

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

May 23, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on May 23, 2017, at the Gilpin County Old Courthouse. Chair Gail Watson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Chair Watson; Commissioner Linda Isenhart; Commissioner Ron Engels; County Attorney Jim Petrock; and Deputy Clerk to the Board Sharon Cate.

Agenda Review. The Board of County Commissioners added to their agenda a status report on casino free play coupons, and a discussion on travel expense reimbursements for county manager candidates.

Remembrance of Diane Rittenhouse. Commissioner Watson asked for a moment of silence to remember Diane Rittenhouse who passed away on May 17, 2017. Commissioner Isenhart shared some memories, saying that Diane had worked tirelessly throughout her life to improve circumstances for others by directing the local Columbine Family Healthcare Clinic first in Black Hawk and then adding a second clinic in Nederland. These clinics became Mountain Family Health Centers which served the community for many years before moving to Glenwood Springs area. Diane also gave much of her time and effort to Ermel's Thrift Store and the High Country Auxiliary. She was a friend to all and will be missed.

Fair Planning Report. Fair Coordinator Heather Pearce gave an overview of the planning of this year's County Fair, noting she had changed the locations of the food booths and other vendors' booths that had been in the Community Center gymnasium; a big performance stage has been donated by Central City eliminating the need to spend \$850 to rent a big top tent. There will also be camel rides and other new animal events.

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

Public Hearing—Special Event Liquor Permit—Gilpin County Fair. At 9:11 Chair Watson opened a public hearing for a Special Event Liquor Permit application for the Gilpin County Fair, August 19 and 20, 2017, located at 230 Norton Drive. County Fair Coordinator Heather Pearce presented the application, citing the hours that beer would be served on both days. She said the Mardi Gras Casino (Affinity Gaming) would manage the beer booth, with profits going to that group and all servers' tips being donated to an Alzheimer's support association. Coordinator Pearce also explained that the liquor-licensed area would include the grandstands and the beer tent area, but not the Exhibit Building. Chair Watson opened to public comment. There being none, Chair Watson closed the public comment of the public hearing at 9:15 a.m. Commissioner Isenhart moved to approve the application for a Special Event Liquor Permit for the Gilpin County Fair at the local level. 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.

Resolution #17-10—Lease-Purchase of Public Works 6 x 6 Dump Truck. Commissioner Watson said the expenditure for a large dump truck for the Public Works/Facilities Department had been approved in the 2016 and 2017 budgets and was now being purchased through a lease-purchase agreement with Wells Fargo. Brief discussion followed, with Commissioner Isenhart saying she appreciated the low interest rate of 2.82%.

Commissioners Engels moved to approve Resolution #17-10, "Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Master Governmental Lease-Purchase Agreement and Supplement No. 376285-405 Thereto with Respect to the Acquisition, Purchase, Financing and Leasing of Certain Equipment for the Public Benefit; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of documents Required in Connection Therewith; and Authorizing the Taking of All Other Actions Necessary to the Consummation of the Transactions Contemplated by this Resolution." Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Treasurer's Monthly Report. Chief Deputy Treasurer Mary Lorenz reported on operations in that office for the month of April 2017, saying that tax collections were slightly behind the same period last year, but not terribly so.

Treasurer's Contract for Tax Collection Software. Chief Deputy Treasurer Mary Lorenz was present to answer questions on a contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc., through which Gilpin County will purchase new Tyler/Eagle software for the collection of taxes, plus maintenance and support of the new system. Commissioner Watson said the Board of County Commissioners had already approved \$11,000 for the 2017 software license, and was now putting the remaining costs into the 2018 budget. County Attorney Petrock has reviewed the contract, with Tyler/Eagle making some requested changes to the limitation on damages. The Board discussed possibly have the same vendor provide services to the Assessor, Clerk and Recorder, and Treasurer's offices, but Commissioner Engels said he thought the needs of those offices were fairly different. He also said that for the current contract, the first year of maintenance was included and that implementation during the second year is when other concerns could be addressed. Chief Deputy Lorenz said Gilpin County needed to sign the contract now to be included on Tyler/Eagle's implementation/service schedule for next year. Commissioner Engels moved to approve the contract with Technologies, Inc., for a tax collection software license and support service for the Treasurer's Office. Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Clerk and Recorder's Monthly Report. Clerk and Recorder Colleen Stewart reported on operations in her office for the month of April 2017, noting she was starting to see an increase in residents buying (licensing) cars in the summer. She referred to the above described Treasurer's contract saying she thought it would be beneficial for the Assessor, Clerk and Recorder, and Treasurer's offices to be on the same support service.

Board of County Commissioners Status Reports.

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

- Coffee with the Commissioners, May 23, 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center
- Commissioners' weekly work session, May 25, 12:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' meeting room: potential regulations for marijuana grow operations, and a general status report from Parks and Recreation Director Patrick Nalley
- May 31, 1:00 p.m., Special Meeting, ranking of DOLA grant applications; Executive Session 3:00 p.m. to interview semi-final candidates for the county manager position
- June 1, 10:00 a.m. Special Meeting: Executive Session to interview semi-final candidates for the county manager position
- June 5—7, Colorado Counties, Inc., Summer Conference, in Keystone
- June 7 & 8, Counties and Commissioners Acting Together (CCAT) in Keystone
- June 13, next Board of County Commissioners regular meeting

Casinos' Free Play Coupons. At a work session with the Central City Council, the Board heard a presentation by the Colorado Gaming Association proposing that the Colorado Division of Gaming should allow casinos to give non-taxed free play coupons to customers as a marketing tool. The Board discussed their likely support of the proposal, with Commissioner Isenhart saying that of the seven states that allow gaming, Colorado is the only one doesn't have non-taxed free play coupons, which can raise revenues and thereby help counties and municipalities. Commissioner Engels said several small casinos were against the idea, and that the Central City Council might not be in support. Commissioner Watson said the Board was aware of its fiduciary responsibility to its constituents.

Candidate Expense Reimbursement. Finance Director Clorinda Smith had recommended simplifying the process to reimburse candidates traveling to Gilpin County to interview for the county manager position. Brief discussion followed. Commissioner Isenhart moved to approve a budget of up to \$250 for each semi-final county manager candidate for his/her expenses to participate in the first round of interviews, with receipts to be submitted to Gilpin County for reimbursement. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Sand in Fairgrounds Arena. The Board reiterated their plan to spend up to \$4,000 this year for sand to improve the surface of the Fairgrounds arena. Commissioner Watson said she had asked Parks and Recreation Director Nalley to look into the possibility of paying for the sand from the Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) for just this year for the County Fair. The Board also restated its plan to pay Sterling Excavation from the Public Works/Facilities budget and the cost for sand from the CTF, if possible.

Legal Status Report. County Attorney Jim Petrock advised the Commissioners that in order to authorize marijuana cultivation, they would soon need to amend their current marijuana resolution and adopt an ordinance to authorize marijuana cultivation facilities on a countywide basis. He explained that the Board could limit the number of cultivation licenses and could determine some general location areas without making changes to the zoning regulations. The Board will review a draft ordinance and will work toward a final version.

Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Engels moved to approve the Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes for May 9, 2017. Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Commissioner Engels moved to approve the Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes for May 11, 2017. Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Adjournment to Executive Session. Commissioner Isenhart moved to adjourn into Executive Session in accordance with C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(b), to receive legal counsel on specific legal issues. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 2 to 0, with Commissioner Engels abstaining. There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Signed this 13th day of June, 2017.