



**SUMMIT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.**  
**SPECIAL MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES**

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or available audio/visual equipment, please contact 970-453-3403 as soon as possible.*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Thursday, August 13, 2020 was called to order by Chair, Karn Stiegelmeier, at 4:00 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:

Karn Stiegelmeier, Chair  
Elisabeth Lawrence, Commissioner  
Thomas C. Davidson, Commissioner

Staff Present via conference phone were as follows: Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Jaime FitzSimons, Sheriff; Brian Bovaird, Director of Emergency Management; Julie Sutor, Director of Communications; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager and Lori Dwyer, Deputy Clerk.

Additional Attendees via conference phone: Libby Stanford, George Bowser, Mike Tabb, Brian Webinger, Jay Nelson and others that did not sign in.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved, as presented.

**IV. CITIZEN COMMENT**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- A.** Approval of a Resolution Declaring a Stage 2 Fire Hazard Emergency and Banning Open Fires and the Use and Sale of Fireworks in Summit County (Sheriff's Office).

Sheriff FitzSimons noted that he recently participated in a regional call with local, state and federal partners, wherein a recommendation was made for Stage 2 Fire Restrictions due to low

fuel moisture, high human-caused risk factors, no significant relief in fire weather in the forecast, and scarce resources for firefighting.

Scott Vargo noted that the towns are also adopting Stage 2 restrictions, and that the shooting range is being closed as an administrative action.

Red White and Blue Fire Protection District Deputy Chief Jay Nelson clarified that the wood pellet grills noted in the resolution require a power source, so they are typically on a deck or patio and not surrounded by vegetation.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Davidson and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence to approve Resolution 2020-45, Declaring a Stage 2 Fire Hazard Emergency and Banning Open Fires and the Use and Sale of Fireworks in Summit County (Sheriff's Office).**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD PRESENT**

## **VI. PUBLIC HEARING**

**A.** Consideration of a Resolution providing for the referral of a ballot measure to the registered qualified electors of Summit County, Colorado, authorizing limited adjustments to Summit County's mill levy authority to maintain existing County services, with no net increase in tax revenues; prescribing the form of the ballot issue, including the submission clause and title, for submission at such election; and providing for certification of the ballot issue to the County Clerk and Recorder (Manager/Finance/Attorney).

Jeff Huntley noted that there are adjustments made at the state level which can cause changes to the County's taxation methodologies such as the assessment rates and decrease County funds periodically as a result. He noted that the proposed ballot measure allows the Board, with very limited authority, to maintain existing revenues and services. He also noted that the measure uses conservative language from the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR), due to the variety of interpretations of TABOR.

Mr. Vargo noted that this would maintain existing revenues and keep existing services including those that taxpayers have recently voted to fund including universal preschool, open space and trails projects, workforce housing, wildfire mitigation services, recycling services and mental health services.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Davidson and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence to approve Resolution 2020-46, a Resolution providing for the referral of a ballot measure to the registered qualified electors of Summit County, Colorado, authorizing limited adjustments to Summit County's mill levy authority to maintain existing County services, with no net increase in tax revenues; prescribing the form of the ballot issue, including the submission clause and title, for submission at such election; and providing for certification of the ballot issue to the County Clerk and Recorder (Manager/Finance/Attorney).**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD PRESENT**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

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Lori Dwyer, Deputy Clerk

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Karn Stiegelmeier, Chair

NOTE: These minutes are a summary of the proceedings and motions of the August 13, 2020 Board of County Commissioners' Special Meeting. The complete digital recording is available in the Office of the Clerk & Recorder, Summit County Courthouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 208 Lincoln Avenue, Breckenridge, Colorado 80424.