

RESOLUTION No. 2013-026

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
OURAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Regarding the Need for Replacement of the Fairgrounds Grandstands

WHEREAS, the Ouray County Fairgrounds has historically been used and continues to be used extensively for multiple purposes by local residents, visitors, youth groups, organizations, and businesses, and hosts events such as the annual Labor Day Rodeo that is important to the heritage of the County; and

WHEREAS, the existing grandstands at the Fairgrounds have provided seating for events for over sixty years; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognized the need to replace the aging and deteriorating grandstands in 2004, as stated in Resolution No. 2004-042, based upon the advice from Colorado Technical Services, Inc. and engineering consultants hired by the County to demolish the grandstands, and submitted a grant application for a Great Outdoor Colorado Grant ("GOCO") to assist with funding to replace the grandstands; and

WHEREAS, due to budgetary constraints, the County was unable to meet the matching funds requirements to utilize the GOCO grant and declined the grant with the understanding that GOCO would be receptive to a future grant application for replacement of the grandstands; and

WHEREAS, during the intervening years, the Board of County Commissioners has authorized funds to repair and maintain the grandstands so that they would be suitable and safe for continued use until such time as funds could be dedicated to replacement of the grandstands; and

WHEREAS, the County's insurer Colorado Technical Services, Inc. and consultant engineering firms have again in 2013 advised the County that the grandstands were deteriorating to an extent that it would inadvisable to continue to use them without extensive repair, making replacement a preferable course of action; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to ensure public safety at events during 2013 the Board of County Commissioners directed staff to remove the roof of the grandstands and to take additional action to demolish and replace the grandstands or take such other action as might be prudent to reconstruct and rehabilitate the grandstands; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to improve and revitalize the Fairgrounds by ensuring the availability of sufficient safe and suitable seating, restroom facilities, and other amenities to benefit the community and to allow for full use of the Fairgrounds, and fully supports the efforts of staff and the community in cooperative efforts to accomplish the same.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Staff is directed to proceed with application for a GOCO grant to replace the grandstands, as has been planned, with revisions, for nearly ten years.

2. Staff is further directed to pursue applications for such other grants and funding sources as may be available to the County to assist with providing financial resources for replacement of the grandstands.
3. The Board supports and encourages the Fairgrounds Advisory Board, the Rodeo Committee, and other interested members of the community to explore such additional options for ensuring sufficient and suitable facilities as they desire and to bring those suggestions to the staff and the Board for further discussion as appropriate.
4. To the extent it is inconsistent with this resolution, Resolution 2004-042 is hereby superseded and this Resolution shall control.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF JUNE, 2013.

Voting for: Commissioners Fedel, Padgett and Batchelder
Voting against: None



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Michelle Nauer, Clerk and Recorder
By: Linda Munson-Haley, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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