PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MONTEZUMA COUNTY, COLORADO March 5, 2019

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At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held on Tuesday March 5, 2019 at the courthouse in Cortez, Colorado, there were present:

Keenan Ertel, Chairman Larry Don Suckla, Vice Chairman, Absent Jim Candelaria, Commissioner of Deeds Shalako Powers, County Administrator John C. Baxter, County Attorney Kim Percell, County Clerk

CHAIRMAN ERTEL opened the meeting of March 5, 2019 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Commissioner Candelaria moved to approve the minutes of the Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners Montezuma County, Colorado dated February 26, 2019 and dated February 28, 2019 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ertel and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Greg Kemp discussed the cover letter sent to the Colorado General Assembly along with Resolution #4-2019. **Ellen Foster** discussed the Kinder Morgan five year plan update. **Debbie Boyd** discussed the word sanctuary that had been included in Resolution #4-2019.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Road Superintendent, Rob Englehart presented the road and bridge schedule for the dates of February 27, 2019 through March 15, 2019. Superintendent Englehart gave an overview of the type of work scheduled for each crew. Topics discussed included; snow removal, pot hole repairs, culvert cleaning, culvert repairs, repairs to mud sections on roads, the daylight savings time change and a four day work week, no winter maintenance roads, public outreach, the Sand Canyon Parking lot, the DWCD water agreement and the 2019 lease of Montezuma County water shares. Superintendent Englehart presented for the record, a letter

addressed to **Kinder Morgan** with a request to minimize any further haul activities on the Goodman Point truck route until there are dryer road conditions. (See attached)

COUNTY SURVEYOR: County Surveyor, Ernie Maness along with **Resource Director, James Dietrich** met with the Commissioners to discuss the Summit Ridge, Road N access to the BLM public lands. Topics of the discussion included; a sliver of private property between the County road and the BLM property, possible access solutions within Summit Lake West tracts 30, 31 and 35, the use of conservation funds and the BLM responsibility to provide parking for access to public lands. (See attached)

FAIRGROUNDS: Fairgrounds Manager, Larry Copeland gave his monthly report which included the year to date numbers for income of \$16,360.00 and attendance at 3630. A discussion was held regarding past and future events scheduled at the Fairgrounds. Other topics discussed included; the temporary removal of the indoor arena, a Lodgers Tax grant application, the proposed card lock system, hemp vendors at trade shows held at the Fairgrounds, the race track restroom facilities and a proposed purchase of mobile restroom facilities. (See attached)

EMERGENCY MANAGER REPORT: Emergency Manager, Mike Pasquin met with the Commissioners to give a department update. Topics discussed included; the recent earth quake in Bedrock Co., the hazard mitigation plan grants, the EOC roster, training exercises, grant funding to upgrade the EOC equipment, the recent grant audit and identified areas of concern and the attendance to the scheduled Emergency Management Academy and ICS classes. Manager, Pasquin along with CSU Extension Director, Kacey Riedel discussed the Emergency Management Drought Contingency Plan. Topics discussed included, development of a joint entities one day workshop, climate predictions, funding options, current existing plans, public education, risk mitigation discussions, the Demand Management Plan, and the addition of an Agriculture resource page on the county web site. Director, Riedel gave an update of upcoming scheduled events within the CSU Extension programs. (See attached)

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney John Baxter, no report given.

NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS: Resource Director, James Dietrich, met with the Commissioners to give his weekly report. Topics of the discussion included; **Congressman Tipton's** introduction of the **Yucca House** land transfer bill, the written confirmation of the proposed release of five WSA's, the Rangeland Stewardship meeting, the MCRAC meeting, weed control in Weber Canyon and a community solar garden. Director Dietrich presented a letter addressed to the **Senate Transportation** and **Energy Committee** regarding opposition to Senate Bill 19-181. Commissioner Candelaria moved to send a letter to the Senate Transportation and Energy Committee in regards to Senate Bill 19-181 with this letter. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. (See attached)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Administrator, Shak Powers presented a letter of interest for reappointment to a six year term to the **Lebanon Cemetery District** from **Neita Muniz**. The discussion was tabled for further review. (See attached)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Ertel discussed the attended department head meeting and a tour with the Road Supervisor. **Commissioner Suckla,** was absent. **Commissioner Candelaria** discussed meetings attended that included; the Housing Solutions, a meeting with Dr. Aikin regarding Regulation 43, the proposed convention center, the joint City Council and Commissioner meeting and conversations with the Road Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jamie Becktel discussed the public education of hemp products, discussed the word sanctuary that had been included in Resolution #4-2019. **Lisa Henry** and **Rebecca Busic** discussed a structured protocol for the Commissioner meetings. **Tom Seymour** discussed a recent article printed in the Durango Herald concerning Resolution 4-2019.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was read and noted:

MOTION TO ADJOURN: was made by Commissioner Candelaria, seconded by Commissioner Ertel and carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:00 a.m.				
Clerk	March 5, 2019			