



Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, Gilpin County, Colorado, March 4, 2025

A Special Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at the Gilpin County Courthouse, 203 Eureka, and online via Zoom. In attendance were Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth - Chair, Commissioner Susan Berumen, Commissioner Jeff Aiken, County Manager Ray Rears, County Attorney Todd Messenger, and Deputy Clerk to the Board, Kimberly Kaufman. Chair Hollingsworth called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Chair Hollingsworth started the meeting by acknowledging there were two items to be considered on the special agenda. There were no changes made during agenda review.

County Attorney Messenger enquired of the Commissioners if they had conflicts of interest with either item. All responded in the negative.

Resolution 25-029, Authorizing the Submittal of a Grant Application to the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) for the 2025 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) – Kevin Armstrong, Sheriff, and Greg Demo, Undersheriff, and Jamie Boyle, Grants Manager, presented. This was a request for approval to apply again for the Justice Assistance Grant as had been done in previous years. The grant request included a comprehensive technology upgrade for the Sheriff's Office to enhance safety for the deputies. It also included upgrades to the mobile data terminals (MDT's), new Tasers with warranties and training, a handheld drug recognition scanner, and a ductless fume hood for evidence processing. Total anticipated cost for the items was \$261,000, although the grant request was for a Not to Exceed amount of \$275, 000 adding allowances for updating vendor quotes. There was no match requirement. Questions and discussion followed. Commissioner Berumen moved to adopt the resolution; Commissioner Aiken seconded; the resolution passed 3 to 0.

A brief 3-minute recess was taken. The meeting resumed at 8:40 a.m.

Next, **Resolution 25-030, Gilpin County Gaming Impact Assistance Grant Funding Agreement** was called - Joe Allaire, Finance Director presented. Director Allaire described the process for seeking Gaming Impact Assistance Funds from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) through Commissioner approved resolutions in August and December of the previous year. These funds are reimbursement funds approved by the DOLA and received and disbursed by the County of Gilpin.



The fund requested from DOLA had been awarded in full this year. This resolution was seeking the disbursement of those funds according to the Board of County Commissioners ranking of impacts ~~needs~~ of particular departments and eligible agencies. Those included the EMS (Gilpin Ambulance Authority) request of \$1,126,416, the District Attorney request of \$820,953, and Jefferson Center for Mental Health (JCMH) request of \$37,845. For the last few years, contracts were executed between the entity receiving the disbursement and Gilpin County. The protections, if any, offered by using the contract method were discussed as the County is obligated to pass through the money as a reimbursement approved by DOLA. Discussion regarding the process followed. Commissioner Aiken moved to adopt the resolution approving the specific amounts listed by department; Commissioner Berumen seconded; the resolution was adopted 3 to 0.

Public and Press Comments were called. No one indicated the desire to speak.

There being no other business, the special meeting was adjourned at 8:49 a.m. A scheduled Work Session was to start at 9:00 a.m.

Approved this 8th day of July, 2025.

A signed and recorded version of these minutes is available via the Clerk & Recorder's Office.