

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

August 11, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on August 11, 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:

- Quarterly Roundtable breakfast meeting, August 18, 9:00 a.m., at Crook's Palace
- Colorado Counties, Inc., Mountain District meeting August 14, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Florissant
- 17th Annual Gilpin County Fair, August 15 and 16, beginning at 9:00 a.m. both days

Legal Status Report. County Attorney Jim Petrock advised the Commissioners they would need to conduct an executive session to receive legal advice on a personnel matter.

Clerk and Recorder's Monthly Report. Clerk and Recorder Jessica Lovingier reported on operations in her office for the month of July 2009, and noted the fee for marriage licenses had increased from \$10 to \$30 and that the additional revenue would go to the State's newly created Domestic Abuse Fund. Public discontent with the new motor vehicle late fees has declined; the Clerk's staff provides residents with their legislators' contact information. All contributions and expenses for the 2nd Annual Kingdom of Gilpin Charity Ball have been tallied and the total amount raised for the local food bank is \$6,200, which is 51% of the total revenue.

WindStream Technologies Proposal. Ron Slinger gave a detailed overview of a new company, WindStream Technologies, Inc., and its plan to manufacture two types of small wind turbine products in Gilpin County. As the company's Vice President of Development, Mr. Slinger projected that in the first year of operation, WindStream would employ approximately 12 to 15 people; 50 in the second year; and progressively more in future years. Richard Gee, whose law firm represents WindStream Technologies, Inc., added that those would be "green" jobs and that the wind technology could be combined with other types of renewable energy. At the end of their presentation, Mr. Slinger stated that the company was seeking a building to use for the manufacturing process for two years and asked the Board of County Commissioners if they would consider leasing the vacant old Road and Bridge building.

Commissioner Schmalz asked if they were requesting that the County make improvements to the building prior to a possible lease. Mr. Slinger and Mr. Gee stated that they hoped to lease it in its current condition. In response to Commissioner Nicholson's question about possibly using the turbines to decrease electrical costs at the new Road and Bridge building Mr. Slinger stated he thought it would be a good application of the turbines and had wondered if they could help decrease the energy costs at the Community Center even more than they have been so far. He also addressed Commissioner Whitman's concern of whether the turbines could be harmful to birds saying the blades were plastic and probably would not cause injury and that because they were "tiny output" turbines, they were quiet.

The Commissioners expressed appreciation of the concept of the product and said they would sign a letter of interest, but that they would not reply to Mr. Slinger and Mr. Gee's request to lease the building until they had consulted with County Attorney Petrock.

County Manager Status Report. County Manager Roger Baker updated the Commissioners on the monthly departmental reports that had been submitted.

Amended Deed of Conservation Easement. County Attorney Petrock presented an amended deed of conservation easement saying a surveyed legal description of a roadway easement (Exhibit B) had been added and that the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners needed to sign the document. Commissioner Schmalz moved to approve the First Amended Deed of Conservation Easement in Gross for Dana G. Lawson and Martha S. Urvina. Commissioner Nicholson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Minutes. Commissioner Nicholson moved to approve the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes for August 4, 2009. Commissioner Schmalz seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Executive Session. Commissioner Nicholson moved to hold an Executive Session to discuss a potential lease on the County's old Road and Bridge building with WindStream Technologies, Inc., and to receive legal advice on a personnel matter. Commissioner Schmalz seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0. There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned to Executive Session at 9:55 a.m.

Signed this 18th day of August 2009