Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners,
Gilpin County, Colorado, Tuesday, August 11, 2026

A regular meeting was held on Tuesday, August 11, 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 Todd Messenger, 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 Messenger 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.
There were none.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Hollingsworth moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, which included Department's Quarterly Reports Treasurer's June 2026 Report Mary Lorenz, Gilpin County Treasurer, Clerk & Recorder's July 2026 End of Month Financial Report, Chief Deputy Clerk, Joe Self, Road & Bridge April, May, June 2026 Report, John Combs, and approval of minutes from BoCC 7/28/26 meeting with correction of changing of word from recess to adjourn. Commissioner Aiken seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

2nd Quarter Sheriff's Office Report

Tera Demo, Administrative Manager/PIO Sheriff's Office and Undersheriff Greg Demo, Sheriff's Office presented the Sheriff's departments second quarter report which covered dispatch statistics, victim services, evidence management, body-worn camera footage, patrol activities, jail population, and records processing. Key highlights included a 14% increase in inbound calls to dispatch, 455 victims served with a 7% decrease in overall victims compared to the previous year, and 8,786 total calls for service by patrol deputies representing a 12% increase over the same quarter last year. Tera Demo presented quarterly statistics showing 210 total bookings, with 17 being Gilpin County residents, including 153 gaming-related bookings and 15 DUI bookings. The jail generated $16,768.05 in revenue during the quarter, representing a 19% increase from Q2 2025, primarily from housing and DOC backlog services. She explained that DOC backlog services generate approximately $79 per day per prisoner, though actual costs are estimated at $200-300 per day. The Emergency Management department completed various training and exercises while submitting a $1.1 million grant request for staffing and communication capabilities, with half of the funds designated for a radio project. She reported that the

VHF radio system, which affects Timberline fire units, is currently down and being repaired, with two maintenance contract vendors being considered. The county is seeking grants for radio upgrades, including encryption, to ensure compatibility with Jefferson County's systems.

Gilpin County Financial Audit FY2025

Lorna Plamondon, Finance Director, Finance Department introduced James (Jim) D. Hinkle, CPA/ABV, CVA, CFF, MAFF, CM&AA. Jim Hinkle presented the financial highlights and findings of the 2025 financial audit which found no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal controls, resulting in a clean audit opinion. The audit process took 30-60 days and approximately 300-400 hours to complete, with all reporting deadlines met.

Cost Allocation Plan FY2025

Lorna Plamondon, Finance Director, Finance Department introduced Meredith Miller from MGT. Meredith Miller presented the FY 2025 cost allocation plan for Gilpin County, explaining how the plan distributes indirect administrative costs across departments and funds using allocation metrics. She noted that overall costs decreased by about 2% from FY 2024, with Human Services Fund seeing a slight decrease of 3% while Parks and Recreation Fund experienced a 20% increase. Meredith also explained that Human Services Fund receives state reimbursement of 30% of administrative costs, resulting in $82,000 in recoveries for FY 2025 after accounting for a roll-forward calculation from previous years.

Commissioner Aiken motioned to recess as the BoCC and convene as the Local Liquor Licensing Authority. Commissioner Hollingsworth seconded the motion. Motioned passed 3 to 0.

10:19 am Public Hearing - Special Event Permit/Liquor

License for Peak-to-Peak People's Festival (Gilpin County Parks and Recreation 250 Norton Drive, Black Hawk, CO 80422).

Sahari McCormick, Clerk & Recorder, requested the board review a special event permit and liquor license application for the Peak to Peak People's Festival.

Chair Berumen opened public comment. As there was no public comment she closed it then Commissioner Aiken motioned the passing of the License for Peak License for Peak-to-Peak People's Fest (Gilpin County Parks and Recreation 250 Norton Drive, Black Hawk, CO 80422. Commissioner Hollingsworth seconded the motion. The license passed with a vote of 3 to 0.

Commissioner Hollingsworth motioned to recess as the Local Liquor Licensing Authority and reconvene as the BoCC. Commissioner Aiken seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 to 0.

Public Hearing Closed at 10:24 am

Resolution 26-080

Approval of the Sub-Contractor Service Agreement Renewal Between Gilpin County and Volunteers of America (VoA,).

Janey Barker, Director, Human Services and Johana Bravo, Director of Senior Services, discussed the renewing of the contract agreement between Gilpin County and Volunteers of America. Commissioner Hollingsworth motioned for the approval of Resolution 26-80 - Approval of the Sub-Contractor Service Agreement Renewal Between Gilpin County and Volunteers of America (VoA,). Commissioner Aiken seconded the motion. Resolution 26-080 passed with a vote of 3 to 0.

Resolution 26-079
Authorizing Continued Public Health Funding from CDPHE for Retail Food and Immunizations,

Alisa Witt, Director, Public Health Agency, covered several key topics including public health funding, financial statements, and vaccine services grants. She discussed vaccine programs for staff, parents, and students, including Mountain Kids, with a successful event last round at the library attracting 83 participants. The board approved resolutions for continued public health funding from CDPHE in the amount of $18,529.

Commissioner Aiken motioned the passing of Resolution 26-079, Authorizing continued public health funding from CDPHE for Retail Food and Immunization. Commissioner Hollingsworth seconded the motion. The Resolution passed with a vote of 3 to 0.

10:48 a.m.

Commissioner Hollingsworth moved to recess as the BoCC and convene as the BOH. Commissioner Aiken seconded and it passed 3-0.

Resolution BOH 26-2

Ratification and Authorization of Signature for Resolution BOH 25-1, originally approved on December 15, 2025 but unexecuted due to a clerical omission. Commissioner Aiken moved to pass BOH 26-2.Commissioner Hollingsworth seconded the resolution. Adopted 3 to 0.

Commissioner Aiken moved to adjourn as the BOH and reconvene as the BoCC. Commissioner Hollingworth seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 to 0.

10:52 a.m.

Resolution 26-078

Mary Lorenz, Treasurer, presented the **Semi Annual Financial Statement ending June 30, 2026** to the Board.

Commissioner Hollingsworth moved to approve Resolution 26-078, the Semi-Annual Financial Statement ending June 30, 2026. Commission Aiken seconded the motion. The resolution passed with a vote of 3 to 0.

Resolution 26-081

Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice for the Local Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement Program (VALE).

Jeri Brewer, Manager of Strategic Projects and Under-Sheriff Greg Demo presented the resolution to the Board. Commissioner Aiken moved to pass resolution 26-081 Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice for the Local Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement Program (VALE). Commissioner Hollingsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3 to 0.

Roadway Design and Construction Manual and County Road Inventory

Andrew Decker, Infrastructure Coordinator, Public Works, and John Combs Director Public Works provided the Commissioner a review of the roadway design, construction manual and county road inventory before the resolution is presented for a vote on August 25 and answered questions.

Will have a public hearing at 9:30 or later at next BoCC meeting, August 25, 2026.

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.

County Manager, Ray Rears and Commissioners had a discussion on the dedicated uses and ballot wording.

Commissioners decided to postpone vote until next meeting, August 25, 2026 to allow time for more public comment beyond that form the town hall on August 4, and put proposed question out on social media.

County Attorney's Report

Todd Messinger, County Attorney, gave his report, sharing his current projects.

County Manager's Report

Ray Rears presented gave his report, sharing recent focus areas and upcoming meetings.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Board of County Commissioner's Reports and Notice of Public Meetings

Commissioners reported on committee work, meetings and events they attended since the last Board of County Commissioners meeting. Two or more commissioners may attend the Gateway ECE open house tonight, the annex ribbon cutting August 12, the staff picnic August 13, the Clear Creek BOCC joint work session on August 18, and the CCI Mountain District meeting on August 20.

There being no further public business to come before the Board, Chair Berumen adjourned the meeting at 11:56 p.m.

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