

**SAN MIGUEL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, April 2, 2020

335 West Colorado Ave, Telluride Colorado (WEST WING) AUDIO ONLY
Telluride, Colorado

Present: Hilary Cooper, Chair
Lance Waring, Vice-Chair, via phone
Kris Holstrom, Commissioner, via phone

Staff Present: Mike Bordogna, County Manager
Grace Franklin, Public Health Director
Amy Markwell, County Attorney
Carmen Warfield, Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board, via phone
Carol Friedrich, County Social Services Director, via phone

Others Present, via Phone:
Todd Brown, Town of Telluride
Diane Kipfer, Town of Telluride
Kevin Geiger, Town of Telluride
Karen Guglielmone, Town of Telluride
Laila Benitez, Town of Mountain Village
Kim Montgomery, Town of Mountain Village
Ken Haynes, Town of Ophir
Dan Caton, Town of Mountain Village
Robert Stenhammer, Telluride Ski and Golf
Amy Levek, County Resident

1. **CALL TO ORDER.**
12:47 p.m.

2. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

- a. Discussion and update with the San Miguel County Commissioners on virus outbreak via San Miguel County staff and others, if needed.
- b. Late Addition: Consideration of extending the Emergency Declaration and Public Health Agency Orders in San Miguel County.

Present: Amy Markwell, County Attorney

MOTION by Lance Waring to approve the First Extended Local Disaster Emergency Declaration. **SECONDED** by Kris Holstrom. **PASSED 3-0.** (ATTACHMENT I)

c. Other, as needed.

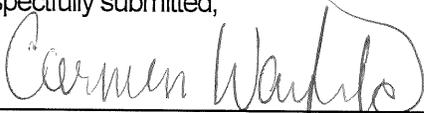
3. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Lance Waring to adjourn the meeting. **SECONDED** by Hilary Cooper. **PASSED 3-0.**

1:42 p.m. Adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,



Carmen Warfield, Chief Deputy Clerk

Approved April 22, 2020

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Hilary Cooper, Chair



ATTEST:



Mike Bordogna, County Manager

ATTACHMENT I

**SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

***FIRST EXTENDED LOCAL DISASTER
EMERGENCY DECLARATION***

WHEREAS, there is currently a threat posed by the presence of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) in San Miguel County, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a novel Coronavirus first identified during an outbreak in Wuhan, China in December 2019, and since then, COVID-19 has spread to several countries, including the United States of America; and more specifically, to a majority of counties in the State of Colorado *including San Miguel County*; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Colorado, Jared Polis, declared a State of Emergency by and through a verbal order and subsequent written Executive Order D 2020 003, allowing subsequent state emergency rulemaking regarding specific industries; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States, Donald Trump, declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, Governor Polis issued an executive order closing all ski resorts in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment confirmed 30 additional new positive cases in Colorado bringing the total number of positive cases around the state to 131; and

WHEREAS, the presence of COVID-19 in San Miguel County presents unique challenges and places strain upon local government, emergency and medical facilities and personnel; and

WHEREAS, the presence of COVID-19 in San Miguel County has created an unprecedented impact on the healthcare system and disruption of social activities; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the COVID-19 outbreak and the anticipated response and recovery costs are anticipated to exceed current operational resources available to the San Miguel County Government and all available resources are being utilized to protect the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, Colorado law provides for declaring a local disaster emergency to assist local governments in responding to and recovering from emergency events, including epidemics, and “activates the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster and emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plan” C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(2); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), a local disaster may be declared only by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision and shall only be valid for a period not to exceed seven days unless by or with the consent of a majority of the members of the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, making a declaration of a local disaster emergency is appropriate and in the interest of the public health and safety, and further protects the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners declared a local disaster emergency for San Miguel County, Colorado, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-33.5-709(1), as may be amended, on March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners unanimously supported the declaration made by the Chair and ratified on March 16, 2020 and said declaration is valid until April 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners believes that conditions in regards to COVID-19 at the national, state and local level are such that it is prudent to extend the Local Disaster Emergency Declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners hereby extends the declaration of a local disaster emergency for San Miguel County, Colorado, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-33.5-709(1), as may be amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the effect of this *extended* declaration is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such *extended* activation will provide resources to support the delivery of credible, accurate, and reliable information to empower the public to slow the spread of the disease while living their lives with minimal disruption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Section 5-1(10.1) of the San Miguel County Administrative Policy Manual, as adopted by Resolution #2014-26 on November 19, 2014, which references that emergency purchases when there is a threat to public health, welfare and safety are exempt from a competitive purchasing process continues to be in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Emergency Meeting protocol as set forth in Resolution #2018-026 remains in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Director is authorized to grant temporary use permits for modification of existing special use permits for essential businesses that would otherwise require one-step or two-step approval pursuant to Land Use Code Chapters 3 and 5. Development standards as set forth in Chapter 5 may be modified, provided the modification allows the minimum necessary relief and is not detrimental to the public good. Temporary use permits shall not authorize any activity that is not permitted under the Emergency Order. The applicant shall be required to explain within the application how the temporary use permit is necessary to conduct the essential business. The Board of County Commissioners shall be advised of all approved temporary use permits granted under this exception.

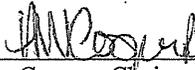
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that San Miguel County encourages people to remain calm and to base their actions on credible sources of information.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this *extended* declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk and Recorder, and the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (CDHSEM).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this *extended* declaration shall be valid until May 1, 2020 at 5:00 PM MST unless further extended by the San Miguel County Board of County Commissioners.

DONE THIS 2nd day of April 2020, at Telluride, San Miguel County, Colorado.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO**

By: 
Hillary Cooper, Chair

ATTEST:

Hilary Cooper
Kris Holstrom
Lance Waring

<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent


Carmen Warfield, Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board

