

**SAN MIGUEL COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025
333 WEST COLORADO AVE 2ND FLOOR, TELLURIDE, CO 81435**

1. Call to Order

(Any of the stated items in this agenda may involve an Executive Session C.R.S. 24-6-402(4))

9:31 a.m. Begin.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Anne Brown, Chair

Lance Waring, Vice Chair

Galena Gleason, Commissioner

Staff Present:

Mike Bordogna, County Manager

Jarrold Biggs, Deputy County Manager

Maura Fahey, County Attorney

Nancy Willis, Paralegal

Suzanne Cheavens, Communications Specialist

Carmen Warfield, Chief Deputy Clerk

3. Moment of Silence

4. Review of Agenda

5. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Please limit comments to 3 minutes. If comments are not related to an item on the agenda, there will be no Board response or action taken since the topic was not posted with proper notice and any comment could potentially violate the Colorado Open Meetings Law.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes: March 5, 2025, and March 26, 2025.
- b. Ratification of a letter to Representative Jeff Hurd regarding the Productive Public Lands Act.
- c. Approval of a renewal of a fermented malt beverage and wine liquor license for S M C S LLC d/b/a/ Shell Station 1982 Hwy 145, Telluride, CO 81435.
- d. Approval of Chair's signature on an Intergovernmental Agreement between San Miguel County and Delta County regarding fiscal agent for the State Homeland Security Grant.

Motion by Lance Waring to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Seconded** by Anne Brown. **PASSED 3-0.**

7. Administrative Matters

- a. Consideration of the appointment for the remaining term as Sheriff for San Miguel County./MOTION

Presented by: Mike Bordogna, County Manager

Motion by Lance Waring to appoint Undersheriff Daniel Covault to the remaining term for Sheriff of San Miguel County. **Seconded** by Galena Gleason. **PASSED 3-0.**

- b. Consideration of granting a special events permit to Norwood Parks and Recreation District to serve regular Malt, Vinous and Spirituous Liquor for the events [Music on the Mesa] on June 15, 2025 from 4:30 pm to 9:30 pm and on August 10, 2025, from 4:30 to 9:30 pm at 1165 Summit St., Norwood, CO./MOTION

Presented by: Carmen Warfield, Chief Deputy Clerk

Motion by Galena Gleason to approve granting a special events permit to Norwood Parks and Recreation District as presented. **Seconded** by Lance Waring. **PASSED 3-0.**

- c. Presentation of the Potential Operational Delineation mapping effort for the Community Wildfire Protection Program.

Presented by: Shannon Armstrong, Emergency Manager; Tyler Beeton, Colorado Forest Restoration Institute

- d. Consideration of a request for funding of the PANO Camera by the Norwood Fire Protection District./MOTION

Presented by: John Bockrath, Norwood Fire Protection District

Staff direction to continue this conversation for the 2026 budget year.

10:50 a.m. Recessed.

10:58 a.m. Reconvened.

- e. Presentation of 5-year loss analysis from CTSI

Presented by: Dana Foley, CTSI Loss Control Representative

8. Planning Matters

- a. Consideration of an appeal hearing for Vavra Appeal of the Planning Director's Written Interpretation - Employee Housing Impact Fees for 155 Hayden View

Trail./MOTION

11:30 a.m. Anne Brown left the meeting for this agenda item. She explained that she had a conflict of interest due to her personal relationship with the petitioner.

Presented by: Kaye Simonson, Planning Director; Maura Fahey, County Attorney; Christopher Bryan, Attorney representing the Vavra Appeal; Matt Gonzales, Building Official

Motion by Lance Waring finding that the Planning Director's Written Interpretation is consistent with the intent, purpose, and language of the Impact Fee Land Use Code provisions. In addition, the BOCC will consider adjusting the Impact Fee based on the Project's as-built square footage. The owner may submit an amended building permit and updated building plans to the Building Department through a Change Order Application to request an adjustment of the Impact Fee for the Project based on the as-built square footage. The final resolution will be presented to the board on May 21, 2025, under Resolution 2025-15, with a 30-day response by the attorney and/or owner to make any necessary corrections to the square footage. **Seconded** by Galena Gleason. **PASSED 2-0.**

9. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Anne Brown returned to the meeting room.

12:25 p.m. Recessed.

1:01 p.m. Reconvened.

10. Department of Human Services

(The Board of Commissioners is sitting as the San Miguel County Board of Human Services.)

- a. Consideration of Chair's signature on the Department of Human Services Balance Sheet, February 2025, Earned Revenue and Expenditures, February 2025, Expenditures through Electronic Benefit Transfers, March 2025, Check Register for March 2025, County Allocation / MOE Report, February -2025 and the 2025 Caseload Reports./MOTION

Presented by: Linnea Edwards, Human Services Director

Motion by Lance Waring to approve the Department of Human Services' finances as presented. **Seconded** by Galena Gleason. **PASSED 3-0.**

11. County Housing Matters

- a. Update from Telluride Ski and Golf on the sale of for-sale single-family homes.

Presented by: Maura Fahey, County Attorney

- b. Consideration of an extension of one week [May 12, 2025] to list the remaining Telluride Ski and Golf for-sale units with San Miguel Regional Housing Authority./MOTION

Presented by: Maura Fahey, County Attorney

Public Who Addressed the Board:

Nate Smith, Attorney representing Two Rivers Owners Association

Motion by Lance Waring to approve the extension of one week, May 12, 2025, as presented. **Seconded** by Galena Gleason. **Passed 3-0.**

- c. Discussion of additional potential remedies San Miguel County and San Miguel Regional Housing Authority may have regarding Telluride Ski and Golf violating the current Q-Lots and Sunshine Valley Lots exception agreement.

Presented by: Lane Thomason, Attorney representing the County

Note: To continue to the May 21st board meeting if further discussion is necessary.

- f. Consideration of the Chair's signature on Resolution 2025-12 by the Board of County Commissioners supporting Public Lands./MOTION Item 7.f.

Presented by: Anne Brown, Commissioner

Motion by Lance Waring to approve the Chair's signature on **Resolution 2025-12** supporting Public Lands. **Seconded** by Galena Gleason. **PASSED 3-0.**

12. Affordable Housing Updates

Presented by: Jarrod Biggs, Deputy County Manager; Mike Bordogna, County Manager

1. Update on the Ilium property (grading and possible Geotechnical work).
2. Update on the Deep Creek Shop: Housing and relocating the CDOT shop to the Road and Bridge area.
3. Still waiting for a response from San Bernardo on the Pathfinder monitoring well
4. Review of the housing needs assessment, which will be presented at the rescheduled Intergovernmental meeting on June 9, 2025.

13. Manager Matters

Update and other, as needed

Mike Bordogna, County Manager

Presented by: Mike Bordogna, County Manager

1. The County Manager and Deputy attended the CCCMA Conference in Glenwood Springs.
2. The County offices will be closed tomorrow due to staff training in Norwood.
3. Continued work on the Memorandum of Understanding with the Alexander family and Mountain Village representatives.
4. The next meeting will be held at the Egnar Fire Department.

Presented by: Jarrod Biggs, Deputy County Manager

1. Next Tuesday, there will be a meeting with the Board of Review to look at updates to the current building codes.
2. Update on Tomboy Road.

14. Commissioner Updates

Anne Brown - Update on Outside Meetings.

Galena Gleason - Update on Outside Meetings.

Lance Waring - Update on Outside Meetings.

Lance Waring - Region 10 meeting

Galena Gleason - Payment for Eco Services (PES) work in the County, Uncompahgre Medical Center Board Meeting, Composting event, Indian Ridge Farm, Growing water smart conference
Anne Brown - Collaborative Action for Immigrants (CAFI) meeting, Mtn Village Town council meeting, Testified before the House Judiciary Committee in Support of Senate Bill 25-276, Elected Officials Lunch

- a. Consideration of a Resolution supporting public lands stewardship./MOTION

Note: This item was a duplicate agenda item.

15. Attorney Matters

Update and other, as needed.

Maura Fahey, County Attorney (Any of these items may involve an Executive Session C.R.S. 24-6-402(4))

- a. Consideration of the Board of County Commissioners sign-on to a letter directed to the Colorado congressional delegation to oppose any effort to immunize fossil fuel companies from climate liability./MOTION

Presented by: Maura Fahey, County Attorney

Motion by Lance Waring to approve the Commissioners' sign-on to a letter directed to

the Colorado congressional delegation as presented. **Seconded** by Galena Gleason. **PASSED 3-0.**

2:03 p.m. Recessed.

2:10 p.m. Reconvened.

- c. Executive Session: Continued discussion on the San Miguel County Housing Authority legal review and interpretation, citation (4)(b) advisement, from an Attorney.

Note: Lance Waring and Anne Brown live in deed-restricted housing but feel no conflict with any discussion or decisions to be made.

In attendance: Lane Thomasson, Attorney representing the County

Motion by Galena Gleason to go into executive session to discuss the San Miguel County Housing Authority legal review and interpretation, citation (4)(b) advisement from an Attorney. **Seconded** by Lance Waring. **Passed 3-0.**

2:11 p.m. Recessed.

3:39 p.m. Reconvened.

Motion by Galena Gleason to come out of the executive session. Only the one item stated was discussed: citation (4)(b), advisement from an attorney. **Seconded** by Lance Waring. **Passed 3-0.**

3:39 p.m. Jarrod Biggs left the meeting.

- b. Potential Executive Session: To discuss Masson v. Board of County Commissioners, citation (4)(b), conference with an attorney.

Presented by: Maura Fahey, County Attorney

Motion by Galena Gleason to go into executive session to discuss Masson v. Board of County Commissioners, citation (4)(b), conference with an attorney. **Seconded** by Lance Waring. **Passed 3-0.**

3:40 p.m. Recessed.

3:49 p.m. Reconvened.

Motion by Galena Gleason to come out of executive session, only the one item was discussed: citation (4)(b), a conference with an attorney. **Seconded** by Lance Waring. **Passed 3-0.**

Note: The County Attorney requested that items 15.b. and 15.c. not have written minutes as they constitute privileged attorney-client communication, and a statement

signed by the attorney and chair is attached.

- d. Executive Session: Discussion of the Telluride Facilities Master Plan - Fruen Site, Citation (4)(e) instruct negotiations.

Presented by: Mike Bordogna, County Manager

Note: The Board did not go into Executive Session.

16. Adjournment

Motion by Lance Waring to adjourn the meeting. **Seconded** by Galena Gleason. **PASSED 3-0.**

4:36 p.m. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: June 11, 2025
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Anne Brown

ATTEST:



Carmen Warfield

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO
SUPPORTING PUBLIC LANDS**

Resolution #2025-12

WHEREAS, 60% of San Miguel County, Colorado, is comprised of federal public lands, and public lands are integral to the county's economy, environment, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, these public lands provide essential resources to our residents, workers and visitors, including clean air; grazing lands for agricultural operations; habitats for wildlife; rivers, lakes and watersheds which provide for our drinking water and healthy fish populations, wildfire suppression, and agricultural irrigation; cultural resources; scenic beauty; renewable energy, fossil fuels and minerals; timber; a ski area; and opportunities for other outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, the residents of San Miguel County deeply value these public lands for their multiple uses and accessibility regardless of socioeconomic status, race, or gender, as evidenced by high participation in local stewardship, conservation, research and trail organizations and events; and

WHEREAS, public lands contribute significantly to the local economy through activities such as outdoor recreation, tourism, mineral extraction and ranching; and

WHEREAS, federal management of multiple uses on our public lands by the Grand Mesa Uncompahgre National Forest – Norwood Ranger District and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – Tres Rios and Uncompahgre Field Offices ensures that resources are managed for the benefit of all people, animals, plant life, and natural resources, addressing complex challenges such as wildfire management, watershed protection, climate change, wildlife conservation, resource sustainability and wilderness protection; and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with managing these lands are a national responsibility, and federal involvement is crucial for the long-term health and sustainability of these resources; and

WHEREAS, San Miguel County is aware of the actual and proposed budget cuts and layoffs at the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management that will compromise these agencies' capacity to respond to growing visitation numbers, manage rangelands, maintain trails and trail heads, educate and inform visitors of regulations and provide law enforcement, and will reduce their collective ability to fight wildfires and conserve these lands for the benefit of future generations; and

WHEREAS, the attempts to transfer, lease, or sell off public lands without a public process are inconsistent with the values and interests of the residents of San Miguel County, the broader Colorado community and the nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the *2025 to 2029 SCORP Full Report - Total Economic Contributions by Region* revealed that outdoor recreation on the Western Slope of Colorado generated \$17.9 million in economic output, contributed \$9.5 million to the state's GDP, supported 127,639 jobs, and generated \$3.5 million in tax revenue, demonstrating the profound economic significance of public lands and outdoor recreation to the state, Western Slope and therefore to virtually all Colorado counties, including San Miguel; and

WHEREAS, the Tres Rios and Uncompahgre BLM Offices combined generated \$209.3 million in recreation-related economic output, supporting 1,649 jobs and \$6.9 million in grazing-related economic output, which supported 77 additional jobs. The GMUG National Forests generated \$392 million in annual visitor spending (human-powered outdoor recreation), and receives 2.6 million visits a year, creating 4,148 full-time jobs and \$112.2 million in wages; and

WHEREAS, the *2024 Conservation in the West Poll* found that 85 percent of Westerners support creating new national parks, national monuments, national wildlife refuges and Tribal protected areas to conserve historic sites or areas for outdoor recreation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of San Miguel County hereby:

1. Expresses its strong support for the continued federal management and stewardship of public lands within the county, across Colorado and throughout the nation.
2. Recognizes the multiple uses of public lands and encourages a balanced approach to land management, including implementation of the BLM's Public Lands Rule, which recognizes conservation as an essential component of public lands management, on equal footing with other uses of these lands.
3. Encourages the maintenance of appropriate funding levels and workforce numbers at public land management agencies in order to capably manage public lands for the benefit of all Americans.
4. Opposes any efforts to sell, transfer, lease, or dispose of public lands without a public process.
5. Encourages the Colorado Congressional Delegation to oppose any legislation that would negatively impact public lands or diminish the public process, but rather to support policies that ensure long-term preservation and sustainable use of these lands for future generations.
6. Urges federal land management agencies to continue tribal consultation and collaborative efforts with local communities, governments, and stakeholders to ensure effective and responsible management of public lands.
7. Encourages Congress to support the Dolores River National Conservation Area (NCA), which protects over 68,000 acres of public lands for their scenic, historic, natural, and cultural values and is supported by the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe,

ranchers, conservation groups, the Southwestern Water Conservation District, the Western Small Miners Association, recreational users, and others.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the members of the Colorado Congressional Delegation, the Governor of Colorado, U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Doug Burgum, U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins and relevant federal land management agency leaders.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO

Anne Brown

Anne Brown, Chair

ATTEST:

Carmen Warfield



Carmen Warfield, Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board

VOTE:

Lance Waring	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Galena Gleason	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Anne Brown	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent

**SAN MIGUEL COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS MEETING**
04/30/2025

Date of Meeting

Executive Session Minutes Attest

I, Maura Fahey, County Attorney, attest that the 04/30/2025 (Date of Meeting) Executive Session discussions of attorney-client matters were confined to a permissible executive session topic and constituted a privileged attorney-client communication that does not have written minutes.

Maura Fahey

Marua Fahey, County Attorney

I, Anne Brown Chair of the San Miguel County Board of Commissioners, attest that the 04/30/2025 (Date of Meeting) Executive Session discussions of attorney-client matters were confined to a permissible executive session topic and constituted a privileged attorney-client communication that does not have written minutes.

Anne Brown

Chair