Missing 10/1953 to 12/1953
The Board of Commissioners of Montezuma County, Colorado met in special reorganization session, Tuesday, January 13, 1953 at 9:00 A.M.

Present: Chas. T. Porter, Commissioner
Grady Ciampitt, Commissioner
C. R. Hickman, Commissioner
James B. Garrison, Attorney
John Lewitt, Clerk

Chas. T. Porter, acting as temporary chairman, called for nominations for Chairman for the year 1953–
Grady Ciampitt placed the name of Chas. T. Porter in nomination, seconded by C. R. Hickman. On being put to vote, Commissioners Ciampitt and Hickman voted for Commissioner Porter, Commissioner Porter voted against. Commissioner Porter declared elected for year 1953.

Attorney Garrison absented himself while appointment of County Attorney was discussed. James B. Garrison appointed attorney for year 1953 at a salary of $1,500.00 per annum. County Physician continued in appointment at a salary of $20.00 each per month. Ralph L. McKeen, Registered Accountant, Boulder, Colorado continued in appointment as County Auditor at a salary of $700.00 per annum.

Robert L. Pace appointed Road Supervisor at $250.00 per month. Bee Inspector Glen A. Grace reappointed at $70.00 per day plus mileage at $0.26 per mile.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

It is hereby resolved that, pursuant to Paragraph 38, Chapter 40, 1935 C.S.A., the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Montezuma County Colorado Chas. T. Porter, is hereby appointed Commissioner of Roads to execute all conveyances and leases entered into by Montezuma County during the year 1953.

RESOLUTION

It is hereby resolved that Forrest Service Funds received by Montezuma County be apportioned 50% to the County General School Fund and 50% to the County Road and Bridge Fund.

RESOLUTION

It is hereby resolved that the Citizens State Bank of Cortez, Colorado and the J. J. Harris & Company, Bankers of Dolores, Colorado are appointed as depository banks for all funds as may come into the hands of the County Treasurer of Montezuma County, Colorado.

County Jail was inspected by Board of Commissioners and found to be in first class condition.

The Dolores Star was selected as Official County Paper for the year 1953 to publish all official county notices and the Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners at the legal rate of $1.13 per line for 6 point agate type.

Proposal of Montezuma Valley Journal to furnish job printing at the legal rate was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Chas. T. Porter, Chairman
John Lewitt, Clerk

The Board of Commissioners of Montezuma County, Colorado met in regular session, January 19, 1953 at 9:00 A.M.

Present: Chas. T. Porter, Chairman
Grady Ciampitt, Commissioner
C. R. Hickman, Commissioner
James B. Garrison, County Attorney
John Lewitt, Clerk

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Application for liquor license by Nettie Woodard presented to the Board. Hearing set for February 9, 1953 at 10:00 A.M.

Petitions for abatement or refund of taxes as follows were approved:

Edward S. Vorl, $18.40; Improvements on No. 567, valuation $170.00, abatement $155.00, home not complete.
Alex Archibong, Lots 4 & 5, Blk 2, Riverside Add., Dolores, improvements, valuation $400.00, abatement $28.34, erroneous assessment.
Willard Grant Gypsum, 1928 tax, improvements, valuation $1,050.00, abatement $53.52, erroneous assessment.
John LaBelle Co., 1928 tax, merchants, valuation $600.00, abatement $275.72, double assessment.
Dorothy Lee Oden, 1928 tax, personal property, valuation $1,350.00, abatement $96.81, sold 1952.
H. T. & Minnie Lee Ray, 1928 tax, Lots 4 & 5, Blk 43, Cortez, valuation $200.00, abatement $197.00, double assessment.
Henry Longmire, improvements, 1928 tax, valuation $100.00, abatement $15.00, improvements shown on wrong property.
Western Grocers, 1928 tax, personal property, valuation $1,200.00, abatement $66.07, wrong school dist.

Grady Table, personal property, 1928 tax, valuation $500.00, abatement $28.44, able assessment.

Resident waiter's valuation $700.00, abatement $119.71, double assessment.

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Board instructed Clerk to issue Commissioners Order to County Assessor and County Treasurer to make the above assessments and refund, contingent on Colo. Tax Commission approval.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Montezuma County that Tax Sale Certificate No. 12435 be, and the same is hereby canceled, and the County Treasurer is directed to take the necessary steps to cancel the same.

Be it further resolved that the County Treasurer shall pay to the holder of said Tax Sale Certificate all moneys paid on said Tax Sale Certificate, together with interest at the rate provided by statute to holders of Tax Sale Certificates, namely: The rate of eight per cent (8%) per annum.

The foregoing resolution is prompted and authorized by the fact that a double assessment was made upon the property described in said Tax Sale Certificate for the years 1940 and 1949, and that all taxes lawfully assessed and due against said property have heretofore been fully paid by the owner of said property and that said assessments included the improvements on said property, which improvements have been doubly assessed, and the said Tax Sale Certificate No. 12435 issued for non-payment of such erroneously double assessed improvements.

The foregoing action is taken pursuant to the provisions of Section 281 of Chapter 166 of the 1935 Colorado Statutes Annotated.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board of County Commissioners.


Board convened as a Board of Public Welfare at 1:00 P.M. Present, Lewis B. Atkins, Director.

Claims as follows were allowed:

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Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Present: Chas. T. Porter, Chairman
Grady Clamppit, Commissioner
C. H. Hickman, Commissioner
J. R. Garrison, County Attorney
John Leavitt, Clerk

The Board of Commissioners of Montezuma County Colorado met in regular session, Monday, January 26, 1953 at 9:00 A.M.

Meeting adjourned 4:00 P.M.

Present: Chas. T. Porter, Chairman
Grady Clamppit, Commissioner
C. H. Hickman, Commissioner
James E. Garrison, County Attorney
John Leavitt, Clerk

Minutes of previous meetings read and approved. Reports of County Clerk, County Treasurer, County Sheriff, and Clerk of the District and County Courts received, reviewed and ordered filed.

J. W. Tillery, representing Lloyd Locke, appeared to ask for help in connection with a road to an oil well—Board referred him to 2nd Page. Road Supervisor.

Board authorized raise in pay for Harry Curtis, Building Custodian, to $200.00 per month, effective January 1, 1953.

Appeared Raymond Roelker to make permission to install two cattle guards on a little-traveled County road and the Board directed Mr. Roelker sign an agreement to build cattle guards to County specifications and for perpetual maintenance of cattle guards.

Claims as follows were allowed:
The Board of Commissioners of Montezuma County met in regular session, Monday, April 13, 1953, at 9:00 A. M.

Present: Chas. T. Porter, Chairman
Grady Clampilitt, Commissioner
C. E. Richman, Commissioner
James B. Harrison, County Attorney
John Lewitt, Clerk

Application for 3.2 beer license of Carl Bauer of Stemer received; hearing set for May 4, 1953 at 10:30 A.M.
Adjourned as Board of Commissioners and went into immediate session as a Board of Public Welfare.

Present: Lewis R. Addins, Director of Welfare

Welfare Bills as follows were allowed:

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Adjourned at 1:00 P. M. as a Board of County Commissioners. Unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Montezuma County in session assembled this 13th day of April 1953, that Tax Sale Certificates No. 12,304 and 13,009 be, and are hereby cancelled. Be it further resolved that the County Treasurer refund all money paid for Tax Sale Certificate No. 12,304 to the present owner with interest at 5% per annum. These certificates were erroneously issued in that the property, in each case, was doubly assessed. This action taken pursuant to provisions of Section 283 of Chapter 112 of 1935 Colorado Statutes, annotated.

Board adjourned at 2:30 P. M.

Chas. T. Porter, Chairman
John Lewitt, Clerk

The Board of Commissioners of Montezuma County, Colorado, met in regular session, Monday, April 20, 1953 at 9:00 A. M.

Present: Chas. T. Porter, Chairman
C. E. Richman, Commissioner
James B. Harrison, County Attorney
John Lewitt, Clerk
Absent: Grady Clampilitt, Commissioner

Appeared Herrick S. Roth, Representative Colorado Council of Locals, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, and a committee consisting of Robert Wood, Lloyd Fuller, Shaford Morey and Walter Perroll, representing Local 1089 of above union. A tentative agreement, drawn by Mr. Roth, at request of the Local Union was presented for consideration by the Board. The Board set Wednesday, May 25, 1953, at 10:00 A. M. for a hearing on the agreement.

Hearing on the liquor license application of Mike Vallett was called at 10:30 A. M. Present were Mr. Mike Vallett and his attorney, R. E. Hatfield. Proof of publication of the Notice of Hearing was presented and Mr. Vallett spoke briefly on the type of place he intended to run. W. P. H. Koaze, W. A. Cowling, W. C. Schafer, Charles A. Elsafke and Don D. Dixon presented petitions containing the names of 219 signors in protest of the allowance of the application. Don Dixon objected to the grounds that increased polling would be necessary and that there were at present sufficient liquor outlets operating in Montezuma County. W. D. Schafer objected on the ground that property valuations in the neighborhood of the proposed liquor store would be decreased and that another liquor outlet would tend to increase juvenile delinquency. R. E. Hatfield protested allowance of the license on the ground that the Bible is against liquor, that it tends to increase juvenile delinquency, and that the establishment of a liquor store at this particular location would create a traffic hazard. R. E. Hatfield, attorney for Vallett spoke briefly on the type of business to be conducted, and on Mr. Vallett's reputation as a good citizen. W. C. Schafer then withdrew his opposition to the allowance of the license. Board tabled the application for further consideration.
The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Montezuma County, Colorado, in session assembled this 20th day of April, 1959 that this Board finds the tax on the last half of the year 1959 on the North ½ of Lot 15 and all of Lots 16 & 17, Block 15, Town of Delores to be uncollectable and therefore declares this tax cancelled. This resolution in authority of the County Treasurer to cancel same from his tax roll. Tax for 1959 above assessed to LaVerne Mangrave.

Commissioners instructed Clerk to give copy of above to County Treasurer and to record same. This Resolution recorded in Book 179, Page 314 of the Montezuma County Records.

Board adjourned at 3:00PM.

Chas. T. Porter, Chairman

John Lowvitt, Clerk

The Board of Commissioners of Montezuma County, Colorado met in regular session, Monday, May 4, 1953 at 9:00 A. M.

Present: Chas. T. Porter, Chairman
Grady Clippitt, Commissioner
C. H. Eckman, Commissioner
James R. Harrison, County Attorney
John Lewitt, County Clerk

Minutes of previous meetings read and approved. Reports of County Treasurer, County Clerk, Clerk of District and County Courts and County Sheriff were received, reviewed and ordered filed.

Hearing on application for 3.2 beer license of Carl Bauer of Stouer was called at 10:30 A. M. Carl Bauer present; no protests were received. On being put to a vote for approval of the application, Commissioner Porter voted against allowance; Commissioners Eckman and Clippitt voted for allowance. The application was endorsed as approved and returned to Mr. Bauer for submission to the Secretary of State. Clerk instructed to issue license as soon as approval of Secretary was indicated by issuance of State License.
The Board of Commissioners of Montezuma County entered into an agreement with B. L. Hall for the purchase of gravel, reading as follows:

May 4, 1953

This agreement, entered into this 4th day of May 1953, between the Board of Commissioners of Montezuma County, Colorado and B. L. Hall of Dolores, Colorado provides for an unlimited amount of gravel to be taken from the pit on the land of B. L. Hall and for payment to be made for the gravel hauled from the pit at the rate of five cents ($.05) per yard, payment to be made once per month, this agreement further provides that at no time shall the pit encroach on good farm land owned by Mr. Hall, in Sec-6-37-15. This agreement to terminate December 31, 1953.

Signed this 4th day of May 1953, Commissioners Office, Cortez, Colorado.

('L. Hall, Dolores, Colorado

John Leavitt, County Clerk

Attest

Chas. T. Porter, Chairman
Grady Clampitt, Commissioner
C. R. Hickman, Commissioner

Board instructed Clerk to have above agreement recorded. Recorded: Book 180, Page 17

Abatements and refunds of 1952 taxes as follows were approved:

Wilson, Henry, improvements, valuation $70.00, abatement $4.04, error in addition.
Rich, Bird S., improvements, valuation $1500.00, abatement $.35, house unfinished.
Wright, Mary A., improvements, valuation $1095.00, abatement $63.15, error on card.
Milburn, Gravel Corp., improvements, valuation $920.00, abatement $85.72, double assessment.
Arts, Charles H., improvements, valuation $520.00, abatement $25.29, double assessment.
Smith, Frank L., Jr., improvements, valuation $260.00, abatement $18.42, error on card.
Ayres, Ruth L., improvements, valuation $500.00, abatement $10.15, house burned down in 1951.
Bailey, Jessie M., improvements, valuation $160.00, abatement $.22, error on card.
Hendricks, Bennick, et al., real estate, valuation $125.00, abatement $.21, clerical error.
Hills, Clarence W., improvement, valuation $205.00, abatement $6.05, error in class.
Bii, A. J., improvements, valuation $200.00, abatement $25.29, double assessment.
Bozeman, J. E., improvements, valuation $2880.00, abatement $166.03, error in class.
Thomas, Willis J. & Elisabeth, improvements, valuation $700.00, abatement $40.59, double assessment.
Higler, E. L., improvements, valuation $640.00, abatement $25.76, improvements torn down prior to 1952.
Major, M. C., improvements, valuation $885.00, abatement $39.37, error on card.
Daggett, Hazel, improvements, valuation $100.00, abatement $5.76, double assessment.
Pritchett, Oscar L., real estate, valuation $1,000.00, refund $30.40, error in classification.
Crowson, Lorella & Jack D., improvements, valuation $200.00, abatement $17.06, error in class.

Board instructed Clerk to have above orders issued to County Assessor and County Treasurer to make abatements and refunds as above, contingent on approval of Colorado Tax Commission.

Bills as follows were allowed:

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<td>499 to 4992</td>
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The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Montezuma County, Colorado, this 4th day of May, 1953, that the Court Order, issued April 10, 1953, by District Judges James M. Roland and John H. Galbreath, be and it is hereby approved by this Board of Commissioners. This Court Order appoints Anne Balfour Court Reporter at a salary of $723.00 per annum.

Board adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Chas. T. Porter, Chairman
John Leavitt, Clerk
The Board of Commissioners of Montezuma County, Colorado, met in regular session, Monday, June 15, 1953 at 9:00 A.M.

Present: Chas. T. Porter, Chairman
Grady Giampiatti, Commissioner
C. R. Hickman, Commissioner
James B. Garrett, County Attorney
John Leavitt, Clerk

Hearings on appeals from decision of the County Assessor on 1952 valuations called for 10.00 A.M. Appeared Mrs. Hazel Hanson, by Dean Hanson agent, to protest 1952 valuation in comparison to that of similar property adjacent to hers. Contention is that house on lots 13 & 16, Block I, Harrett Subdivision is too high as shown by 1952 assessment. House built in 1950 is assessed at $2,000.00. Declared value is $7,900.00; amount of insurance carried on building is $6,000.00. Board assured Hanson that every consideration would be given to the claim and tabled the appeal from the Assessment pending inspection of the property.

Appeared Mrs. Kitty Dillon Wadsworth to request the Board to review 1952 valuations on house purchased in 1948 for $3,500.00; improvements to the extent of $1,800.00 added from 1948 to 1952, sold 1/3 of property in 1951 for $7,910.00 and says the two-thirds owned at present is worth more than $7,900.00. She contends that an assessment of $1,990.00 on this property is too high. Board tabled the Application for Review pending inspection of the property.

Appeared R. L. Bigler, as agent for Eloise Bigler, to state case for property located on Lots 19 to 24, incl. Block 9, and part of Lots 13 and 18, Block 10 Townsite of Cortez. Mr. Bigler contends that heating plant owned by Cortez Tire Shop was included with building in the 1952 assessment. Board tabled Review pending inspection of building and lots.

Appeared W. R. Phillips to protest 1952 valuation on the Bauer Building at Mancos, Lots 1 & 2, Block 1, Lemons Town Site; Board tabled Review pending receipt of more information from Assessor.


Board continued the session in a field inspection of all properties above. After an on the spot inspection, the Board tabled all Applications for Review until June 22, 1953 at which time final decision will be made.

The following petition for refund of 1952 taxes was approved:

C. G. McFay, SWJWS 26-38-17, valuation $225.00, refund 88.42, double assessment. Clerk instructed to issue Commissioners Order to County Treasurer, showing approval, contingent on approval of Colorado Tax Commission.

Board adjourned as Board of County Commissioners and reconvened as Board of Public Welfare. Present Lewis B. Adkins, Director of Welfare.

Claims as follows were allowed:

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Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Chas. T. Porter, Chairman
John Leavitt, Clerk
The Board of Commissioners of Montezuma County, Colorado met in regular session Monday, June 22, 1953, at 9:00 P. M.

Present: Clair T. Porter, Chairman
          Hardy Clampitt, Commissioner
          C. M. Blanken, Commissioner
          James E. Harrington, County Attorney
          John Lewitt, Clerk

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Montezuma County, Colorado in regular session assembled this 22nd day of June, 1953 that orders of the District Court, signed by Judge John M. Galbreath and Judge James M. Nolan, appointing Robert E. Bruner Court Reporter at a salary of $100.00 per annum and raising the salary of B. D. Peters, Court Reporter to $515.00 per annum be and the said orders are hereby approved.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, The Board of County Commissioners of Montezuma County, Colorado, in regular session assembled this 22d day of June, 1953, finds after due consideration and investigation that pursuant to the provisions of Senate Bill 290 the following applications for Review of Assessed Valuations for 1952 taxes are subject to the following determinations of the Board:


2. Application for Review of Assessed Valuation by Kitty Dillon Winbourn. Investigation shows property valuation to be in line with that of similar properties--no reduction in valuation.


4. Application for Review of Assessed Valuation by Earl Henson. Investigation shows property valuation to be in line with similar properties--no reduction in valuation.

5. Application for Review of Assessed Valuation by Eloise Highler. Determination of the Board is that Mrs. Highler is entitled to a reduction in valuation of $355.00 on account of the fact that a heating plant not part of the property was assessed with the property. Valuation assessed on heating plant is $355.00.

This resolution is notice to the County Assessor and the County Treasurer of the action of the Board on the above appeals and is authority of the Treasurer and Assessor to make reductions in valuation on the Tax Roll as above.

Clerk instructed to write letters to the appellants above telling them of the action of the Board.


Board authorized District Attorney Irwin L. Mason to attend school for District Attorneys at Chicago.

Claims as follows were allowed:

General Fund
  Warrant No. 299 to 301 incl. Amount $391.45

Audits of Ralph L. McKee, County Auditor, for the period from July 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952 received and approved. Mr. McKee reports no irregularities in any county office or fund, that the books and records were well kept for the period, and thanks the county officials for their cooperation with his crew.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P. M.

Clair T. Porter, Chairman

John Lewitt, Clerk
Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, day August 27, 1953, Term 19.

Present: Chas. T. Porter, Chairman; Omero Clampitt, Commissioner; C. H. Blackman, Commissioner; Geo. E. Dilts, County Attorney; John Defitt, Clerk.

The following resolution regarding cancellation of outstanding tax certificates issued against the E. A. O. S. Railroad was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED: That tax sale certificates numbered 3865, 3866 and 11843 be cancelled, for the reason that said certificates were illegally issued and for the further reason that section 399, Chapter 142, 1935 Colorado Statutes Annotated prohibits the sale of railroad property except on offer.

The following letter, written August 20, 1953 is made a part of the Commissioners Proceedings:

August 20, 1953

Mr. Henry Lague
President, Navajo Trails Association
Monte Vista, Colorado

Dear Mr. Lague: Pressure is being brought to bear on this Board to move the Glenwood bridge to the San Juan river for immediate installation.

It is the opinion of the Board that certain definite steps be taken before we commit the County to a major expenditure of funds. These steps are:

(1.) Obtaining a right of way from the Ute Tribe from the Reservation line to the San Juan river and from the San Juan river to the line of either Utah or New Mexico. Right of way should be surveyed and commitment from the Utes should be in writing and should carry the approval of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. From our present understanding of the attitude of the Utes, obtaining this right of way would probably necessitate an agreement to pay damages for stock killed on the road.

(2.) Obtaining an estimate from a competent engineer of the cost of installation of the bridge.

(3.) Obtaining firm commitments from the various Boards of County Commissioners of the counties through which the Navajo Trails passes as to the amount (in dollars) they are willing to contribute. In order that there be some centralized agency to handle the funds, we suggest that the Navajo Trails Association be incorporated, thus becoming a legal entity capable of entering into contracts and receiving and expending funds.

(4.) Negotiating a firm compact with Utah or New Mexico and Arizona that they will extend the road to connect with existing roads. This implies a right of way across the Navajo Reservation. Montezuma County is willing to cooperate to the full extent of its legal and financial ability; but is not in a position to assume the entire burden.

Very truly yours, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: Chas. T. Porter, Chairman.
Board of Commissioners met in regular session, August 21, 1953, at 9:00 A. M.

Present: Chas. T. Porter, Chairman; Grady Clappitt, Commissioner; C. R. Hickman, Commissioner; Geo. E. Bills, County Attorney; John Lewitt, Clerk

Appeared Chas. Weed of Yellow Jacket to request gravel for the road north from Yellow Jacket past the old rail place. Board took his request under consideration.

Appeared James Bartwell, Wayne Denby and Russell Slaven to discuss the San Juan bridge. Board agreed to send an engineer to make a preliminary survey of possible bridge sites.

The following letter was received in answer to our letter of August 17 to Dave Hickman:

August 26, 1953

Board of County Commissioners
Montezuma County

Gentlemen: At a regular adjourned meeting of the City Council, held August 24th, your proposal concerning the Cortez-Montezuma County Airport was considered.

The City Council voted to accept your proposal of taking a 90% interest in the airport and then pay to keep a 10% interest. The City would maintain lights and buildings and retain the monthly rent of $75.00 from Frontier Airlines. The $5,000.00 consideration would not or could not be paid in cash to the County but would be budgeted for airport purposes in the budget for the fiscal and calendar year of 1954.

Very truly yours,
CITY OF CORTEZ

Signed: E. C. Hickman, City Engineer

The following resolution regarding County Road system was unanimously adopted—none appeared to protest the adoption of the official map:

RESOLUTION NO. 55-15

WHEREAS, the County of Montezuma, Colorado, has, in accordance with the terms of Senate Bill 170, enacted by the 1953 General Assembly of the State of Colorado, determined and designated a County Road system consisting of primary and secondary highways or roads, and has prepared a map of said system, wherein the primary roads are designated by number and WHEREAS, as required by Section 10, of said Act, Notice of Intent to Adopt said map as the Official Map of the County Road System, has been published once each week in the Dolores Star, a newspaper of general circulation, published in Montezuma County for successive weeks, being three (3) publications, as evidenced by Publisher's Affidavit; and WHEREAS, on the 1st day of August A. D., 1953, at 9:00 A. M. at Commissioners Office, Cortez, Colorado, all interested persons desiring to be heard were heard by the Board of County Commissioners; and none having appeared to be heard, WHEREAS, the Board has given full consideration to the recommendations of said persons; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of County Commissioners, at its meeting on this 1st day of August, 1953, hereby adopts, effective as of and after December 31, 1953, to its County Road System, those roads or highways shown on the map denominated "The County Road System of Montezuma County," dated (completion date of map December 21, 1953) which map shows the primary and secondary systems thereof. The Clerk shall file and preserve the said Map and Publishers Affidavit as required by law for each Map and Affidavit and forthwith shall send a Certified Copy of this Resolution and of said Map to the Department of Highways.

Bills allowed and warrants as follows were drawn in payment:

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Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P. M.

Chas. T. Porter, Chairman
John Lewitt, Clerk

Board of Commissioners met in special session, Tuesday, Sept. 1, 1953, at 9:00 A. M.

Present: Chas. T. Porter, Chairman; Grady Clappitt, Commissioner; C. R. Hickman, Commissioner; John Lewitt, Clark

Charles E. Shumate, Administrative Assistant to Chief Engineer, and
Orrville Francis, District Maintenance Engineer of the Colorado Highway Department.

All roads in Montezuma County were discussed with Mr. Shumate and Mr. Francis.

A contract for maintenance of 9.0 miles of Highway No. 145 and 9.3 miles of Highway No. 158 at $300.00 per mile was entered into by Montezuma County, party of the first part, and the State Highway Commission of Colorado. Maintenance to be to State Highway Department specifications and Montezuma County to be paid on monthly billings at the rate of $457.50 per month. Contract effective Dec. 31, 1953.

The following resolution was adopted unanimously to implement the above contract.
RESOLVED that this Board hereby approves a certain contract with the Colorado Department of Highways adopted September 1, 1953, whereby the County obliges itself to maintain certain portions of the State Highway System at the expense of the Department and releasing all other maintenance contracts as per the terms of said contract and authorizes the execution of said contract on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners by signature of its chairman.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Chairman T. Porter, Chairman
John Leavitt, Clerk

Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, September 8, 1953 (Monday being Labor Day) in regular session at 9:00 A.M.

Present: Chairman T. Porter, Chairman; Grady Clark, Commissioner; L. E. Dilts, Attorney; John Leavitt, Clerk.

Minutes of prior meetings read and approved. Reports of County Treasurer, County Sheriff, Clerk of District and County Courts received, reviewed and ordered filed.

Wills allowed and warrants as follows drawn in payment:

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The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Montezuma County, Colorado in regular session assembled this 9th day of September, 1953, that Montezuma County withdraw from the San Juan Basin Health Unit, effective December 31, 1953. This action taken pursuant to provision of Section 11 (b) of Chapter 209 of 1947 Session Laws of Colorado.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be notice of withdrawal to the State Department of Health, the Board of Directors of the San Juan Basin Health Unit, and the chairman of the Boards of Commissioners of the member counties.

Application of Merwyn E. Akin for a Saloon and Restaurant License for Akin Liquor Store and Restaurant at Sterling received. Hearing set for September 28, 1953 at 10:00 A.M.

An informal agreement was entered into between Merwyn E. Akin and Montezuma County. Montezuma County to travel road--San Course Road--from Akin's house to the parking lot, to Parish Akin with some sand and to fill up holes in his road to the value of $200.00. Akin to give a right of way deed to the County for the old R. & R. G. Southern Right of Way, as shown on the Plat on file in the office of the County Clerk, thru his land.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Chairman T. Porter, Chairman
John Leavitt, Clerk