

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

June 16, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on June 16, 2009, at the Gilpin County Old Courthouse. Chair Whitman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Chair Forrest Whitman; Commissioner Jeanne Nicholson and Commissioner Buddy Schmalz; County Manager Roger Baker; County Attorney Jim Petrock; and Sharon Cate, Deputy Clerk to the Board.

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

- Quad-County Commissioners and Legislators monthly breakfast meeting, June 17, 2009, at the Gilpin County Road and Bridge shop.

Legal Status Report. County Attorney Jim Petrock advised the Commissioners they would need to conduct an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

Public/Press Comment. Lynn Volkens, of the *Gilpin County News*, asked questions about the litigation against the County by the Dory Lakes Property Owners Association regarding water storage/usage. County Attorney Petrock explained the sequence of the Court proceedings.

Parking Lot Lease. Pat Pearce, General Artistic Director for the Central City Opera House Association, was present to discuss leasing the Old Courthouse parking lot to the Association, for evening and weekend opera performances. Commissioner Nicholson moved to approve the lease between Gilpin County and the Central City Opera House Association for \$10 from June 27, 2009 to August 7, 2009. Commissioner Schmalz seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Child and Youth Leadership Commission. First Judicial District Attorney Scott Storey and Dr. Mike Jones, Manager of Jefferson County Criminal Justice Planning, spoke about creating the Child and Youth Leadership Commission, a collaboration by many of the community leaders in the District to consolidate committees and agencies that provide juvenile services. District Attorney Storey invited Gilpin County to participate in the Child and Youth Leadership Commission. Dr. Jones said the Commission's goal was to provide mental health and other services to children up to the age of 21 to prevent their need for criminal and other governmental services. The Commission's current chair is Jefferson County Sheriff Ted Mink; District Attorney Storey is the vice chair.

Commissioner Nicholson said she had attended a preliminary meeting to create the Child and Youth Leadership Commission and thought it was a wonderful idea and believed it made good sense for Gilpin County to be involved. She volunteered to represent the Gilpin County Board of Commissioners; the next meeting is July 10, 2009. Dr. Jones will submit a draft resolution for Gilpin County's consideration.

Resolution #09-11a—Placing on the Ballot a Measure Concerning Term Limits for the 1st Judicial District Attorney. On May 5, 2009, the Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution #09-11, "Placing on the Ballot a Measure Concerning Term Limits for the 1st Judicial District Attorney." Today District Attorney Scott Storey presented a slightly revised version of the ballot language and asked the Commissioners to consider passing a "corrected" resolution. Commissioner Nicholson moved to approve Resolution #09-11A, "Placing on the Ballot a Measure Concerning Term Limits for the 1st Judicial District Attorney." Commissioner Schmalz seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

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

Temporary Liquor Permit—Trackside Tavern. Marshall Mills, owner of 60 Main Street, Rollinsville, was present to answer questions concerning his application for a Temporary Liquor Permit for the Trackside Tavern. Ron Alto, intended manager for the business, was also present. Commissioner Whitman said the business at that location (formerly known as the Stage Stop Inn) has been the Rollinsville "community center" and he hoped that tradition would continue, in the event a liquor license transfer was later approved at the local and state levels. Commissioner Schmalz moved to approve the Temporary Liquor Permit for the Trackside Tavern at 60 Main Street, Rollinsville, for 120 days (through October 14, 2009) or until a liquor license transfer is approved at the local and state levels. Commissioner Nicholson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

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

Clerk and Recorder's Monthly Reports. Clerk and Recorder Jessica Lovingier reported on operations in her office for the months of April and May, 2009. She noted that beginning in July, marriage license fees will increase from \$10 to \$30; the extra amount will go to the State for a domestic abuse fund.

Resolution #09-14—Vote Centers. Clerk and Recorder Jessica Lovingier proposed the adoption of a resolution to again use three vote centers for the 2009 coordinated election. Commissioner Nicholson moved to adopt Resolution #09-14, "Adopting the Vote Center Concept in Gilpin County and Establishing Vote Center Locations for the 2009 Coordinated Elections." Commissioner Schmalz seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Transportation Contract—Seniors Resource Center. Earlier this year, Gilpin County was awarded a 5311 grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to partially fund the County's public transit system—the Gilpin Connector bus—a service for which the County had previously contracted with the Black Hawk Transportation Authority. On May 5, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners selected the Senior Resource Center (SRC) of Evergreen as Gilpin County's contractor for public transportation services. Today, SRC Director Jane Weinberger, Debbie Corthell, Transportation Coordinator, and Sumitra Redwing, Assistant Coordinator, were present to discuss details of the public transit service. Director Weinberger said preparations to assume administration of the service on July 6, 2009, were underway and that the remaining items were bus inspection and deciding on the routes and hours of service. At the suggestion of County Manager Baker, the Commissioners scheduled a public work session for next Tuesday, June 23, 2009, 1:30 p.m., to receive citizens' input on potential routes and hours. Some of the points agreed upon and included in the contract were:

- The transit service's name will remain Gilpin County Connector.
- SRC will use their current format to report on operations to the Board of County Commissioners and to submit monthly invoices.
- The bus will be housed at the Gilpin County Road and Bridge building.

Commissioner Nicholson moved to approve the contract amendments agreed upon during today's discussion. Commissioner Schmalz seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Commissioner Nicholson moved to approve the Transportation Contract between Gilpin County and the Seniors Resource Center to provide public transportation for the citizens of Gilpin County. Commissioner Schmalz seconded the motion, and said he would help coordinate the transition of the transit service. The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0. Because the bus route will be extended to Nederland, Commissioner Nicholson suggested that the Commissioners should ride the bus together on the first day of the new service and be met in Nederland by the mayor as a good way to kick off the new beginning. Commissioner Whitman said the bus service would serve the entire County and would be extremely valuable in helping residents travel to jobs and essential services.

IGA for Extension of Trans Services. Commissioner Schmalz moved to extend the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between Gilpin County and the Black Hawk Transportation Authority until July 31, 2009, for administration of the Gilpin Connector bus service in the estimated amount of \$28,533, with the understanding that the service might be needed for only 6 of the 31 days in July. Commissioner Nicholson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Recess. The Board of County Commissioners recessed for ten minutes at 10:05 a.m.

Treasurer's Monthly Report. Gilpin County Treasurer Alynn Huffman reported on operations in her office for the month of May 2009 and said the property tax payment deadlines had passed and that any unpaid taxes were now delinquent. She stated that tax collections for May were close to those for the same month last year, but that the taxes payable to districts were a little lower. Commissioner Nicholson said that could be a potential signal of trouble.

County Employee Insurance. Bill Cook, of Cook and Associates, and Gilpin County Human Resources Director Susie Allen were present to look at options for the renewal of health insurance for Gilpin County employees—medical, dental, vision, life, supplementary life, and short-term and long-term disability, which will occur on August 1, 2009. Director Allen stated that she surveyed other brokers besides Cook and Associates to insure Gilpin County was receiving the best possible service and found that none of them surpassed Cook and Associates. The following renewal options were approved:

Life, Supplementary Life. After investigating numerous choices, Mr. Cook said he found that replacing the current provider, Reliance Standard, with Sun Life would provide a 36% savings and a three-year rate guarantee. Director Allen said the transitions would be seamless for the employees as there would be virtually no changes in the life and supplementary life insurance benefits. Commissioner Schmalz moved to change to Sun Life for life and supplementary life insurance. Commissioner Nicholson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Delta Dental. The current dental health provider, Delta Dental, has reduced the renewal cost for Gilpin County by 2% for the exact same plan. Commissioner Nicholson moved to continue to receive dental insurance benefits through Delta Dental. Commissioner Schmalz seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Vision. After the current vision health provider, Vision Service Plan, quoted a very high increase, Mr. Cook put the County's coverage needs up for bid and received an excellent offer from EyeMed including better benefits and a four-year rate guarantee. Commissioner Nicholson moved to approve EyeMed as the County's vision health provider. Commissioner Schmalz seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Medical. Mr. Cook stated that his search for medical plans fairly similar to the current one yielded only two quotes—Rocky Mountain Health Plan and County Technical Services, Inc.

Recess. The Commissioners recessed from 11:05 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. so each of them could make a final review of the medical insurance plans detailed by Mr. Cook and Director Allen.

Medical, Continued. Following discussion of several aspects of the medical plan options, Commissioner Nicholson moved to approve the renewal of the current plan (Anthem/Blue Cross and Blue Shield), Option 1, as

the basic plan, and Option F as a buy-up purchase plan. Commissioner Schmalz seconded the motion and said health insurance was a critical element to the employees. Commissioner Whitman said the plan was a high-quality benefit package. Director Allen said in renewing the existing plan, the buy-up option for a higher level of coverage would increase by a few dollars, but the premium increase would be small. The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Director Allen will schedule several meetings to inform County employees of the updated benefits and to have them complete forms for the new vision coverage.

Human Resources Monthly Report. County Manager Baker mentioned that since Director Allen was present, she could answer any questions concerning her monthly report, which was included with others under the County Manager's Status Report. There being no questions, he asked about the proposed Amendments to the Gilpin County Premium Only Plan and Summary Plan; Director Allen explained that these were administrative items to comply with Internal Revenue Service regulations that needed to be formally readopted by the Board of County Commissioners, and she would prepare a resolution for adoption in July.

Colorado Counties, Inc. Legislative Issue Form. Commissioner Nicholson moved to approve submission of Gilpin County's Colorado Counties, Inc., Legislative Issues form, which cites "working with the Colorado Clerks' Association to draft and promote statutory legislation that will clarify the intended use, disposition and oversight of two fee-based funds—the Uninsured Motorist Fund and the Late Fee Fund." Commissioner Schmalz seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 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 said circumstances at the Community Center pool should improve soon as three leaks had finally been located. Repairs will be made and the concrete floor will be resealed.

PILT Funding Increase. Gilpin County has received notice of an increase in its receipt of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funds.

Public / Press Comment. Pam North expressed her views on the Gilpin County Public Library saying she believed it was outstanding and much better than public libraries in other small counties. She commended Director Larry Grieco for his good work and for the writing series. She also asked questions about the cleaning of the historic flag hanging in the Commissioners' meeting room, which County Manager Baker answered in detail.

Minutes.

Commissioner Schmalz moved to approve as amended the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes for June 2, 2009. Commissioner Nicholson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Commissioner Nicholson moved to approve the Board of Human Services Meeting Minutes for June 2, 2009. Commissioner Schmalz seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Executive Session. Commissioner Nicholson moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. 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 11:38 a.m.

Signed this 23rd day of June 2009