



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO  
RIO BLANCO COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE  
**This will be telephone meeting only**  
**To attend please call 970-878-9432**

**Special Meeting Agenda April 16, 2021**

***Public Comment:** Any member of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the Agenda, you are requested to make your comments when the Board takes that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes per member or five minutes per group. The public comment time is not for questions and answers. It is your time to express your views.*

**1. 1:00 P.M. Call to order:**

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Changes to April 16, 2021 Agenda
- C. Move to approve the April 16, 2021 Agenda including any changes

**2. BUSINESS**

- A. Move to approve/deny a letter in support of the 2022 PILT Appropriations. (All sign)

**Adjourn**

*The agenda is provided for informational purposes only; all times are approximate. Agenda items will normally be considered in the order they appear on the agenda. However, the Board may alter the Agenda, take breaks during the meeting, work through the noon hour and even continue an item for a future meeting date. The Board, while in session, may consider other items that are brought before it. Scheduled items may be continued if the Board is unable to complete the Agenda as scheduled.*

*The next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 20, 2021 in the Rio Blanco County Annex Building, 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely, CO. Please check the County's website for information at <http://rbc.us/186/Board-of-County-Commissioners>. If you need special accommodations please call 970-878-9431 in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be made.*



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April 16, 2021

Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro, Ranking Member Granger, Chairwoman Pingree, and Ranking Member Joyce:

As the Appropriations Committee begins its work to set fiscal priorities for FY 2022, we urge you to work in a bipartisan, bicameral way to ensure the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program is fully funded.

PILT provides critical resources to nearly 1,900 counties across 49 states to offset lost property tax revenue due to the presence of tax-exempt federal lands within their jurisdictions. These dollars go toward supporting many critical services that counties are required to provide on federal public lands, despite their inability to collect property taxes on federal lands.

Rio Blanco County is comprised of 2,062,720 acres of land situated in northwestern Colorado. **It is important to note that the federal government is the largest landowner, owning approximately 76 percent of the land within Rio Blanco County.** The COVID-19 pandemic had a direct effect on us, impacting issues from human services to local infrastructure. Rio Blanco County saw a tremendous increase in visitation to public lands, leading in increased use of infrastructure that was already in need of repair.

As counties across the United States work to balance their budgets, it is essential that the federal government's long-standing commitment to public lands counties be reaffirmed by fully funding PILT. Moving forward, we hope Congress can work together to enact a fiscally responsible, long-term and sustainable solution to fully fund PILT in FY 2022 and beyond.

We cordially invite you and your staff to visit Rio Blanco County, Colorado. Should you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our email address is [bocc@rbc.us](mailto:bocc@rbc.us). We thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

The Board of County Commissioners  
of Rio Blanco County, Colorado

  
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