



1. **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**–Meeting was called to order at 12:34 pm.
 - a. **Staff:** Michelle Haynes (R10 Director), Nancy Murphy (Small Business Development), Bryan Bowler (AAA Director), Courtney Tribble (R10)
 - b. **In-Person Board Members:** Mayor John Clark (Town of Ridgway, Chair), Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank (City of Montrose, Vice Chair), Linda Riba (Montrose County), Commissioner Michelle Nauer (Ouray County)
 - c. **Remote Board Members:** Commissioner Jonathan Houck (Gunnison County), Mayor Paige Smith (Town of Paonia, departed 12:54p.m.), Councilmember Jim Gelwicks (City of Gunnison), Commissioner Sue Hansen (Montrose County, arrived 12:50p.m.)
 - d. **Note:** Region 10 bylaws require the attendance of 8 board members to hold a meeting and 10 for a quorum. Attendance for a quorum was not met at this meeting and all **Action Items** to be voted on were sent out by email to the Board of Directors after the meeting and voted on by email. Those votes and email are attached at the end of the minutes.

2. **AGENDA:** No additions or changes were made to the meeting agenda.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for October 2024, Executive Committee Meeting**
 - a. Correction: Pg2, Community Development, Enterprise Zone Application is Home Trust of Ouray County and carry forward to C.
 - b. Correction: AAA #5, Ann Morgenthaler has expressed the possibility of financial..
ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve minutes with proposed corrections: Quorum was not met, motion to approve this action item was sent out by email and was voted on by the board members virtually.

4. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - a. Staff Vacation Time Accrual from 15 days a year to 20 days a year.
ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve the increase of staff vacation time from 15 days to 20 days per year: Quorum was not met, motion to approve this action item was sent out by email and was voted on by the board members virtually.

5. **REPORTS:**
 - a. **ED/Financial Reports | Michelle Haynes**
 - i. Financial Report
 1. Had two AmeriCorps Grant programs (Senior Companion and RSVP) submit options for 0% match waiver and that has been awarded. Those budgets did need to be cut back to reduce for the match amount not being allocated to the program.
 - ii. Executive Director Report
 1. Submitted a DOLA Request for Energy Impact Mini-Grant program for \$100,000.
 2. Sent a letter of intent to the Rockefeller Just Transitions Office out of Washington DC for a second grant to support our operations of Broadband. We were awarded \$100,000 last year to help support our organization and others in their federal grant submissions.
 3. Working on Insurance Renewal quotes for liability policies.
 4. Working with the auditors to complete our Fiscal Audit; expecting to be completed in January.
 - iii. Community Development
 1. Regional Grants Navigator
 - a. We are working on the funding request for Year 3 of the RGN program requesting \$100,000.
 - b. There is still funding in the LOMA fund for match if you are applying for IIRA/IJA grants and need match assistance.

2. Enterprise Zone: We will invite the State in January or February to give more detail on the redesignation process
- b. **Small Business Resource Center | Nancy Murphy**
- i. SBDC/Business Cultivator
 1. Adriana Chavira went to the Shared Kitchen Summit in New Orleans in November and participated in a panel at the conference.
 2. Callie Koch & Nancy went to the state SBDC meeting. Callie and Ashley Pynes (former Region 10 SBRC Program Assistant) have taken leadership roles in the statewide Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Programming Committee.
 - ii. Business Loan Fund
 1. We are currently serving 107 loan clients, 5 paid-off loans, there are a few that are delinquent.
 2. There is one company that owes \$147,000 and we received notice that they have declared bankruptcy. We are pursuing assets but will likely have to bring it to the board to write off portions of that loan.
 3. We are getting more progressive with our collections.
 4. We are researching and reviewing loan servicing software, to help see the loans through from interest to pay-off.
- c. **Community Living Services | Michelle Haynes for Brian Bowler**
- i. Started a congregate senior meals program at MADA (Mexican American Development Association) and have reached our maximum number of clients in the two months of beginning the program.
 - ii. There has been some discussion about building case management for Medicare counseling; it seems Tri-County Health has also been looking at the project. We are meeting with the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) to learn more about their program as they host in organization State Health Insurance Assistant Program (SHIP) Counselors and a Senior Medicare Patrol program that focuses on preventing Medicare fraud.
 - iii. Open Enrollment for Medicare is ending tomorrow, December 6, and although there was a challenging start, we are closing out this season with 3 volunteer SHIP counselors who have been able to help meet the needs of our communities.
 - iv. The Handy Helpers program is re-starting with a new coordinator, Shelia Maki, that can help seniors with small in-home help.
- d. **Broadband | Michelle Haynes for Corey Bryndal**
- i. Corey is in California to test and accept the \$2 million worth of equipment that will be installed along the I-70 corridor and the target for that is mid-January.
 - ii. Hired a consultant, Eric Hittle, to help with operations of the broadband network.
 - iii. We have been meeting with Town of Mt. Crested Butte for potential solutions to establish a line to connect Crested Butte and Mt Crested Butte. DOLA has requested that the Town apply for a new grant to fund the construction of a Carrier Neutral Location (CNL) in Mt Crested Butte.
 - iv. Dave Frank asked about the connection between Durango & Pagosa Springs included in the broadband report and if we would assume financial responsibility of operating the line. Michelle replied that Region 9 or other SW CO stakeholders would oversee operations in that region.
- e. **GVTPR - Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region Committee | Vince Rogalski**
- i. Middle Bridge on US 50 is open with no pilot cars in either direction. The work on the Lake Fork Bridge should have construction finalized in a couple of weeks.
 - ii. HB 23-1101: Two Southern Colorado Transportation Planning Regions (TPR) are lobbying with Legislatures to have the State Legislation changed to allow for more than 15 TPRs so that the 2 Southern Colorado TPRs can stay separate and the Intermountain TPR can be divided into two TPRs.
 - iii. Had a GVTPR Planning Meeting on November 14th and we were talking about the list of projects in both Region 3 & 5, are those projects being brought forward as is or are there changes/updates and are there any new projects identified by the counties that need to be added.

1. The GVTPR Determined that each county should look at the lists and prioritize the projects that would impact them and add any that need to be added.
- iv. Clarification on the Active Transportation and Transit Plan; it is focused on non-motorized transportation, walking, biking, and buses. They are talking about how to include projects that include items that impact Active Transportation, such as sidewalks that many of the communities do not have.
- v. The Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) is reorganizing, the work plan was discussed at the last meeting. The STAC is an advisory committee to the Transportation Commission (TC), and they are working on their schedule to ensure they can provide valuable information to the TC before making decisions.

ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve Reports: Quorum was not met, motion to approve this action item will be carried forward to the next meeting.

6. ROUNDTABLE

a. DELTA COUNTY

- i. Greg Hart (Town of Cedaredge): MMOF Deadline date for submittal is December 7, we have a bridge replacement in the works. We have received a DOLA grant that covers about 2/3 of the cost. Working with Delta County, we have a large residential development that is planned and there will have to be a major reconfiguration of the connection of that street to HWY 65.

b. GUNNISON COUNTY

- i. Jonathan Houck (Gunnison County): There is no change on the BOCC board. Happy with the structural repairs that are mostly complete on the bridges of HWY 50. We have a 50-unit housing project, 18 are occupied and 32 units of affordable housing units that were manufactured by Fading West were installed just before the cold weather and the outside finishing touches are happening. Must be locally employed in Gunnison County and meet the AMI limits. This project will cash flow from the start of it and the revenues produced from it will go directly to a housing fund. Whetstone Project received \$10 million from the State to help with the water and sewer to the project.
- ii. Jim Gelwicks (City of Gunnison): We have an annual Christmas Celebration downtown and the city sponsors Merchant Dollars that helps put money back into city businesses.

c. MONTROSE COUNTY

- i. Sue Hansen (Montrose County): Working on the Courthouse renovation and should be ready for occupancy by September 2025. Master Plan will be finished by the end of the year. Working on our Solar regulations. Two new commissioners are coming on board. Budget will be finalized in the next two weeks. We are working on the budget for the South Campus building that needs renovations, which would be a large capital expenditure, it does house 90 county employees.

d. OURAY COUNTY

- i. Michelle Nauer (Ouray County): Returned from the CCI conference and Ouray County is hosting the Tri-Agency Dinner, Ouray County, Ouray and Ridgway, that will be distributing Ouray County's Transportation Priority list to coordinate that list getting submitted. After the first of the year we hope to have the final Master Plan submitted. The new short-term rental ordinance goes into effect on January 1.
- ii. John Clark (Town of Ridgway): Annual Noel Celebration happening December 6th, with a parade and business are open later. The Main Street Manager Summit was held in November, when we heard from the Town of Meeker that they could work with CDOT to get a banner that goes over the highway, so we are looking into a similar effort. The Riverfront Village housing project is going up that contains 38 units and 4 are deed restricted.

7. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.
- b. This meeting was not recorded.