Assistant County Manager Crosby had scheduled interviews with several vendors in the coming week. Information about the firms and potential options for environmentally friendly technology were presented.
2. **County Manager Scheduling:** County Manager Birnie announced that he would be out of town January 12, 13 and 14, 2010.
3. **Town of Mt. Crested Butte Council Meeting:** Topics for consideration for an upcoming meeting with the Mt. Crested Butte Town Council were discussed. Economic Development, the relationship with the Sheriff's Office, and Tourism Association Funding were topics requested to be included for discussion at an upcoming meeting with the Mt. Crested Butte Town Council.
4. **Cement Creek Traffic Issues Update:** Commissioner Channell requested an update on a discussion held at the November 17, 2009 meeting concerning traffic issues on Cement Creek road. County Manager Birnie advised that he had visited with Sheriff's Office personnel. Additional patrol was requested and in the spring, a speed indicator trailer will be placed on the road. Assistant Manager Crosby will prepare correspondence in response to the citizen letter that prompted the discussion.
5. **Enforcement Update Scheduling:** Commissioner Channell requested an enforcement update to be scheduled on a future agenda as soon as possible.

ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND PROJECT UPDATES: Assistant County Manager Crosby was present for discussion.

1. **Property Purchase in Somerset:** The property was described to be in very poor condition requiring extensive clean-up efforts. The exact location of parcel, the property size of 8,517 square feet and potential uses for the area were presented. The cost of the property and potential funding sources for the purchase were deliberated. The Board supported the opportunity for the County to work through the logistical factors toward the purchase of the property. A cost analysis, potential funding options and continued negotiations for the purchase of the property were requested to be completed by Assistant County Manager Crosby.
2. **Antelope Hills Update:** Assistant County Manager Crosby was working with the USDA toward project conclusion. It was noted that November 2011 was the completion deadline and there were hopes that the project could be finished ahead of schedule in 2010. Critical wildlife issues were noted, as the area was used by wildlife as critical winter habitat preventing work until the spring months.
3. **Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT):** Assistant County Manager Crosby announced a mandatory pre-bid meeting for those interested in submitting proposals for an upcoming trail project was scheduled later in the day.

SILVER THREAD SCENIC BYWAY; FINANCIAL AND IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION:

Gunnison-Crested Butte Tourism Association Director, Jane Chaney and Outdoor Recreation Planner, Sally Thode were present for discussion. A presentation about the project that took place at a previous meeting was highlighted. The request for \$2,000 in funds and \$8,000 of in-kind services from the Public Works Department was reviewed. **Moved** by Commissioner Starr, seconded by Commissioner Channell to allocate \$2,000 from the Board of County Commissioners Discretionary Fund and to authorize the expenditure of \$8,000 of in-kind services for the Silver Thread Scenic Byway sign project. Motion Carried Unanimously.

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BOARD REORGAINZATION APPOINTMENTS:

Moved by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Starr for 2010 Board of County Commissioners, Jim Starr to serve as Chairperson and Hap Channell to serve as Vice-Chairperson.

Personnel Board: Commissioner Jim Starr

Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley: Commissioner Hap Channell

Rural Transportation Authority Board: Commissioner Jim Starr and Commissioner Paula Swenson

Region 10: Paula Swenson

Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee: Paula Swenson, with Jim Starr as the Alternate

Chamber of Commerce: Commissioner Paula Swenson

Gunnison-Crested Butte Tourism Association: Commissioner Hap Channell.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Appreciation to Commissioner Swenson was expressed by Commissioner Starr and Commissioner Channell for serving as the Chairperson during 2009.

REQUEST FOR FINANCAL SUPPORT RURAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (RTA) NIGHT

BUS: Chairperson Starr presented information about a request for \$925 to help fund evening bus service on Saturday night. **Moved** by Commissioner Channell, seconded by Chairperson Starr to approve \$925 in funding for the RTA, to come from the BOCC Discretionary fund. Motion Carried Unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. **Governor Bill Ritter; Conservation Easement Tax Credit Program:** **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded Commissioner Channell to approve correspondence to Governor Ritter, to authorize signatures and to send copies to Senator Gail Schwartz and Representative Kathleen Curry. Motion Carried Unanimously.
2. **Letter of Support Gunnison River Festival:** The draft version of a letter of support to the IRS was reviewed. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Channell to approve the letter of support for the Gunnison River Festival for 501C3 status as amended, copied to the Gunnison River Festival organizers and the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservation District. Motion Carried Unanimously.
3. **Letter Inviting Cattleman's Days Committee to participate in Master Plan for Fairgrounds:** A letter requesting representatives from the Cattleman's Days event organizers to participate in a recently created task force to develop a master plan for the Fair Grounds Property was reviewed. Identified stakeholders were further discussed. It was thought that the task force could work toward recommendations, then the information would be presented to the various groups that use the property for their input. Details associated with distribution of the correspondence were further discussed. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Channell to approve the Cattleman's Days invite draft letter as amended. Motion Carried Unanimously.
Discussion about the Fairgrounds Master Plan Task Force Charge commenced. Information relating to the charge of the task force was reviewed. **Moved** by Commissioner Channell, seconded by Commissioner Swenson to adopt the Fairgrounds Master Plan Task Force Charge as amended and attach the information to the invitation letter. Motion Carried Unanimously.
4. **Carbon Neutrality Task Force Advertisement:** Discussion about the Carbon Neutrality Task Force recruitment process to include an ad in the local newspapers requesting letters of interest for membership commenced.

GUNNSION COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM (GCSAPP) GRANT

APPLICATION: **Moved** by Commissioner Channell, seconded by Commissioner Swenson to acknowledge and to ratify County Manager Signature on the grant application for GCSAPP. Motion Carried Unanimously.

COLORADO RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (CRWCD) REPORT:

CRWCD Representative Bill Trampe and County Attorney Baumgarten were present for discussion. Mr. Trampe summarized recent CRWCD activities and explained how the Western Slope participants appeared to be united allowing several issues to move forward. He further proposed that water issues may need to be assessed at a more global level, with challenging topics being considered about water usage for the State in regards to development and agricultural interests being served with limited resources. He advised how he supported efforts to resolve water issues with conversations and compromise verses public policy and legislation. Discussion about Gunnison County's current policies and how they appeared to be adequate commenced. Mr. Trampe advised that he will have a more detailed report after the legislative session began in the coming weeks.

HEATH AND HUMAN SERVICES DENTAL INITIATIVE GRANT APPLICATION: **Moved** by

Commissioner Channell, seconded by Commissioner Swenson to approve the Health and Human Services dental grant application and authorize appropriate signatures. Motion Carried Unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Channell to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2009 as amended and the Special Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2009 as submitted. Motion Carried Unanimously.

UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS: There were no Unscheduled Citizens present for discussion.

COMMISSIONERS MEETING REPORTS:

Chairperson Starr:

1. **Rescheduling Housing Needs Assessment Presentation:** Chairperson Starr requested the housing needs assessment presentation be rescheduled. County Manager Birnie will discuss options for scheduling this presentation with Housing Director, K.T. Gazunis. Discussion about an ongoing mapping project showing the locations of properties available for development commenced.
2. **Proposed Jail Site:** The need to schedule a public meeting about the proposed jail site was deliberated. The importance of press coverage concerning this topic and how to mitigate inaccurate information about the project in the community was further discussed.
3. **Clark Project Update:** Membership to an organizational board to support the project was being formed with an initial meeting scheduled for January 14, 2010. Articles of Incorporation and By-laws were included on the agenda. County Manager Birnie commented on how other counties frequently include the Housing Director or Housing Advisory Board members in board formation to assure that the two organizations are not in competition for resources.

Commissioner Channell:

1. **Planning Commission Public Hearing:** A joint public hearing concerning a property belonging to Karen Edstrom was attended. Discussion about covenants in the area commenced.
2. **Habitat for Humanity:** Commissioner Channell recently volunteered at a local building project. He commented on the quality of construction and expressed accolades to the volunteers who have worked on the project. He further complimented Habitat for Humanity for reaching a goal of 12 units in 12 years.
3. **Colorado Counties Inc. (CCI) Update:** Andy Karsian from CCI was in contact with Commissioner Channell regarding four potential legislative items. It was decided that additional conversations related to these matters may be needed and could be scheduled for a future agenda.
4. **2010 Boards and Commissions Reorganization Recruitment:** Assignment of the different Boards and Commissions to the Commissioners for recruitment efforts took place.
5. **Elected Officials Salary Discussion:** Commissioner Channell reported on how the recommended salary increase for elected officials for 2010 was 5%. After discussion, it was decided to oppose any legislative increase at this time.

Commissioner Swenson:

1. **Fair Grounds Master Plan Task Force:** Commissioner Swenson explained how she had visited with CSU Cooperative Extension Director, Eric McPhail and requested his assistance organizing and managing the Fair Grounds Master Plan Task Force efforts and he had accepted.
2. **Regional Energy Conference:** Commissioner Swenson proposed an event to be organized and hosted by Gunnison County. Discussion about the potential sponsors and timing for the event commenced.

ADJOURN: **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Channell to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:19 am.

Jim Starr, Chairperson

Hap Channell, Vice-Chairperson

Paula Swenson, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Ruth Dukeman, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Stella Dominguez, County Clerk