

**MINUTES
CARBONDALE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JOINT WORK SESSION
JUNE 19, 2018**

Mayor Dan Richardson called the Joint Work Session to order on June 19, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present for roll call:

Mayor	Dan Richardson
Trustees	Heather Henry
	Ben Bohmfalk
	Lani Kitching
	Marty Silverstein
Arrived After Roll Call	Luis Yllanes
Absent	Erica Sparhawk
Staff Present	
Town Manager	Jay Harrington
Town Clerk	Cathy Derby
Public Works Director	Kevin Schorzman

The Board and Commissioners discussed the following topics:

Snowmass Drive Construction Update

Kevin stated that currently the contractor is clearing and excavating the land. The drywell has been installed. They are starting the construction of the retaining wall tomorrow. Only one land owner has been directly impacted by the project. The project needs to be finished by August 17th.

Trustee Bohmfalk thanked the Commissioners for working with the Town to make this project happen.

Red Hill Update

Suzanne Stevens, Aspen Valley Land Trust Executive Director, expressed deep gratitude for the County and Town's support of the land purchase. Jay noted that the

neighbors are happy with the direction of the project. The Town hired DHM and Single Track Trails to design the trails. One hundred and eighty people participated in the planning process. The on-line survey will close on June 22nd. Single Track Trails will start GISing the project tomorrow. Option #2, which is two biking trails and one hiking trail, appears to be the most popular option. The Town is working with the County on an IGA prior to the annexation of the property. Almost all of the property will be annexed into the town. The road planning will be an on-going endeavor.

Trustee Kitching stated that she attended the DHM open house and was impressed by the diversity of attendants.

Bears

Deputy County Manager Fred Jarman stated that in March he met with Trustee Merriott to discuss the bear problem. They asked how can we ramp up how we deal with bears. They concluded that they needed to increase awareness. They discussed the possibility of deputizing the Carbondale police which would give them the capability of enforcing the bear laws in the mobile home park behind Red Rock Diner which is in the County. The County attorney did not believe it's possible to deputize the police. John Graves of Colorado Parks and Wildlife stated that he is constantly at the mobile home park due to the presence of bears. Glenwood Springs Police Chief Terry Wilson informed the group that they have eliminated warnings; first offense tickets are \$50 and then jump to \$500 for the second offense and it has been a very effective tool.

Trustee Yllanes arrived at the meeting.

County Revenues

Commissioner Jankovsky explained where the County gets its revenues; mainly from the oil and gas industry. Revenues from oil and gas decreased from \$1.35 million in 2016 to \$91 million in 2017. Property taxes from the oil and gas industry have also decreased from \$32 million in 2016 to \$16 million in 2017.

The County has a balanced budget. They did however go in to reserves to fund capital projects and grants.

Miscellaneous

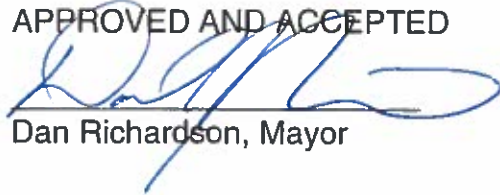
Trustee Kitching asked the commissioners if they feel that economic development is a priority. They responded that they gave money to 5 Point Film Festival and the Carbondale Creative District. They noted that the Town can apply to the USDA for more money for the Revolving Loan Fund.

Trustee Yllanes asked how much water does the oil and gas industry consume. The Commissioners responded that they recycle their water and they account for less than 5% of the water used on the western slope.

ADJOURNMENT

The June 26, 2018, work session adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The Trustees then went into Incident Command Training. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on June 26, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED


Dan Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cathy Derby, Town Clerk

