

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 15, 2011**

The March 15, 2011 meeting was held in the Commissioners' boardroom in the Courthouse located at 200 E. Virginia, Gunnison, Colorado. Present were:

Hap Channell, Chairperson	Matthew Birnie, County Manager
Paula Swenson, Vice-Chairperson	Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board
Phil Chamberland, Commissioner (Absent)	Others Present as Listed in Text

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH:** County Medical Officer Dr. John Tarr, Health and Human Services Director Renee Brown, Nursing Services Supervisor Carol Worrall, and student nurse Beth Shayner were present for discussion.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Channell called the Gunnison County Board of Health meeting to order at 2:04 pm.

**PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM OVERVIEW:** Public Health Director Worrall provided this overview, which included an explanation of eligibility requirements. She noted that the Public Health office maintains patient health records and coordinates with physicians' offices and/or national databases to share appropriate information. She also outlined activity structure, performance measures and service deliverables for all aspects of the Public Health Program, which are elements included within the departmental strategic business plan for Health and Human Services.

**POTASSIUM IODIDE INFORMATION:** Public Health Director Worrall informed the Board that, in the aftermath of the recent earthquake and subsequent tsunami that occurred in Japan, Public Health and other local health agencies within the County have been receiving requests for information regarding the possibility of using potassium iodide as a countermeasure for radiation exposure. She informed the Board that no harmful radiation had reached the continental United States thus far. She will address these expressed concerns via dissemination of information to medical providers and pharmacies in the County, as well as to her staff.

**ADJOURN:** **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Chairperson Channell to adjourn the Board of Health meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The Gunnison County Board of Health adjourned at 3:01 pm.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Channell called the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

**AGENDA REVIEW:** The Verzuh Ranch and Riverwalk Estates, LLLP discussions were removed from the agenda due to a scheduling conflict with County Attorney David Baumgarten. Both discussions were rescheduled for 4/5/11.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Chairperson Channell to approve the Consent Agenda and authorize any and all signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Acknowledgment of County Manager Approval to Submit; Grant Application; Caring for Colorado Foundation; Gunnison County Multicultural Resource Office; 8/16/11 thru 8/17/13; \$103,128
2. Acknowledgment of County Manager Approval to Submit; FY 2012 Family Planning and Colorado FP Initiative Budget; Gunnison County Public Health
3. Acknowledgment of County Manager Signature; Scope of Work; OMNI Institute; Gunnison County Substance Abuse Prevention Program
4. Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services State & Local Fair Market Value Lease Agreement; Replacement Lease for Courthouse Postage Machine
5. Out-of-State Travel Funding Approval; 2011 Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) National Leadership Forum XXI; National Harbor, MD; Additional Cost of \$806.28

**SCHEDULING:** The Upcoming Meetings Schedule was discussed and updated.

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

1. County Strategic Plan Development. County Manager Birnie informed the Board that key County personnel would be assembling at various times during March 23<sup>rd</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup> to work on developing the implementation plan for the County's strategic plan. A future work session will be scheduled to present the work product to the Board.
2. Rare Earth Minerals. County Manager Birnie informed the Board that Gunnison Country Times reporter Will Shoemaker intends to write a newspaper article on this subject. County Manager Birnie agreed to send additional details to the Board via email.

3. County Representative to Gunnison Valley Observatory (GVO) Board. County Manager Birnie informed the Board that GVO Board President Bill Powell expressed concern related to Assistant Community Development Director Neal Starkebaum, the current appointee, and his level of participation on the GVO Board. County Manager Birnie spoke with Assistant Community Development Director Starkebaum regarding this issue and determined that the Board will need to appoint a new staff member to the GVO Board. The Board requested that County Manager Birnie find out which staff members may be interested in this appointment.

**ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT AND PROJECT UPDATES:** Assistant County Manager Marlene Crosby and Assistant Public Works Director Allen Moores were present for discussion.

1. Possible Temporary Weight Restrictions on Gravel Portions of County Road 38 (Gold Basin Road). At the request of the citizens that utilize CR 38, Assistant County Manager Crosby presented a draft resolution regarding seasonal closures and weight restrictions for consideration and to be placed on the 3/22/11 agenda for formalization. She noted that the Bureau of Land Management considers this to be a County road and that BLM Gunnison Field Manager Brian St. George is supportive with the closure. Appropriate signage will be created upon approval of a resolution.

**RESOLUTION; AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM THE WATER RESOURCES PROTECTION FUND FOR WATER RESOURCE PROTECTION PURPOSES:** Deputy County Attorney Tom Dill was present for discussion. The Board asked that this be rescheduled to the 4/5/11 agenda since County Attorney David Baumgarten was not available for discussion.

**REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO DECLARATION; MEADOW VISTA CONDOMINIUMS:** Attorney David Leinsdorf (representing the Meadow Vista Condominiums Association) and County Planner Cathie Pagano were present for discussion.

Attorney Leinsdorf explained to the Board that this amendment, if approved, would facilitate financing needs. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Chairperson Channell for the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County to approve the amendment to the declaration of Meadow Vista Condominiums and authorize signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

**REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT IMPROVEMENTS AGREEMENT; RIVERWALK ESTATES, LLLP:** This item was removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

**SHADY ISLAND SUBDIVISION / VERZUH RANCH; EXTENSION OF NORTH GUNNISON SEWER; ACQUISITION OF EASEMENT AND RELATED COSTS; POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION:** This item was removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Letter of Support; 8<sup>th</sup> Street School Rehabilitation. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Chairperson Channell to approve the letter of support for Partners for the 8<sup>th</sup> Street School rehabilitation and authorize the Chairperson's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER ITEMS:**

**Commissioner Swenson:**

1. None.

**Chairperson Channell:**

1. Library District Meeting at the Aspinall-Wilson Center. Chairperson Channell attended this recent meeting that was scheduled as an opportunity for community members to provide input to the Library District. Chairperson Channell proposed that the Board speak with the Library District in order to answer mill levy questions. County Manager Birnie recommended that, if placed on the ballot, the Library District only ask the citizens for approval of the portion above and beyond what will be provided by the County. Further discussions will take place at the staff level. Chairperson Channell informed the Board that the County may be asked for a decision related to the possibility of selling the current structure to offset the price of constructing the new facility. County Manager Birnie expressed his opinion that the County should retain this asset, especially since the building may not sell for a significant amount of money in the current real estate market.

**UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS:**

1. Ramon Reed; Highway 50 Signage. Mr. Reed requested that the Board support the placement of signage on Hwy 50 east of Gunnison to mirror the signage at and around Blue Mesa Reservoir with respect to nighttime speed limits and wildlife habitation because of visibility issues. The Board asked County Manager Birnie to make inquiries to the Division of Wildlife, the National Park Service and the Colorado Department of Transportation about the justification process and whether or not signage might be possible.

**COMMISSIONER ITEMS (continued):**

**Commissioner Swenson:**

1. Gunnison Valley Rural Transportation Authority. Commissioner Swenson informed the Board that a recent meeting included discussion related to how bus travel needs may relate to air traffic. This prompted additional conversation related to the titling of properties purchased by Gunnison Valley Hospital. The County Attorney's Office will research this issue and then report back to the Board.

**Chairperson Channell (continued):**

2. Mayors and Managers Meeting. Chairperson Channell attended the recent meeting and provided the following information to the Board.
  - a. Crested Butte Mountain Resort (CBMR). Visits are up approximately 10%, though revenues have not increased by the same amount. CBMR continues to receive outstanding customer survey results.
  - b. Western State College (WSC). WSC Dean of Students Gary Pierson talked about the name change idea that Mesa State College (MSC) is pushing forward. It is thought that MSC may be trying for a name change to "Colorado Western University".

**ADJOURN:** Moved by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Chairperson Channell to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:29 pm.



Hap Channell, Chairperson




Paula Swenson, Vice-Chairperson

(Absent from meeting – no signature.)

Phil Chamberland, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:



Katherine Haase, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

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Stella Dominguez, County Clerk

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