

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
October 15, 2010**

The October 15, 2010 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:

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Starr called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

**2011 GUNNISON COUNTY STAFF-PROPOSED BUDGET:** Finance Director Linda Nienhueser and Assistant Finance Director Ben Cowan were present for discussion.

County Manager Birnie explained to the Board that cost-of-living increases were not loaded into the staff-proposed budget. Merit increases will be available, just as they were for 2010.

The new presentation layout was explained to the Board. The layout provides additional information at an earlier timeframe to the Board than in years past. This activity-based information includes lists of core services, proposed budget changes, proposed performance changes, purpose statements, proposed staffing changes, and specific performance data.

County Manager Birnie stated that the transition to the new format revealed several minor budgetary issues to further evaluate.

The Board was appreciative of the extensive staff time involved during the creation of the staff-proposed budget. Particular thanks from everyone was given to Ben Cowan for his work above and beyond the call of duty.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned by unanimous agreement at 2:40 pm.

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Jim Starr, Chairperson

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Hap Channell, Vice-Chairperson

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Paula Swenson, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

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Katherine Haase, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

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Stella Dominguez, County Clerk