

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

December 16, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on December 16, 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.

Public Hearing—Resolution #14-18, Adopting the 2015 Budget. Finance Officer Clorinda Smith gave an overview of the proposed 2015 Budget and highlighted some new features she had added: Property Tax Revenue and Mill Levy Summary; State Gaming Fund Gilpin County Distributions; and Full-time Equivalent Position Summary. Chair Watson opened the hearing to public comment. There being none, Chair Watson closed the hearing to public comment. Commissioner Schmalz said the budget process had been difficult and that revenues have been flat, but that all of the departments and offices had made some tough choices and had worked hard to make it easier. Commissioners McLain and Watson agreed. Commissioner McLain moved to adopt Resolution #14-18, "Adopting the 2015 Budget." Commissioner Schmalz seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Certification of Mill Levies. Finance Officer Clorinda Smith gave an overview of the Certification of Mill Levies for Budget Year 2015, which lists the County's assessed value at \$338,843,560, down \$510,030 from 2014. Commissioner McLain moved to accept the Certification of Mill Levies as presented. Commissioner Schmalz seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Adoption of 2015 pay plan. Human Resources Director Susie Allen proposed the adoption of the 2015 Pay Plan, which adjusts the minimum and maximum upward by 2%. She also noted the 48 cent per hour raise for nearly every position the Board of County Commissioners had approved during recent 2015 budget deliberations. Commissioner Watson said she realized these measures were an attempt to even out wages, but still was concerned that the highest salary was over five times the minimum salary, and that what is termed a living wage seems quite low while others are so high. Director Allen said the proposed Pay Plan was comparative to other Colorado counties. Commissioner McLain moved to approve the 2015 Pay Plan. Commissioner Schmalz seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Building Lease—Rollinsville Shop--Timberline Fire Protection District. Jim Crawford, Chair of the Timberline Fire Protection District Board of Directors, was present to discuss a one-year extension of a lease through which Timberline would have use of the County's Rollinsville Shop. He said Timberline had found it very beneficial to have a presence in Rollinsville, and that it wasn't easy to find a place to house fire trucks. He spoke about new ideas Timberline will use to modernize their volunteer recruitment program. The Commissioners agreed that having a north-County fire station was good, but that this was not a long-term solution. Commissioner McLain moved to approve the Building Lease—Rollinsville Shop, between Gilpin County and the Timberline Fire Protection District for 2015. Commissioner Schmalz seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

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

Liquor License Applications. Deputy Clerk Sharon Cate presented the following two liquor license applications:

Mid County Liquors—Tasting Permit Application. Commissioner McLain moved to approve an application for a Tasting Permit for Xtract, LLC, dba Mid County Liquors, Lic. #1268962, at 17218 Highway 119, for 24 dates in 2015. Commissioner Schmalz seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Liquor License Renewal Application Last Shot. Commissioner McLain moved to approve at the local level an application for the annual renewal of the hotel restaurant license for Last Shot, LLC, dba Last Shot, Lic. #2847871-0000, at 17268 Highway 119, with a current expiration date of February 28, 2015. Commissioner Schmalz seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

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

The Board of County Commissioners recessed at 9:25 a.m. and convened as the Board of Human Services until 9:42 a.m. (See BoHS Meeting Minutes, December 16, 2014.)

Treasurer's Monthly Report. Chief Deputy Treasurer Mary Lorenz reported on operations in that office for the month of November 2014, saying total tax collections were just a little than November 2013.

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.

Annual Employment Contract Renewal. County Manager Baker stated that no changes had been made to the current employment contract. Commissioner Schmalz moved to approve the renewal of the County Manager

Employment Contract between Gilpin County and Roger Baker. Commissioner McLain seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

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

Litigation Against State Treasurer. Gilpin County's lawsuit against the Colorado State Treasurer is under review by the Court, and likely will be for some time.

Potential Litigation Regarding Election Results. Litigation against the City of Central has been threatened regarding the results of the November 2014 election; Gilpin County could be involved as it provided services to the City of Central in a coordinated election. County Attorney Petrock's office continues to sort through numerous documentation requests from the potential plaintiff relating to how the votes were counted. Some costs associated with this work could be covered by the indemnification clause of the Coordinated Election Agreement.

Board of County Commissioners Status Reports.

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

- Five-county monthly breakfast meeting, November 17, Idaho Springs

Letter of Thanks. The Commissioners directed County Manager Baker to draft letters of thanks to Mountain Family Health Centers for their 36 years of serving Gilpin County, and to the Blake Family Partnership for making it possible for the clinic to use the Blake property for so many years.

Law Enforcement Conference—Marijuana Impact on Colorado. The Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police will host a conference January 14—16, 2015, on the impacts of the legalization of marijuana on public health and safety in Colorado, and to collaboratively plan for a safer environment for the future. Participants will attempt to determine what is clear in state law and what needs additional work, and how various jurisdictions work together to enforce laws and regulations.

CCI Voting Proxy. Annually commissioners from most Colorado counties participate on steering committees at Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI). In the event that none of the Gilpin County Commissioners were able to attend a particular committee meeting, an official proxy would be needed. Commissioner Schmalz moved to appoint Human Services Director Betty Donovan as the Board's proxy to CCI's Health and Human Services committee, and County Manager Baker as their proxy to all other committees. Commissioner McLain seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Schmalz moved to approve the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes for November 25, 2014. Commissioner McLain seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Public / Press Comment. Staci McBrayer, reporter for the *Weekly Register-Call* asked for clarification on the Board's upcoming public meetings dates. County Manager Baker explained the Board's schedule.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Celebration of Commissioner Connie McLain's Service. Commissioners Schmalz and Watson presented Commissioner McLain with a plaque of appreciation for her four years of service to Gilpin County and spoke about her numerous contributions. County Manager Baker and Human Services Director Betty Donovan also addressed the Board and the many guests present about Commissioner McLain's dedicated service and her unique way of helping those in need. All those present responded with a standing ovation and a round of applause honoring Commissioner Connie McLain. A reception followed, with many wishing her well in future endeavors.

Signed this 13th day of January 2015.