



Board Agenda Background

Date: 2/17/2026
To: Board of County Commissioners
Through: County Manager's Office
From: Colton Rohloff, County Manager
Subject: Meeting with the Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners to Discuss Common Matters of Interest Including, but not limited to, Charlie's Place and the Clear Creek County Sport Shooting Park

BACKGROUND

Clear Creek County and Gilpin County maintain a longstanding intergovernmental partnership across several shared service areas. This joint work session is intended to provide both Boards an opportunity to review current operations, discuss financial participation, and identify opportunities to strengthen coordination moving forward.

A primary shared service is the Clear Creek/Gilpin County Animal Shelter (Charlie's Place). The shelter operates as a no-kill facility and provides statutory animal holding services for law enforcement agencies in both counties. In 2025, the shelter impounded 166 dogs and 41 cats, with animals originating from both Clear Creek and Gilpin jurisdictions. Gilpin County contributes approximately \$77,800 annually toward shelter operations. The 2026 operating budget for the shelter is approximately \$361,200. Gilpin residents are also active participants in volunteer support, with nine volunteers contributing more than 3,200 hours in 2025.

The session will also include an update on the Clear Creek Sport Shooting Park, a multi-year regional partnership project funded through a combination of state grants, county contributions, and partner funding. Total project costs are anticipated to reach approximately \$2.995 million. Gilpin County contributed \$400,000 during Phase II of the project. The facility is scheduled to open May 1, 2026, and will support the closure of designated unsafe recreational shooting areas north of I-70 in both counties.

This work session is for discussion and coordination purposes only. No formal action is requested. The focus will be on operational updates, shared responsibilities, financial sustainability, and continued collaboration between the two counties.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. CP Presentation Joint Meeting 2.17.2026
2. Annual Animal Services Report 2025
3. Shooting Range Update 2.12.2026
4. Gilpin Dogs and Cats Length of Stay 2025