

SUMMIT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Thursday, September 20, 2018, 12:00 p.m. Special Meeting
SUMMARY MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Thursday, September 20, 2018 was called to order by Chair, Dan Gibbs, at 12 p.m. in the County Commissioners' Meeting Room, Summit County Courthouse, 208 Lincoln Avenue, Breckenridge, Colorado.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members present and answered to the roll call were:

Dan Gibbs, Chair
Thomas C. Davidson, Commissioner
Karn Stiegelmeier, Commissioner (via
conference phone)

Staff Present were as follows: Scott Vargo, County Manager; Frank Celico, Assistant County Attorney; Jaime FitzSimons, Sheriff (via conference phone); Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Julie Sutor, Director of Communications; Lori Dwyer, Administrative Assistant and Eva Henson, Deputy Clerk.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved, as presented.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of a Resolution Declaring a Stage 1 Fire Hazard Emergency and Banning Open Fires and the Use and Sale of Fireworks in Summit County (Attorney).

The Board of County Commissioners' (BOCC) convened a special meeting in response to increasingly dangerous fire conditions and extremely dry forest conditions across our region.

Jaime FitzSimons gave a brief update on his recent phone call with the fire districts and USFS. He also briefed the Commissioners on fuel conditions, weather forecasts for the long range are not predicting precipitation, and noted historically this is the lowest fuel moisture our area has seen in September.

Staff recommended approval of the Resolution declaring a Stage 1 Fire Hazard Emergency and Banning the Use and Sale of Fireworks in Summit County, until conditions change or until there is snow on the ground. This would take effect starting at 12 p.m. on Friday, September 21, 2018.

Commissioners gave comments and noted that nationally fire seasons are starting earlier and lasting longer.

Scott Vargo also spoke in agreement to keep the fire restrictions in place until there is snow on the ground and winter begins. The Shooting range will remain open as we approach the hunting season - Hunters need to be prepared to have other heat sources besides a campfire.

Commissioner Davidson commented that the proposed Resolution notes that the fire restriction would take effect today at 12 p.m. Mr. FitzSimons responded that the resolution should be revised to take effect starting tomorrow at 12 p.m.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Davidson and seconded by Commissioner Stiegelmeier to approve Resolution 2018-59, Declaring a Stage 1 Fire Hazard Emergency and Banning Open Fires and the Use and Sale of Fireworks in Summit County with the amendment to revise the effective time to 12 p.m. on Friday, September 21, 2018.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD PRESENT

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:


Eva Henson, Deputy Clerk




Dan Gibbs, Chair

NOTE: These minutes are a summary of the proceedings and motions of the September 20, 2018 Board of County Commissioners' Special Meeting. The complete digital recording is available in the Office of the Clerk & Recorder, Summit County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, 208 Lincoln Avenue, Breckenridge, Colorado 80424.