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TO: Board of County Commissioners  
Gary Martinez  
Jeff Huntley  
FROM: Eva Henson  
RE: Work Session Meeting of March 22, 2016  
DATE: March 22, 2016

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**Attendees:**

Elected Officials: Karn Stiegelmeier, Thomas C. Davidson and Dan Gibbs – Commissioners

Staff: Gary Martinez, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Keely Ambrose, Assistant County Attorney; Thad Noll, Assistant County Manager; Scott Vargo, Assistant County Manager; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; John Minor, Sheriff; Joel Cochran, Emergency Management Director; Lindsay Hirsh, Planning Manager; Alan Hanson, Senior Planner; Robert Jacobs, Engineer; Brian Lorch, Open Space & Trails Director; Julie Sutor, Public Affairs Coordinator and Eva Henson, Deputy Clerk.

Guests: Kevin Fixler, Larry Banman, Larry Lundsford, Sher Steuben, Matt Friesen, Mike Claffey, Ray Lazuk and Nell Wareham.

**I. Wildfire Annual Operating Plan (AOP) (Emergency Management)**

Joel Cochran gave a brief overview of the Summit County Annual Operating Plan (AOP) and the revisions to the document. He noted that this document establishes responsibilities in initial response, mutual aid, resource ordering and financial obligations. The understandings in this agreement are an important component of the overall comprehensive wildfire response system. This agreement is also on the Consent Agenda for approval at this afternoon's Regular Meeting.

**II. 2015 and 2016 Budget Amendments (Finance)**

Marty Ferris reviewed the fourth quarter 2015 Budget Amendment which included adjustments to:

- General Fund
- Affordable Housing Fund
- Capital Expenditures

The first quarter 2016 Budget Amendment included adjustments to:

- General Fund
- E-911 Fund

- Library Fund
- Communications Operations Fund
- Ambulance Fund
- Road & Bridge Fund
- Capital Expenditures Fund

These amendments are also on the Public Hearing Agenda for approval at this afternoon's Regular Meeting.

**III. Grand County Middle Park Fair/Rodeo – Centennial Year and Highway 9 North Project Update (Larry Banman)**

Larry Banman gave a brief overview of the Middle Park Fair and Rodeo and noted that this is the Centennial Celebration and will be in Kremmling on August 11-14, 2016. Summit and Grand Counties comprise the territorial region encompassed by the Middle Park Fair and Rodeo.

The Middle Park Fair Board of Directors has requested financial assistance from the Summit County Commissioners to help with this Centennial Celebration. They will be hosting a Founder's Day Luncheon on Saturday, August 13, 2016, that will honor those families that have been a part of the development of the Middle Park Fair and Rodeo.

Mr. Banman also gave a brief presentation and update regarding the Highway 9 North Project.

**IV. Reappointments to Various Planning Commissions (Planning)**

Lindsay Hirsh reviewed the current members' terms and those that are up for reappointment to various Planning Commissions. He noted that this is also on the Consent Agenda for approval at this afternoon's Regular Meeting.

**V. Climax Molybdenum Mine Permit 404 Application (Planning)**

Jim Curnutte, and Community Development staff (Robert Jacobs, Brian Lorch and Alan Hanson) and Mike Claffey (Wetland Mitigation Consultant for Summit County) gave extensive background regarding the Climax Molybdenum Mine 404 permit application to the US Army Corps of Engineers. Community Development became aware that Climax was intending to apply for a 404 permit for expansion of overburden storage in McNulty Gulch approximately a year ago. In preliminary discussions with Climax representatives, Community Development staff emphasized the need to conduct compensatory wetland mitigation within Summit County pursuant to the "No Net Loss Policy."

Matt Montgomery, Project Manager with US Army Corps of Engineers, gave a detailed overview of the US Army Corps of Engineers process when they receive this type of application. He noted that the permit application would result in impacts to approximately 16.48 acres of waters of the United States, including wetlands, in or adjacent to McNulty Gulch. He also noted that the comment period for this application will end on April 11, 2016.

Ray Lazuk, applicant for Climax Molybdenum Mine, gave a detailed overview of the Compensatory Mitigation Preliminary Proposal for the McNulty Gulch Overburden Storage Facility Expansion and noted that their intent is to go with the least environmental impact throughout this process.

The Commissioners discussed in details their concerns, asked questions and gave comments regarding the permit application and noted they would be sending a comment letter before the April 11, 2016 deadline.

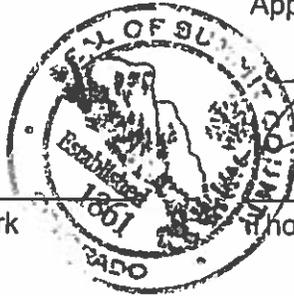
**VI. Managers' & Commissioners' Issues**

Thad Noll reviewed a brief memo from Tom Gosiorowski, Road and Bridge Director, regarding several scenarios for the 2016 Construction Budget. This was a follow up discussion from the Work Session of March 15, 2016. The Commissioners gave direction on pursuing Option 3.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

*Eva Henson*



*Thomas C. Davidson*

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Eva Henson, Deputy Clerk

Thomas C. Davidson, Chair

