



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
Scott Vargo  
Jeff Huntley  
**FROM:** Sara R. Lopez  
**RE:** Work Session Meeting of March 24, 2020  
**DATE:** March 24, 2020

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**Attendees:**

Elected Officials: Karn Stiegelmeier, Thomas C. Davidson and Elisabeth Lawrence – Commissioners

Staff: Scott Vargo, County Manager; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Michael Wurzel, Sustainability Coordinator; Julie Sutor, Director of Communications; Keely Ambrose, Assistant County Attorney; Jim Curnutte, Community Development Director; Jeff Flynn, Interim Chief Building Official and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Staff: Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Marty Ferris, Finance Director;

Guests: None

**I. Discussion of COVID-19 financial impacts to Summit County Government**

Scott Vargo gave a digital presentation and updates on topics including but not limited to:

- Budgeted March and April sales tax collections, projections and estimated losses.
- Potential savings
- Other Estimated Fee Impacts
- Year-end/Current Reserves
- Economist Forecast
- Denver Post article

**II. Discussion of COVID-19 financial impacts to Summit County Community**

Scott Vargo, Commissioners and Senior Staff discussed the financial impacts since the beginning of the restrictions and different ways for the county to assist the community. The items discussed included but were not limited to:

- FIRC/Emergency assistance
  - Food, rent, staffing/overhead
- Commissioner Lawrence gave an update on Child Care Centers currently closed and their efforts to continue paying their teachers during that time. Depending on how long the

restrictions last, some centers may not be able to do this and teachers may need to apply for unemployment.

- Tax Deferrals
  - Summit County Government does not have the authority to do this but the towns have ongoing conversations on this topic.
- State and Federal Assistance
  - Unemployment
  - Small Business programs
  - Individual payments

Commissioners and staff discussed housing concerns for individuals who have been laid off, and noted that some non-profit organizations had to cancel their fundraising events and may not be able to raise funds; nonetheless, the demand for their services is much higher.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:



Sara Lopez, Deputy Clerk



Karn Stiegelmeier, Chair