Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, Gilpin County, Colorado, Tuesday, July 28, 2026

A regular meeting was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at the Old Courthouse, 203 Eureka Street, and online via Zoom. In attendance were Commissioner Susan Berumen, Chair, Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth, Commissioner Jeff Aiken, County Manager Ray Rears, County Attorney Jack Reutzel, and Clerk to the Board, Alisha Parkhurst.

Meeting started at 9:00 am.

Agenda Review.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Conflicts of Interest.

County Attorney Reutzel asked the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) if they had any personal or financial interest with the business on the agenda. All commissioners responded that they had no conflicts.

Public or Press Comment.

Commissioner Hollingsworth expressed condolences for four firefighters and one pilot who lost their lives fighting wildfires in Colorado: Nathan Mathews, Emily Barker, Sydney Watson, Nick Hutcherson and Nicholas Dale.

There was no other public comment.

Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Aiken moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, which included the Minutes of the Board of County Commissioner's July 14, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Hollingsworth seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Update from the office of US Senator John Hickenlooper

Trina Griego, West Metro Regional Director, provided the Commissioners an update from Senator John Hickenlooper's office providing updates on wildfire response efforts and federal funding opportunities.

Forest Improvement District within the Clear Creek Watershed

George Marlin from Clear Creek County presented a proposal for creating a forest improvement district to address fire mitigation needs across the Clear Creek watershed, which serves both mountain communities and metro area water users. The board agreed to participate in phase one discussions, with Commissioner Hollingsworth designated as the representative.

Community Funding Mid-Year Update

Porchlight, Always Choose Adventures, Canyon Cares, Gateway for Early Learning, Mount Evans Home Health Care, Teens Inc., and Peak to Peak Chorale provided mid-year updates to the commissioners focusing on what the funding has provided for so far this year and thanked them.

Organizations that did not present in the midyear update will be presenting in January.

10:57 Commissioner Berumen announced a recess.

11:03 Commissioner Berumen called the BoCC back in order.

The Policy Matters Lobbyist Group Update

Heather Retzko and Katie Hanock from Policy Maters provided a summary of the State Legislative session.

Resolution 26-074

Janey Barker, Director, Human Services, Chanda Johnson, Human Resource Director, and Marie Cosby, Child and Adult Protection Program Manager requested the Board approve Resolution 26-074 Approval of a New Job Description for Caseworker III. This is a request for a new job description for Caseworker 3 Prevention Specialist to allow hiring at a higher level for prevention work, with no net increase in FTE or budget.

Commissioner Hollingsworth moved to adopt Resolution 26-074 -Approval of a New Job Description for Caseworker III. Commissioner Aiken seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Resolution 26-075

Alisa Witt submitted Resolution 26-075 - Authorizing Continuation of Public Health Program Funding Agreements with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for fiscal year 2026-2027.

Commissioner Aiken moved to adopt Resolution 26-075 Authorizing the Continuation of Public Health Program Funding Agreements with The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for FY 2026-2027 in the amount of $311,994. Commissioner Hollingsworth seconded the motion. The Resolution passed with a vote of 3 to 0.

Board of Equalization.

Chair Berumen asked for a motion to, recess as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Board of Equalization. Commissioner Hollingsworth made the motion. Commissioner Aiken seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Sahari McCormick, Clerk & Recorder presented Resolution 26-076 - Serving as the County Board of Equalization Herby Accepts the Hearing Officer's Professional Recommendations.

Commissioner Aiken moved to adopt Resolution 26-076 Serving as the County Board of Equalization Herby Accepts the Hearing Officer's Professional Recommendations. Commissioner Hollingsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Commissioner Hollingsworth made the motion to adjourn the Board of Equalization and reconvene as the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Aiken seconded the motion which passed 3 to 0.

Liquor License Authority Session

Commissioner Hollingsworth moved to recess as the BOCC and convene as the Local Liquor Licensing Authority (LLLA); Commissioner Aiken seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Sahari McCormick, Clerk & Recorder presented Liquor License Renewal for Underground Liquor (15107 CO-119 Black Hawk, CO 80422).

Commissioner Aiken moved to renew the liquor license and Commissioner Hollingsworth seconded. Passed 3 to 0.

Commissioner Hollingsworth made a motion to adjourn as the Local Liquor Licensing Authority (LLLA); Commissioner Aiken seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Board reconvened as the BoCC.

Gilpin Advertising Panel 2025 Annual Report and 2026 Budget

Melanie Bleyler presented the Gilpin Advertising Panel's 2025 Annual Report and 2026 budget, highlighting their first full year of tourism promotion activities and new board members.

Resolution BLE-26-3

Jack Zeman, Planner, Community Development requested Resolution BLE-26-3 - Approving a Boundary Line Elimination Combining Parcels Known as Lot 1A and Lot 5, Block 1, and, Lot 5 and Lot 6, Block 2, K & K Ranch, County of Gilpin, State of Colorado into One Parcel Now Known as Lot 5a, Block 1, K & K Ranch, County of Gilpin, State of Colorado.

Commissioner Hollingsworth moved to accept Resolution BLE-26-3 – Resolution Approving a Boundary Line Elimination Combining Parcels Known as Lot 1A and Lot 5, Block 1, and, Lot 5 and Lot 6, Block 2, K & K Ranch, County of Gilpin, State of Colorado into One Parcel Now Known as Lot 5a, Block 1, K & K Ranch, County of Gilpin, State of Colorado. Commissioner Aiken seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3 to 0.

Resolution 26-077

Ray Rears, County Manager, proposed draft Resolution 26-077 - Referring a Ballot Issue to the Registered Electors of Gilpin County at the November 3, 2026 Coordinated Election Authorizing the County to Collect, Retain, and Spend Revenues in Excess of the Limitations of Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution**.** The proposed ballot measure would allow the county to collect and spend revenues exceeding TABOR limitations.

Commissioners Berumen and Hollingsworth requested further discussion including identifying specific uses for the funds, such as road and infrastructure maintenance and fire mitigation, and added that a community meeting on August 4, 2026 is set to gather public input.

County Attorney's Report

Jack Reutzel, County Attorney, gave his report, sharing his current projects.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Rears gave his report, sharing recent focus areas and upcoming meetings.

Public Comment.

A Gilpin resident, Phil Gibbs, provided the commissioners his opinion for possible allocations for Debruced Tabor funds.

Board of County Commissioners Report and Notice of Public Meetings.

Commissioners reported on committee work, meetings and events they attended since the last Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further public business to come before the Board, Chair Berumen adjourned the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

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