



The Board of County Commissioners met in special session on February 8, 2023. Those present for the session were Jake Niece, Chair, (via Zoom); Michelle Nauer, Vice-Chair; Lynn M. Padgett, Commissioner Member; Connie Hunt, County Administrator, (via Zoom); Leo Caselli, County Attorney; and Harlan Thompson, Deputy Clerk of the Board. Commissioner Padgett assumed the responsibility of Chair due to Commissioner Niece participating virtually.

- **Note – This meeting was recorded for reference purposes.**

A. 4:00PM General Business:

1. Discussion and possible action approving/adopting and authorizing Commissioner's signatures on Letter or Resolution regarding proposed County Categories for Salaries for County Officers:

Justin Perry, County Sheriff, via Zoom.

Susie Mayfield, County Assessor, present.

Jill Mihelich, County Treasurer, present.

Glenn Boyd, County Coroner, present.

Cristy Sulewski, County Clerk and Recorder, present.

Commissioner Padgett specified that the Board, with the elected officials, input were there to consider officially indicating to Colorado Counties Inc. (CCI) and the House Bill 23-1139's sponsor that they may wish to change category and subcategory for the purpose of elected officials' salaries. She described that if the County changed from category IV-A, Ouray County would be added to a piece of legislation currently going through the State legislative process. She specified if this was approved and signed by the Governor, it would not take effect until new officials were sworn in. She added the consideration was due to an increase in population, visitors, cost of housing and cost of living over all in the County; the elected officials have to live in the County.

The Board and the elected officials discussed whether or not they should recommend changing from category IV-A to III-A or III-B. They voiced concerns if the budget could handle the change, and the long term effects if there was an economic downturn. A consensus was reached to recommend the Board change from category IV-A to category III-A.

M/S/P – Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Niece to choose category III-A in the Resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Padgett stated the Board could do a separate motion to adopt the resolution. She recommended going ahead with the motion then directing staff to refine the bullet points on the resolution, wordsmithing, transcribing and adding Eric Bergman, Colorado Counties Inc.'s words from the February 7, 2023 recording.

M/S/P – Motion was made by Commissioner Nauer and seconded by Commissioner Padgett to approve and authorize Commissioner's signatures on Resolution 2023-004.

Commissioner Padgett said she knew the motion implied adding Eric Bergman's statements and wordsmithing the Resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

5:10 The Board adjourned the special session.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO

Jake Niece, Chair

Michelle Nauer, Vice-Chair

Lynn M. Padgett, Commissioner Member

Attest:



Cristy Lynn Sulewski, Clerk and Recorder