

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

October 21, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on October 21, 2014, at the Gilpin County Old Courthouse. Chair Watson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Chair Gail Watson; Commissioner Connie McLain; Commissioner Buddy Schmalz; County Manager Roger Baker; County Attorney Jim Petrock; and Deputy Clerk to the Board Sharon Cate.

Pancreatic Cancer Proclamation. Commissioner Watson introduced Gilpin County resident Jean Walsh and spoke about the need to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer. Commissioner McLain moved to approve a proclamation designating November 2014 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. Commissioner Schmalz seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Petition for Abatement or Refund of Taxes. County Manager Baker presented the following Petition for Abatement or Refund of Taxes:

Schedule #U000400, United Power. County Manager Baker stated that United Power determined it had reported incorrect values to the Colorado Division of Property Taxation for its State-assessed properties, and sought correction through the abatement process. He added that per C.R.S.39-10-114(1.1)(b) no interest would be added to any refund of taxes that might be approved. Commissioner Schmalz moved to approve the petition for the abatement or refund of taxes for United Power, Schedule #U000400, and to grant a refund of \$16,106.35 for tax year 2013. Commissioner McLain seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Treasurer/Public Trustee Items.

Monthly Report. Chief Deputy Treasurer Mary Lorenz reported on operations in that office for the month of September 2014, saying that tax collections were down slightly; some large casinos are using a monthly payment plan; and most of the properties in the upcoming tax lien sale are owned by one owner.

Public Trustee's Third Quarter Report. Chief Deputy Public Trustee Lorenz stated that currently 16 foreclosures are active in Gilpin County. Commissioner McLain moved to accept the Public Trustee's 2014 Third Quarter Report. Commissioner Schmalz seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Veterans Services Officer Report. Todd Kumro, Veterans Services Officer (VSO), reported on 2013 operations in that office saying that number of veterans in Gilpin County had decreased during 2013, but that he expected it to increase in 2014, due to younger veterans moving into the County. He estimated that he assists approximately 200 veterans annually in their pursuit of federal benefits, and that Gilpin and Clear Creek counties work together to provide transportation to veterans for trips to medical appointments and to Veterans Administration offices. The Board of County Commissioners thanked VSO Kumro for his service to Gilpin County veterans.

Request to Fill a Position. Undersheriff Jon Bayne and Detentions Captain Tonia Kapke requested the Board of County Commissioners' approval to fill a vacant full-time position for Victim Advocate, stating that they currently have a candidate on the eligibility list, who could soon fill the position. Undersheriff Bayne noted that the Victim Advocate Office is entirely grant funded. Commissioner Schmalz moved to approve the request to fill the Victim Advocate position. Commissioner McLain seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Request to Fill a Position. Undersheriff Jon Bayne and Detentions Captain Tonia Kapke requested the Board of County Commissioners' approval to fill a vacant full-time position for Deputy Sheriff in the Detentions Division, noting that the Detentions Division is currently short four employees, causing some overtime hours. Captain Kapke emphasized the difficulty in staffing the jail. Commissioner McLain moved to approve the request to fill the Deputy Sheriff in the Detentions Division position. Commissioner Schmalz seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

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

Monthly Departmental Reports. The monthly departmental reports that had been submitted were discussed, with County Manager Baker calling attention to the September 2014 Environmental Health Activities Report submitted by Jefferson County employee Bonnie Albrecht, hired as the Gilpin County Public Health Coordinator. He explained that Coordinator Albrecht's previous involvement had been as the retail food establishment inspector, but that lately she hadn't had much time to perform many inspections.

Discussion followed regarding the total number of employment positions, and that some have been added in the Sheriff's Office to maintain a safe level of staffing.

Correspondence. Representatives of the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Program will meet with Central City officials on October 24, 2014, to discuss grant funding opportunities. The REDI Program helps eligible rural communities develop plans and undertake projects to create jobs, drive capital investment,

and increase wages to help grow and create resiliency and diversity in the local economy. Commissioners Watson and McLain will likely attend the meeting.

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

Gaming Distribution Litigation. Petrock and Fendel, P.C., has filed the last brief in Gilpin County's litigation against the state treasurer for the inaccurate distribution of gaming tax revenues. County Attorney Petrock said the presiding judge will now decide whether or not to move the case forward in the court process, but he that expects that decision to take at least one month, possibly longer.

Board of County Commissioners Status Reports.

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:

- Senior housing group, at a private residence, tonight at 6:00 p.m.
- Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Program at Central City Hall, October 24, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Minutes. Commissioner McLain moved to approve the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes for October 7, 2014. Commissioner Schmalz seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Signed this 04th day of November 2014.