

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

January 10, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on January 10, 2017, at the Gilpin County Old Courthouse. Chair Isenhart called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Chair Linda Isenhart; Commissioner Buddy Schmalz; Commissioner Gail Watson; Commissioner-Elect Ron Engels; County Manager Roger Baker; County Attorney Jim Petrock; and Deputy Clerk to the Board Sharon Cate.

Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Schmalz moved to approve the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes for December 20, 2016. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Appreciation to Commissioner Schmalz. Commissioners Linda Isenhart and Gail Watson expressed their gratitude to outgoing Commissioner Buddy Schmalz for his eight years of service to Gilpin County. Each Commissioner shared what she had learned from him and had come to appreciate about his work style. Commissioner Schmalz thanked them, County staff, other elected officials and the citizens of Gilpin County for a rewarding experience. He spoke of the importance of Gilpin County employees' and residents' ability to work together in such a civil manner, toward common goals. Commissioner Schmalz concluded his comments by saying he was proud of the progress Gilpin County has made over the years. The audience responded with applause and handshakes.

Swearing In Ceremony. District Judge Dennis Hall administered an Oath of Office to Gail Watson, who was elected to a second term as Commissioner of District 3, and to Ron Engels, elected as Commissioner of District 1. Prior to both Commissioners being sworn in to Office, Clerk and Recorder Colleen Stewart's Chief Deputy, Gail Maxwell, presented Certificates of Election to both Commissioners. Those present applauded the Commissioners and wished them well.

Recess. The Board of County Commissioners recessed to host a reception for Commissioner Watson and Commissioner Engels.

Commissioner Engels took his seat at the table. The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Local Liquor Licensing Authority.

Liquor Tasting Event Application. Liquor Licensing Clerk Sharon Cate presented an application for a Liquor Tasting Permit for 2017 for Underground Liquor, LLC, dba Underground Liquor, located at 17107 Highway 119. Commissioner Watson moved to approve the application. Commissioner Engels 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.

Petitions for Abatement or Refund of Taxes. Assessor Anne Schafer presented the following Petitions for Abatement or Refund of Taxes:

Schedule #R004546, George, Richard and Robert Dullnig. Assessor Schafer stated that the petitioners have requested that the Board deny their two Petitions (see below) at the county level so they may pursue action before the Colorado Board of Assessment Appeals. Commissioner Watson moved to uphold the Assessor's denial of the Petition for the Abatement or Refund of Taxes for George, Richard and Robert Dullnig, Schedule #R004546, for tax years 2014 and 2015. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Schedule #R009444, George, Richard and Robert Dullnig. Commissioner Watson moved to uphold the Assessor's denial of the Petition for the Abatement or Refund of Taxes for George, Richard and Robert Dullnig, Schedule #R009444, for tax years 2014 and 2015. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Public Trustee Reports. Treasurer and Public Trustee Alynn Huffman gave the following reports:

Fourth Quarter, 2016. Public Trustee Huffman stated that two checks totaling \$3,200.46 will be deposited into the Public Trustee salary fund to cover salaries and invoices for the fourth quarter of 2016. Commissioner Watson moved to accept the Public Trustee's Fourth Quarter Report, October through December, 2016. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

2016 Year-End. Public Trustee Huffman stated that while the number of foreclosures continues to decline, fees charged for title releases continue to fund the operations of the office; she had prepared several charts and spreadsheets detailing the financial situation and documenting the historical trends. Commissioner Engels moved to accept the Public Trustee's 2016 Annual Report. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Annual Appointments. The Board discussed the draft list of annual appointments for 2017. Commissioner Engels moved to approve the list as discussed and agreed upon. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0. The official appointments for 2017 are as follows:

Commissioners to Convey—Gail Watson, Linda Isenhart, Ronald Engels
Chair, Board of County Commissioners—Gail Watson
County Manager—Roger Baker
County Attorney—Jim Petrock
Administrative Assistant to the Board—Sharon Cate
Budget Officer—Clorinda Smith
Chief Building Inspector—Tony Petersen
Emergency Manager—Kevin Armstrong
Board of Adjustment—Gail Watson, Linda Isenhart, Ronald Engels
Local Liquor Licensing Authority—Gail Watson, Linda Isenhart, Ronald Engels
Depository Banks for Gilpin County—Wells Fargo, ColoTrust Reserve, ColoTrust General and C-Safe
Newspaper of Record—*The Weekly Register-Call*

Commissioner Watson assumed the duties of Chair at 9:55 a.m.

Annual Commissioner Committee and Board Assignments. Annually, each Commissioner selects several Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI), steering committees to serve on, as well as many other County-related committees and boards. Today the Commissioners reviewed a list of those committees and boards and accepted assignments to each, and they discussed sitting in for each other on various committees, as needed. Commissioner Engels moved to approve the 2017 list of Commissioner committee and board assignments as discussed and agreed upon. Commissioner Isenhart 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:

County Manager Project Status Report. County Manager Baker asked the Board if they had determined how they would like to structure future work sessions. Commissioner Watson suggested holding weekly work sessions for some time, with the first one set aside for discussion of the Board's goals and other general topics. Commissioner Isenhart said the Board would like to tour all of the County-owned buildings, and conduct the statutorily required jail tour; County Manager Baker will arrange the tour.

Monthly Departmental Reports. In response to some questions from Commissioner Isenhart, County Manager Baker stated that: both pools at the Community Center are now warm and the heaters are working adequately; a meeting with Central City officials regarding fencing at the cemeteries will be held on January 19, 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Watson confirmed to Commissioner Engels that \$10,000 had been allocated for fencing materials in the Board's budget, not as a separate line item.

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:

- Commissioners' work session, January 17
- Five-county Commissioners' monthly breakfast, January 18, in Winter Park
- Coffee with the Commissioners, January 26, for constituents to meet Commissioner Engels, and to ask questions or give input on current topics

Public / Press Comment. Roger Guzman, 5312 Highway 119, accompanied by Joe Licata, stated that he maintains his request to establish a marijuana grow business on his property. County Attorney Petrock advised the Board that discussion of the issue was not appropriate at this time.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Signed this 31st day of January 2017.