

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
GILPIN COUNTY, COLORADO

May 8, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on May 8, 2012, at the Gilpin County Old Courthouse. Chair McLain called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Chair Connie McLain; Commissioner Buddy Schmalz; County Manager Roger Baker; County Attorney Jim Petrock; and Sharon Cate, Deputy Clerk to the Board. Commissioner Forrest Whitman was absent.

**Notice of Public Meetings.** The public meetings in the upcoming two weeks that could be attended by more than one Commissioner and at which public business may be discussed will include:

- National Association of Counties conference, May 16 – 18 in Santa Fe
- Five-county breakfast meeting, May 16 in Idaho Springs

**Legal Status Report.** County Attorney Jim Petrock advised the Commissioners on the following legal issue:

Brannan Sand and Gravel Company. Once the Court of Appeals receives District Judge Berryhill's findings on the Brannan Sand and Gravel Company's appeal, the Court will likely make a final ruling in the case. (Brannan had applied for a quarry permit, which was denied by the Board of County Commissioners on August 19, 2008.)

**Public/Press Comment.** Lynn Hirshman noted that the Timberline Fire Protection District would conduct its first election today and encouraged eligible voters to participate.

**Resolution #12-08—Proclaiming May as Mental Health Month.** Tom Henry, Adult Outpatient Manager for the Jefferson Center for Mental Health (JCMH), thanked Gilpin County for its support and for adopting a resolution to help increase awareness of the need for mental health care. Commissioner McLain said she is very impressed by JCMH, and found them to be fiscally responsible and effective in providing mental health care.

Commissioner Schmalz moved to approve Resolution #12-08, "Proclaiming May as Mental Health Month." Commissioner McLain seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

**Petition for Abatement or Refund of Taxes.** Assessor Anne Schafer presented a Petition for Abatement or Refund of Taxes for Judith A. Dornbrock, 10951 W. Hampden Place, Lakewood, Colorado. Ms. Dornbrock was present and stated her reasons for protesting the value of her property.

#R009019, Lot 5, Block 16, Black Hawk. Assessor Schafer said the protest for 2009 had been filed after the deadline, but the 2010 protest could be heard. Appraiser David Kurronen explained how he had valued the vacant lots and the structure and recommended denial of the abatement petition.

Commissioner Schmalz moved to deny the petition for the abatement or refund of taxes for Judith Dornbrock, Schedule #R009019, for the year 2010. Commissioner McLain seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

**Nederland Area Seniors, Inc.—Funding Request.** Serene Karplus, Director of Nederland Area Seniors, Inc., (NAS) was present to request funding to help cover the cost of meals for some homebound Gilpin County seniors who participate in the organization's nutrition program. She also cited the extensive list of services available to seniors through NAS.

Commissioner Schmalz moved to approve the funding request from the Nederland Area Seniors, Inc., in the amount of \$720. Commissioner McLain seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

The Board of County Commissioners recessed and convened as the Local Liquor Licensing Authority.

**Liquor License Renewal Application—Dory Hill Spirits.** Commissioner Schmalz moved to approve the annual liquor license renewal application for Dory Hill Spirits, 661 Highway 46, retail license #10-56053-0000, with an expiration date of June 3, 2013. Commissioner McLain seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

The Local Liquor Licensing Authority adjourned and reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

**Fairgrounds Arena Use.** Gilpin County Events Coordinator Vicki Nemec, and Larry Sterling and Norma Tobias, representatives for the Gilpin County Animal Response Team (GCART), were present to ask the Commissioners to allow GCART the use of the County's fairgrounds arena and to consider sponsoring three separate one-day gymkhana events. The benefit of County sponsorship is that the GCART volunteers would be covered by the County's liability insurance; the gymkhana participants and spectators would not be covered. County Manager Baker stated that there would be no additional cost to the County's insurance for the volunteers. Coordinator Nemec said the Gilpin Ambulance Authority has agreed to have an ambulance onsite during each event.

Commissioner Schmalz moved to allow GCART to use the fairgrounds arena for three events under County sponsorship. Commissioner McLain seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

**Annual Insurance Renewal.** On March 20, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners held an informal, public work session to discuss options for the annual renewal of employee medical insurance, life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) coverage, and short- and long-term disability benefits. Today, Bill Cook, Broker for Cook and Associates, and Human Resources Director Susie Allen presented some final choices, based on direction from the Board's work session, and outlined some pros and cons of each. The vision and dental insurance was not included this year, as they were both addressed through two-year renewals in 2011. After hearing all of the information, the Board took the following actions:

Commissioner Schmalz moved to renew the current life and AD&D coverage; to eliminate the short-term disability plan; and to reduce the long-term disability waiting period to 90 days, all effective August 1, 2012. Commissioner McLain seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

Commissioner Schmalz moved to renew the current health insurance plan, Blue Preferred Option I and Option F, effective August 1, 2012. Commissioner McLain seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

**County Manager Status Report.** County Manager Roger Baker updated the Commissioners on the following items:

Monthly Departmental Reports. The monthly departmental reports that had been submitted were discussed. County Manager Baker noted that the graph in the Community Development Department's year-to-date report for actual revenues as compared to budgeted revenues showed a slight difference for the month of February; the annual check to the Open Space Fund from the Frei Gravel Quarry for its special use permit has actual revenues back on track.

Local Government Designee Appointment. Governor Hickenlooper convened an oil and gas task force to discuss ways local governments, the state, and the oil and gas industry can better collaborate. The task force is now encouraging counties to name a local government designee (LGD) to act as a liaison between the county, the state, and the industry. Commissioner Schmalz moved to appoint County Manager Baker as Gilpin County's LGD to the oil and gas task force. Commissioner McLain seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

**Minutes.** Commissioner Schmalz moved to approve the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes for April 24, 2012. Commissioner McLain seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2012