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Meeting began at 7:37.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Pete Benson, Steve Cox, Cindy Wilson Gladys LeFevre,
Council Members; Judi Davis, Clerk.

Public Present: Farlan and Mary Behunin, Larry Davis, Peg Smith, Dennis Bertucci, Bill
Geil, Donna Owen, Loch Wade, Tina Karlsson, Lisa Varga, Julie Robinson, Bob
and Naomi Brems.

Pledge of allegiance

Cindy made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 6 meeting. Gladys seconded
the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Council decided to wait until next month to make a decision on changing the Zoning
Ordinance as discussed during the public hearing. In the meantime, Bruce's memo will
be posted so everyone can read it before the vote is taken.

Steve reported on the **electronic speed limit signs** which were discussed last month when
Carla Saccomano asked about lowering the speed limit and getting the signs. We can get
a sign at both ends of town, and UDOT will do a traffic study to see if changing the speed
limit is warranted and to determine where the best placement of the signs would be. Do
we want solar or wired lights? We may put one of each, with the wired sign (about
\$5,000) on the north and the solar sign (about \$6,000) on the south. UDOT will pay half
the cost of the signs. We need to decide if we want to spend the money to purchase them.
The solar are more expensive to buy and maintain but can be movable. Dennis would
like at least one movable sign. Steve will see if through. Cindy made a motion that we
purchase one solar and one wired speed limit sign. Pete seconded the motion. The vote
was unanimous. Dennis would like us to suggest to Ray Gardner that he do more
monitoring of our roads.

We published and posted a **request for proposals** to build stairs for the playground and a
covered porch over the west door of the firehouse but didn't receive any response. We
need a licensed contractor to do the work or to let someone else work under his license.
Bill Geil will look at prefabricated stairs. Pete will ask Dave Hensel if he can help with
the porch.

Resolution 2015-2 regarding landfill use was read. Pete made a motion to accept
Resolution 2015-2. Cindy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Tina gave a report on **recycling**. They need to request a change to the Zoning Ordinance

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to add waste management to the Table of Uses as Conditional in all zones. The Town will need to make the application, as the group is not yet an organization. They have a Board and are working toward 501c3 status for Boulder Recycles. Bill will prepare the application for the Town.

Because we have only two candidates for the two Council positions that will become vacant at the end of the year, we are not required to have a **November election**. We will do the required resolution at the October meeting.

Lisa led a discussion on the County's **State of Emergency Resolution**. She began by reading the opening paragraph and stated that she has been confused and concerned, as a State of Emergency is usually proclaimed because of a physical danger or a disaster, usually natural or man made. We're all concerned about declining school enrollment, but is it a State of Emergency? She asked several questions: was the Town consulted prior to the County's resolution for your input and advice? If so, what did you learn and what do you know? Were you invited to attend the meeting the resolution declares you would be included in last month with public lands managers? What issues facing the school district were discussed there? What does this resolution mean to Boulder and its citizens and businesses? Are you worried at all about possible unintended consequences? There's no stated end to it. There are no firm goals or reasons to call a halt to it.

Steve reported that he went to the meeting held by the County and that it centered on economic development; not generally the schools, but what are we going to do about economic development? He asked if the County has a plan. There is a 10-year-old plan that has outdated goals. He volunteered to represent the Town, but no one responded. He has similar concerns as Lisa's. Garfield County School District has not signed on; they never voted as a Board to accept that resolution because they didn't see it as the solution to declining enrollment. It misrepresented what they wanted. He thinks it's an economic development issue, not a school district issue. The enrollment numbers for Escalante are wrong. He is also concerned that we're advertising that we're a collapsing economy. Why would anybody want to come here, open a business, or invest here? He thinks we've done ourselves as a County a disservice. He's been involved as much as he's been able to be in the discussions.

Bill stated that we haven't been informed, consulted or invited to participate. Peg is going to write letters asking that it be rescinded. Bill asked if we want to send a letter. Lisa said that the resolution states that towns would be invited to a meeting, but we were not invited. Loch understands that federal agencies are required to coordinate with local governments on planning issues. Is that why the County did it—to force a dialog?

Peg attended the Commission meeting on August 24 at which land managers and the school superintendent were in attendance. They made presentations, after which there

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were no discussion or questions. At the end, Commissioner Pollock announced that the Governor will be coming down on October 8 to take the plan (uncertain what "the plan" is) forward to our Congressional delegation. Her main concern and question is the whole State of Emergency concept and the image it sends out to the rest of Utah and the rest of the country about Garfield County about things being so dire that no one will want to move here or set up a business, and it will be difficult to get a loan approved. She believes it is causing detrimental effects already.

Dennis wondered how legal all of this is. They said they wanted input but then didn't ask for any. What does the State think of all of this? Lisa stressed that the declining enrollment is an important issue, but it seems to her that it's being used to promote a political agenda. She would like to separate the two, because we need to work on our schools; we need to come up with some good ideas to find ways to attract families, but she believes declaring a State of Emergency is not the way.

Bill feels the agencies need to work together with the County. Loch asked if there will be more opportunities for public involvement? He continued with his opinion that the County will come up with a plan which will go to the Governor and to the legislative delegation in Washington. Then the land agencies will be legally bound and politically pressured to coordinate with that County plan. Pete feels the State of Emergency declaration was made in order to get the issue into the newspapers. Steve has a problem with their dragging the communities and the school district in with them. Peg is writing a letter asking that the State of Emergency resolution be rescinded.

Lisa suggested that, if the Town feels strongly enough to write a letter, that would carry some weight. Steve will draft ideas for a letter stating that we feel the State of Emergency letter is sending the wrong message and that we are concerned that we haven't been involved. The Clerk will put it together, and it will go to the County Commission and to the Governor.

J.D. LeFevre brush hogged some roads and a section of the Tract Park. We need to find a way to get rid of the dry vegetation which is matted down. We could either burn it or bale it. It might be possible to get the County to help with it. Steve will see if the Fire Department will burn it.

There is a seal on the women's restroom doors that needs to be fixed.

The Planning Commission has discussed the recycling application and a new proposal for the Hills and Hollows Subdivision. They are also working on the CUP review process, which has never been done before. After reviewing the requirements, they will now actually begin the review. They first send a letter to the CUP holder telling of the review and invite them to the meeting at which it will be discussed.

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Steve thanked Pete and Tina for organizing the terracing project at the Tract Park. We need someone to do some contouring and some heavy duty work. Todd Campbell helped with the design. Randy Catmull arranged with the pipeline contractor to use some of their equipment. Work on the trail will be resuming soon. If the gravel is here, we might get them to help spread it.

Cindy made a motion the meeting adjourn. Pete seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Judith Davis, Town Clerk