

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 21, 2011**

The June 21, 2011 meeting was held in the Commissioners' boardroom in the Courthouse located at 200 E. Virginia, Gunnison, Colorado. Present were:

Hap Channell, Chairperson
Paula Swenson, Vice-Chairperson
Phil Chamberland, Commissioner

Marlene Crosby, Assistant County Manager
Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board
Others Present as Listed in Text

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH: Public Health Director Carol Worrall, County Medical Officer Dr. John Tarr and Health and Human Services Director Renee Brown were present for discussion.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Channell called the Gunnison County Board of Health meeting to order at 10:31 am.

IMPENDING PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE CRISIS: Dr. Tarr informed the Board that Gunnison County will lose 40% of its primary care physicians by the end of the summer and that no replacements have been identified. The Gunnison Valley Hospital (GVH) Board of Trustees (BOT) has begun discussions related to owning private practices, an arrangement that is increasing nationwide. He noted that GVH has attempted to do this in the past, but that the County Attorney's Office has advised against it. The BOT may hire a consultant with experience in consolidation of medical practices by hospitals. The BOT is also working to find a physician to assist Dr. Wolkov.

Dr. Tarr acknowledged that it is very difficult to recruit family physicians, so these measures may not help. He explained that approximately 20,000 medical school graduates entered the workforce in 2010 and only about 1,300 of those pursued family medicine. As well, approximately 47% of those 1,300 graduated from foreign medical schools, which makes standards for education and training inconsistent.

GVH commissioned a workforce study and Dr. Tarr gave the Board a copy. The study indicated that the addition of two full-time family physicians would likely fill the immediate gap. However, he noted that the local family physicians are in their late 50's or early 60's, so the threat of retirement could add to the problem.

Dr. Tarr explained that the return on investment for a family physician is about 800% to a hospital. He indicated that the County Attorney's Office had previously objected to the fair market value of a practice being sought for ownership by GVH. Dr. Tarr asked the Board to support the BOT as much as possible in its efforts to mitigate the crisis.

DR. JOHN TARR INSURANCE COVERAGE UPDATE: Dr. Tarr explained that GVH has paid his liability insurance for the past year. The cost is supposed to be shared equally between the County and GVH, but he couldn't confirm that the County ever received an invoice. He is now only a volunteer physician advisor for Hospice, which means that COPIC will cover his annual premiums if his application to COPIC is approved.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF UPDATES AND LUNCH HOUR COVERAGE: Public Health Director Worrall informed the Board that staff hours are being reduced due to the lack of grant funding. As of 1/1/11, Family Planning is open during the lunch hour.

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE WITH LOCAL AND REGIONAL PRIORITIES: Public Health Director Worrall informed the Board that the state is collecting data statewide relevant to public health programming to determine what the core services will be and how to fund them. The main goal is to ensure that all Coloradoans have access to core services.

Public Health Director Worrall provided information relative to the outcome of the 5/4/11 assessment with stakeholders. The handout illustrated the top winnable battles as decided by the Centers for Disease Control, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the West Central Public Health Partnership and Gunnison County. Six of the County's priorities were shared by at least one other entity. The shareholders will meet again on 6/30/11 at 9:00 am at the Gunnison County Fairgrounds.

ADJOURN: Moved by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

GUNNISON RIVER VALLEY LOCAL MARKETING DISTRICT: Tourism Association (TA) Director Jane Chaney and Finance Director Linda Nienhueser were present for discussion.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Channell called the Gunnison River Valley Local Marketing District meeting to order at 11:11 am.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOARD OF THE GUNNISON RIVER VALLEY LOCAL MARKETING DISTRICT OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO AND MARBLE CRYSTAL RIVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; \$14,000: Finance Director Nienhueser explained that a balance of approximately \$9,000 was available when this discussion began many months ago. She also explained that an average of \$10,500 has been collected by the lodging properties in the Upper Crystal River Valley during the previous six years, but that collections this year will be far less. With approximately \$1,000 in collections thus far for 2011, there may only be approximately \$3,000 by October. She said that collections in 2010 were down about 31%.

The work plan submitted for 2011 itemized a total of \$8,000 in expenditures. Per the agreement, the Board will again meet with the Chamber in October.

Ms. Chaney asked the Board to consider how the LMD relationship is different with the Chamber compared to the other local chambers because the TA may have to pull down the web and print advertising for Marble if a portion of the collections will not be available to the TA. She opined that all chambers should be treated the same. She also expressed concern related to the sustainability of the Chamber's programming if future funds are not available, and Commissioner Swenson stated that this conversation would occur in October.

The Board asked that County Manager Birnie contact Karen Good to explain that the contract must be modified because the necessary funds are not being collected. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of the Gunnison River Valley Local Marketing District of Gunnison County, Colorado and the Marble Crystal River Chamber of Commerce, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The Gunnison River Valley Local Marketing District meeting adjourned at 11:29 am.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Channell called the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 11:29 am. Assistant County Manager Crosby joined the meeting at this time.

AGENDA REVIEW: There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Chamberland requested that Consent Agenda Item #1 be pulled due to a conflict of interest. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to approve the Consent Agenda, excluding Item #1. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **Pulled for Discussion and Separate Action:** Provider Agreement; Cindy Chamberland; Professional Services Regarding Assessment, Service Planning and Clinical Services to Promote Health and Wellness to Individuals and Families Referred from Gunnison County Family Advocacy and Support Team through the Office of Juvenile Services
2. Provider Agreement; West Elk Soo Bahk Do / Andy Tyzzer; Professional Services Regarding Assessment, Service Planning and Clinical Services to Promote Health and Wellness to Individuals and Families Referred from Gunnison County Family Advocacy and Support Team through the Office of Juvenile Services
3. Provider Agreement; Jesse Cruz; Professional Services Regarding Assessment, Service Planning and Clinical Services to Promote Health and Wellness to Individuals and Families Referred from Gunnison County Family Advocacy and Support Team through the Office of Juvenile Services
4. Provider Agreement; Midwestern Colorado Mental Health Center; Professional Services Regarding Assessment, Service Planning and Clinical Services to Promote Health and Wellness to Individuals and Families Referred from Gunnison County Family Advocacy and Support Team through the Office of Juvenile Services
5. Provider Agreement; Monica Bilow; Professional Services Regarding Assessment, Service Planning and Clinical Services to Promote Health and Wellness to Individuals and Families Referred from Gunnison County Family Advocacy and Support Team through the Office of Juvenile Services
6. Provider Agreement; Gunnison/Hinsdale Youth Services, Inc.; Professional Services Regarding Assessment, Service Planning and Clinical Services to Promote Health and Wellness to Individuals and Families Referred from Gunnison County Family Advocacy and Support Team through the Office of Juvenile Services
7. Provider Agreement; Eric Krawczyk; Professional Services Regarding Assessment, Service Planning and Clinical Services to Promote Health and Wellness to Individuals and Families Referred from Gunnison County Family Advocacy and Support Team through the Office of Juvenile Services

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #1: Commissioner Chamberland pulled this item from the Consent Agenda in order to recuse himself from the decision as this contract involves a family relative. **Moved** by Chairperson Channell, seconded by Commissioner Swenson to approve Consent Agenda Item #1. Motion carried.

SCHEDULING: The Upcoming Meetings Schedule was discussed and updated.

1. Colorado Assessor's Association Annual Meeting Opening Reception; Elevation Hotel; 8/8/2011; 6:00 until 8:00 pm. Those available for this meeting might attend.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT: County Manager Birnie was not present for discussion, so Assistant County Manager Crosby presented the following information.

1. Acknowledgment of County Manager Signature; GE Johnson Construction Company, Inc. and Blythe Group + Co.; Change Order #10; Gunnison County Detention Center and Public Works Facility Projects; \$43,291. Assistant County Manager Crosby explained that these Change Orders will now be coming to the Board for acknowledgment of the County Manager's signature because we are now using the contingency funds within the budget. These Change Orders are in relation to finishing the upstairs at the Public Safety Center and must be handled separately because of grant funds awarded for the Emergency Operations Center. The budget is in good condition and the contractor has contingencies remaining. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to acknowledge the County Manager's signature on Items #1 and #2 under the County Manager's report. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Acknowledgment of County Manager Signature; GE Johnson Construction Company, Inc. and Blythe Group + Co.; Change Order #3; Gunnison County Detention Center and Public Works Facility Projects; \$4,378. (See above for decision.)
3. Gunnison County Boards and Commissions; Western Regional Emergency Management Services Council (WRETAC). Emergency Management Services Chief Bryan Hess was present for discussion. He expressed concern related to Dr. Lynch's level of participation on the WRETAC Board, but acknowledged that she could be a good representative of the valley. By statute, the number of board members is set, but he believes that it is excessive at 30, which is why a streamlined executive group was created. He explained that the WRETAC Board meets bi-monthly. Commissioner Swenson recommended changing the bylaws so that the executive group would have the power to make decisions. Mr. Hess stated that approximately half of the current board members refused to sign the Confidentiality Statement and the Code of Conduct. Chairperson Channell suggested that, if the board size is a common problem around the state, corrective legislation may need to be sought.

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS; HB1177 ROUNDTABLE APPOINTMENT: Administrative Assistant III Bobbie Lucero and County Attorney Baumgarten were present for discussion.

The candidate interviews, held earlier in the day, were discussed by the Board. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to appoint Rufus Wilderson to the HB 1177 Roundtable Board as a Gunnison County representative. Motion carried unanimously.

BREAK: The meeting recessed from 12:06 until 1:00 pm for lunch and then from 1:00 until 1:08 pm in order to hold the below Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING; REESTABLISHMENT OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE COMMISSIONERS' DISTRICTS OF GUNNISON COUNTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH REVISED STATUTES (1973) 30-10-306: County Attorney David Baumgarten, County Paralegal Rachel Magruder, Gunnison County Clerk and Recorder Stella Dominguez, Geographic Information Services Manager Mike Pelletier and Elections Technician Diane Folowell were present for discussion.

1. Open Public Hearing. Chairperson Channell opened the Public Hearing at 1:01 pm.
2. Public Notice Confirmation. Clerk to the Board Haase confirmed that the Public Hearing had been properly public noticed.
3. Identify Ex Parte Communications. There were no ex parte communications identified.
4. Staff Presentation. County Attorney Baumgarten explained that this Public Hearing was being held in accordance with applicable statutes that mandate the Board of County Commissioners to reestablish the commissioner district boundaries to make them as equal in population as possible in the year after every 10-year census has been complete. This public hearing must be held 30 days prior to adoption of a resolution, and County Attorney Baumgarten confirmed that the resolution has been drafted.

Geographic Information Services Manager Pelletier presented a map of the proposed commissioner districts. He explained that, based on current census data, the ideal population in each district is 5,118. Chairperson Channell stated that the Board has asked that this process be

made as simple as possible. County Attorney Baumgarten confirmed that the proposed adjustment would meet statutory requirements.

5. Applicant Presentation. N/A.
6. Board Questions. None.
7. Public Comments. Chairperson Channell opened the Public Hearing to comments at 1:07 pm. Maureen Hall stated her agreement with the proposal.
8. Acknowledge Correspondence Received. An email sent by Stu Ferguson suggested that the County address the portion of the boundary line within the City of Gunnison to make the jog through Gunnison on major thoroughfares, though he didn't identify any potential scenarios.
9. Applicant Response. N/A.
10. Close Public Hearing. Chairperson Channell closed the Public Hearing at 1:08 pm and immediately reconvened the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners Meeting. The resolution modifying the boundaries is scheduled for adoption on 7/26/11.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS: This discussion began earlier than scheduled due to a break in the schedule.

Commissioner Chamberland:

1. Gunnison Sage-grouse Strategic Committee. Commissioner Chamberland informed the Board that the grazing study will continue to be funded. The recent festival brought in about \$10,000 in revenue and Commissioner Chamberland stated his assumption that the County's Sage Grouse Mitigation Fund will be repaid. Commissioner Swenson, who also attended the meeting, added that the mapping work will continue with the hope of having a good sense of the final mapping by the fall to identify areas for changes in land use regulations. The Action Plan is continuing to be updated and it should be before the Board this fall. There will be no meeting in July, and meetings may reduce in frequency to quarterly within the next six months.
2. Monarch Mountain. Monarch Mountain had 184,000 skier visits last year, and it may be adding 800 acres to the operation, part of which is No Name Basin located in Gunnison County. A presentation will be made to the Board on 6/28/11.
3. Western State College Mountaineer Athletic Association. The 2010-2011 seasonal fund drive brought in approximately \$282,000, which was down a little from the previous year. Funds collected are used for athletic scholarships. The WSC athletic department is underfunded compared to its peers.

Commissioner Swenson:

1. Gunnison River Valley Rural Transportation Authority. Commissioner Swenson informed the Board that the Houston flights have not been finalized. Bus ridership is good, but the RTA will need to address how more bikes may be transported.

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

1. United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Loan and Grant Documents; Water and Environmental Program; Antelope Hills Water Project; \$1,696,000. Assistant County Manager Crosby informed the Board that these documents would finalize a \$1,288,000 loan and a \$408,000 grant award. County Attorney Baumgarten has approved all documents. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to approve the loan resolution as presented by the USDA between Gunnison County and the USDA for a loan amount not to exceed \$1,288,000, Form Number 1780-27, and authorize the County Manager's signature and to accept a grant in the amount not exceed \$408,000. Assistant County Manager Crosby confirmed that the interest rate on the loan is set at 2.85%. Users' monthly water billings will be approximately \$65 and the loan will be repaid in 40 years. She noted that this won't meet the 12/11 compliance deadline set by the CDPHE, but that progress is being made. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Bid Award; Gunnison County Fairgrounds Restroom Facility. Assistant County Manager Crosby informed the Board that a total of seven contractors submitted bids for the restroom and shower facility with handicap accessibility. The project will proceed after Cattlemen's Days has concluded events. She recommended awarding to Shipman Builders of Gunnison. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to award the fairgrounds restroom and shower facility bid to Shipman Builders of Gunnison County. Assistant County Manager Crosby suggested that the County take a different approach regarding Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) funds in the future because GOCO requires that each individual line item be separated. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Epic Rocky Mountain Relay Race; 7/22/11 – 7/23/11. Assistant County Manager Crosby informed the Board that this foot race is scheduled to begin in Colorado Springs and will go over Cottonwood Pass and down Taylor canyon. It will end in Crested Butte.
4. Intersection Priorities. Assistant County Manager Crosby informed the Board that the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) asked her department to prioritize intersections that need work completed. She submitted the frontage road in Antelope Creek, Brush Creek and Cement Creek intersections. Of those listed, CDOT chose to do an analysis and prioritization update for the Cement Creek turnoff. Within the City of Gunnison, the intersections at Hwy 135 and Spencer Avenue and at US Hwy 50 and 10th Street will also be evaluated.
5. Water Park Update. Assistant County Manager Crosby informed the Board that the GOCO grant submitted by Anthony Poponi was not funded. She noted that it is common for a first-time submission to not be funded.

BREAK: The meeting recessed from 1:45 until 2:05 pm in order to hold the below Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING; ROAD WAIVER APPLICATION; WILDER ON THE TAYLOR: Assistant Public Works Director Allen Moores, Assistant Community Development Director Starkebaum and Schmueser Gordon Meyer engineer Jerry Burgess were present for discussion.

1. Open Public Hearing. Chairperson Channell opened the Public Hearing at 1:46 pm.
2. Public Notice Confirmation. Assistant County Manager Crosby confirmed that the Public Hearing had been properly public noticed.
3. Identify Ex Parte Communications. There were no ex parte communications identified.
4. Staff Presentation. Assistant County Manager Crosby informed the Board that the County received this request for a road waiver.

Assistant Public Works Director Moores explained that waiver was requested for the grade in two locations for a total of 2,100 feet. The applicant worked with the Gunnison Fire Protection District on curb concerns, and an agreement was reached to put in the curbs with conditions. The curb-related concerns are unrelated to this request for a waiver. The waiver also requested installation of a 16-foot bridge instead of a 22-foot bridge. He noted that one person expressed concerns related to the elevation of the bottom of the bridge, but he explained to this person that the bridge will actually rise a foot above the flood elevation and a foot above the existing deck. Chairperson Channell asked about the clearance and Mr. Burgess explained that it is currently 2.5 feet and will be higher after the new bridge is complete.

Assistant Public Works Director Moores confirmed that all Gunnison County Land Use Resolution requirements have been met.

Assistant County Manager Crosby stated that the waiver could be granted with the condition that the Fire Protection District's request is made part of it. Mr. Burgess felt that the curb issues could be managed after the road is staked.

Mr. Burgess provided aerial photos for review. The Colorado Division of Wildlife no build areas of approximately 53 acres were approved by the applicant.

5. Applicant Presentation. N/A.
6. Board Questions. None.
7. Public Comments. Chairperson Channell opened the Public Hearing to comments at 2:01 pm.

Joel Aslanian explained that he owns a piece of property titled "excepted lands" on the map and wanted to know if there would be any implications relevant to his property. Mr. Burgess explained that his land is excepted from the application. Mr. Aslanian asked if the lots approved for the road are approved for two residences. Assistant Community Development Director Starkebaum explained that one is already approved and the other can be approved via a building permit as a second residence that would need to go through the Land Use Change process.

8. Acknowledge Correspondence Received. No additional correspondence was identified.
9. Applicant Response. There was no response. Mr. Aslanian confirmed that he has access to his property.
10. Close Public Hearing. Chairperson Channell closed the Public Hearing at 2:05 pm and immediately reconvened the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners Meeting. **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Swenson to approve the road waiver

application for Wilder on the Taylor, as presented today, conditional upon the Fire District's concerns being addressed. Motion carried unanimously.

BREAK: The meeting recessed from 2:08 until 2:15 pm.

MARBLE METRO DISTRICT FUNDS; REQUEST FOR USE: Assistant Public Works Director Moores was present for discussion.

Assistant County Manager Crosby provided photos of the Milton Creek two 4'-0" culverts and the 6'-0" culvert in question. Assistant Public Works Director Moores performed a site visit on 6/20/11 to evaluate alternatives, the preferred one being to stabilize the issue now and then make permanent repairs in the fall when the water level has gone down.

Assistant Public Works Director Moores explained that the pipes weren't installed correctly, which caused erosion to occur underneath them. He believes that he can move rock material under the culverts to temporarily stabilize them. This process could take approximately 1.5 days, during which the road would need to be closed. Approximately \$2,000 will be needed for this phase of the project. Assistant County Manager Crosby stated that the entire cost, including the permanent repairs, could total about \$10,000.

Chairperson Channell asked if the County could pay for the temporary repairs and then assess the cost to the users of the road. Assistant County Manager Crosby wasn't sure and Commissioner Swenson felt that the users would have to agree to the assessment.

Chairperson Channell wondered if the County could repair the culvert with a condition that the users form an HOA. Assistant County Manager Crosby felt that the County could minimally put a moratorium on building permits.

Chairperson Channell stated he would like to stabilize the situation with Marble Metro District Fund dollars and then schedule a work session to discuss the County's authority and the users' responsibilities. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to authorize funds to be spent out of the Marble Metropolitan District Fund for the temporary fix on Milton Creek this spring and we will schedule a work session for other authorization of funds if necessary. Assistant County Manager Crosby will draft a letter to outline portions of the conversation and what the Board has agreed upon. Motion carried unanimously. The Board clarified that there was no commitment beyond the temporary fix at this time.

ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST; LEADVILLE 100 QUALIFYING BIKE RACE: US Forest Service Recreation/Trails/Wilderness/Facilities Program Manager Bill Jackson, Town of Crested Butte Finance Officer Karl Trujillo, and race organizers Dave Wiens and Dave Ochs were present for discussion.

Assistant County Manager Crosby stated that she previously sent a series of emails to the Board about route changes and information received from the public. Per Assistant County Manager Crosby, local rancher Bill Trampe said that he has not yet received the promised schedule.

Mr. Wiens informed the Board that Snodgrass Trail is not available for the race. Mr. Ochs provided copies of the amended route and a list of all persons that he notified about the race. The 62-mile race is scheduled to begin in Mt. Crested Butte at 6:30 am and end back in Mt. Crested Butte at approximately 2:00 pm. Organizers are hoping for 350 riders.

Mr. Jackson stated that the proposal hasn't yet been scoped to the public for comment related to potential road closures. The Forest Service hopes to be ready to ask for public input within the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Ochs stated that participants will be offered camping areas in Crested Butte. He confirmed that law enforcement officials for the Town of Mt. Crested Butte and representatives from the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory are agreeable with the proposal.

Chairperson Channell asked about signage and Mr. Trujillo confirmed the availability of two message signs that may be used a week in advance. County signs may also be available for use.

A resolution will be necessary to outline the responsibilities and state that the decision preempts any previous board decision. Assistant County Manager Crosby will craft the resolution for consideration at the 7/5/11 meeting.

WARRANTS AND TRANSFERS: Finance Director Linda Nienhueser presented the Warrant Report dated June 21, 2011 and the Cash Transfer Authorization dated May 2011 for discussion and approval. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to approve the Warrants for June 21, 2011 in the amount of \$1,579,096.50. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to approve the Cash Transfers for May 2011 in the amount of \$1,860,882.13. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT; OFFICE FOR RESOURCE EFFICIENCY (ORE); RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM ENERGY AUDIT AND RENEWABLE ENERGY ASSISTANCE GRANT: ORE Executive Director Andris Zobs and Energy Wise Business Director Frank Meadors were present for discussion.

Mr. Zobs requested a letter of support for the two-year grant application. He explained that non-profit organizations are not eligible for the grant funding, so the County would have to take the lead and the funds would have to be managed by the Finance Office. The application deadline is 6/30/11.

The Board agreed that a letter of support will not be necessary because the County would serve as the applicant. **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Chamberland to authorize the County Manager to sign the application and any other documents for the USDA Rural Energy for American Audit Assistance Grant application. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON MEETING CONDUCT: Community Development Department Director Joanne Williams, Assistant Community Development Director Starkebaum and Planning Commission Chairperson Ramon Reed were present for discussion.

Commissioner Swenson stated that there was only partial consensus by the Board to discuss the issue of Mr. Reed leaving the room during a Planning Commission meeting. She provided draft correspondence for consideration.

Chairperson Channell stated that, when this issue first came to the Board's attention, he didn't want to do anything until talking to County Attorney Baumgarten and Assistant Community Development Director Starkebaum to gather information on the circumstances. All parties indicated that the departure from the Planning Commission meeting was quiet and without rancor. He also talked to Mr. Reed and learned that his reasons for leaving were procedural in nature and related to whether or not a decision document should be prepared in advance of a public hearing as having a document prepared ahead of time may give the impression that the County discounts public comments. This procedural issue has been discussed in the past and Mr. Reed informed staff that he could likely leave the meeting based on this premise. Chairperson Channell feels that these discussions should have ended the debate. He stated that he would not vote in favor of the letter and would not sign the letter if approved by the Board.

Commissioner Chamberland felt that the Board should comment on the action at some point and that having the Board on record to state that it does not condone Mr. Reed's actions is warranted. He stated his belief that Commissioner Swenson's letter was well written.

Commissioner Swenson explained that her letter serves as a conversation piece. She said that staff was doing what was requested of them, that being to prepare the document and streamline the process. Resulting from a Planning Commission retreat, it was agreed that draft staff recommendations would be prepared for public hearings. She expressed her desire to have this conversation on the record to confirm that the Board does not condone leaving a meeting simply due to not agreeing with the process.

Chairperson Channell felt that the County should clarify the policy about whether or not decision documents are going to be prepared and at what stage of the process. Commissioner Swenson stated that the Board should remember the decisions made during the retreat. Discussion will continue at a work session. The discussion will include whether or not to have draft documents prepared at public hearings, the retreat with the Planning Commission a couple of years ago, and the Board's strategic result regarding the streamlining of processes.

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

COMMISSIONER ITEMS (continued):

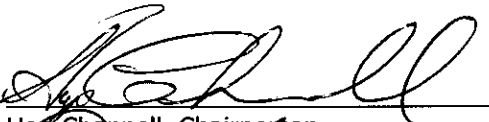
Chairperson Channell:


1. Health & Human Services Department Budget Cuts. Chairperson Channell attended a think session to discuss upcoming budget cuts and how the community might help to fill the gaps and serve the community. He noted that it was good to hear from members of the ministerial alliance. The participants discussed formalizing the group, along with who else should be part of the group. The participants also discussed the possible creation of a clearinghouse to coordinate assistance requested by citizens from various entities.
2. Gunnison County Substance Abuse Prevention Project Sponsored Prevention 101 Presentation. Chairperson Channell attended this presentation and informed the Board that lots of survey results are now available. The percentage of 12th grade students at Gunnison High School who binge drink has gone down.
3. Mayors and Managers Meeting. Chairperson Channell and Commissioner Chamberland attended this recent meeting.
 - a. Library District. The District now offers e-books for checkout.
 - b. Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District. The District reported on stream flows and district reorganization.


- c. Crested Butte Mountain Resort. The zip-line construction was delayed.
 - d. RE1J School District. The District reported on the budget. The Gunnison Valley School will merge with Gunnison High School next year.
 - e. Mayors & Managers Meeting Format. The group agreed to try a new format wherein a topic of common interest will be the focus of the meetings.
4. Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) Conference. Chairperson Channell attended the conference along with Commissioner Chamberland, County Manager Birnie and Public Health Director Carol Worrall. While he felt that the conference was not very strong, Commissioner Chamberland stated his appreciation for some of the information presented. A CCI task force has been formed to evaluate policies and procedures.
5. Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) Discovery Center. Chairperson Channell spoke with CDOW SW Regional Manager Tom Spezze this morning. The Discovery Center issue was supposed to be on the first Parks & Wildlife meeting, but now that the new director doesn't take over until mid-July, this discussion has been moved to sometime in August.

SENIOR CARE CENTER: Assistant County Manager Crosby thought that it might be appropriate to draft a press release that indicates that the Board is working toward a resolution with the Willows and that it's an important part of the community because the residents' perception is that the facility is closing. She believes that the Center's staff, residents and family members need to know that it's not closing. Commissioner Chamberland proposed that the Gunnison Valley Hospital Board of Trustees (BOT) and the Board build a better relationship. He noted that the BOT has not wanted to send a representative to Board meetings, so Commissioner Chamberland may sit in on BOT meetings. The commissioners will work on this individually.

ADJOURN: Moved by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Chairperson Channell to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:16 pm.


Hap Channell, Chairperson


Paula Swenson, Vice-Chairperson


Phil Chamberland, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:


Katherine Haase, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Stella Dominguez, County Clerk