At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held on Tuesday February 18, 2020 at the courthouse in Cortez, Colorado, there were present:

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

CHAIRMAN, SUCKLA opened the meeting of February 18, 2020 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Commissioner Ertel moved to approve the minutes of the Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners Montezuma County, Colorado dated February 11, 2020 as amended. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Candelaria and carried.

PLANNING: Planning Director, Don Haley with Assistant, S. Jane Duncan presented for signatures of a Mylar for a Single Lot Development and Rezoning submitted by Gunther Hardt on property located at 31633 Road W, Dolores, CO, consisting of 63.41 acres, more or less, located north of Road W, east of Road 31, situated in S.35 T.38N., R.15W., N.M.P.M.

Director, Don Haley with Assistant, S. Jane Duncan presented for signatures of a Mylar for a General Planned Unit Development (GPUD) for residential purposes on property owned by Totten Land, LLC, Agent Cap Allen, located at 10363 Road 29, Cortez, CO, consisting of 37.85 acres, more or less, with 8, one acre more or less, lots, located north of Road K.3, west of Road 29, situated in S.20, T.36N., R.15W., N.M.P.M.
Director, Don Haley with Assistant, S. Jane Duncan presented for signatures of a Mylar for an Exemption Resolution tract of land located 31348 Road L, Mancos, Colorado, consisting of 42.14 acres, more or less, owned by Angela Giplin Kuykendall & Pearlene Gilpin Van Sickle, located west of Road 32, north of Road M, situated in S.11, T.36N, R.15W, N.M.P.M. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the exemption resolution on a tract of land located 31348 Road L, Mancos consisting of 42.14 acres, more or less. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Troy Gattis discussed turn lanes off of Highway 491 for County Road N and Road P. Renee King discussed a personal property incident, regarding plum trees, a tree removal company and the County Road Department. Cynthia Robsion discussed the tree removal incident and repairs for a knocked down fence. Jacob Ballas discussed a pandemic plan for Montezuma County. Lisa Henry discussed an update and Commissioner follow up on the Social Services Department.

SHERIFF’S MONTHLY REPORT: Sheriff, Steven Nowlin met with the Commissioners to give his monthly report which included the Calls for Service Report, an update on the graffiti investigations, the monthly Jail Report, the County Jail Count for the month of January 2020, the DOC Holds Report, the Courtesy Holds Report, the Dolores Inmate billing report, the Cortez City Inmate billing report, an estimated inmate cost increase, newly hired deputies, parole holds, the January Monies Paid Report, the Monthly Arrests Report and the Fees Collected Report. Sheriff Nowlin presented for approval, the EFF Funding, Memorandum of Understanding for the participation in the Colorado Emergency Fire Fund between the Montezuma County, Board of County Commissioners, the Montezuma County Sheriff and the State of Colorado. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the Memorandum of Understanding for the participation in the Colorado Emergency Fire Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Other topics discussed included, equipment and document storage areas. (See attached)

COUNTY CORONER: Coroner, George Deavers met with the Commissioners to give an update on the development of the new County Morgue. Topics discussed included; the project completion date, coordination with La Plata County for autopsies, project cost savings, the large cooler move to the new facility, a backup generator, a proposed Board of County Commissioner site visit and the current County suicide numbers.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Office Manager, Clarisa Feuilly met with the Commissioners to give an update from the District Attorney’s Office. Topics discussed included; an attended multi agency meeting, new juvenile legislative training, current cases, the extradition process, the warrant process, a set standard for extradition mileage based on the level of crime, extradition expenses, yearly extradition averages and restitution enforcement.

EMERGENCY MANAGER REPORT: Emergency Manager Mike Pasquin met with the Commissioner to give an update on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Manager Pasquin also discussed his resignation, the job application advertisement and the current job description.
PUBLIC LANDS: Forrest Service District Ranger, Derek Padilla met with the Commissioners to give updates on various projects. Ranger Padilla reported that the Dolores Norwood Road guardrail repair at Little Bean Canyon would be completed, and discussed upcoming scoping / analysis for the Rico Trails Project, the Rio Grande Southern Trail, the Circle Trail and the Rhimmon Creek Trail, the Saulter environmental analysis scoping, 2020 timber sales, service access routes and road surface rock fees. Bureau of Land Management, Connie Clementson discussed, the issuance of the decision record for the Montezuma County designation for Areas of Critical Environmental Concerns. Areas designated included; the Ancestral Puebloans and the Mesa Verde Escarpment areas. An update was given on the Transportation and Access Plan. Canyon of the Ancients National Monument Acting Monument Manager, Amanda Hoffman introduced herself to the Commissioners and reported on the Visitors Center. Topics discussed included, a change to Spring operation hours of Tuesday through Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the Museum fee increase, an application for Dark Sky Status, scheduled events to celebrate the 20th anniversary and a land health assessment for the Flowdine and Yellow Jacket permit renewals.

SOUTHWEST WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT: Southwest Basin Round Table, Montezuma County Representative, Ed Millard. Dolores Water Conservation District, Ken Curtis and Mancos Conservation District, Gretchen Rank met with the Commissioners to discuss an attended Southwest Water Conservation District Board meeting and an agenda item on the proposed bill from the Nature Conservancy and Trout Unlimited to amend a water law statute. Commissioner Ertel moved to send a letter of opposition to the Southwest Water Conservation District in opposition to the removal of the Division 7 exemption in Colorado Statute #CRS 37-92-305(3)(c), and to also pay specific attention to paragraphs (a) and (b), in our determination here that was presented to us today and also make it very clear that none of this should be even proposed or thought about in this legislative session, should not show up until at least the 2021 legislative session. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

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

NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS: Resource Director, James Dietrich met with the Commissioners to give a weekly report. Director Dietrich presented for approval a Montezuma County Historic Property Nomination for the Montezuma Valley Irrigation Company Flume #6, the McElmo Creek Flume, to the Montezuma County Historic Registry. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the nomination of the Montezuma Valley Irrigation Company Flume #6, the McElmo Creek Flume, for the Montezuma County Historical Registry. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Other topics discussed included; a draft Montezuma County Public Lands Access Roads and Paths priority road map, Environmental Assessments for the Boggy Draw Trail system and the scheduled (MCRAC) Montezuma County Recreation Advisory Committee meeting. (See attached)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Administrator, Shak Powers presented public notices for the following scheduled meeting; Quarterly Local Government Breakfast Meeting. Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. (See attached)
COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:
Commissioner Suckla discussed the attended Legislative session meeting.
Commissioner Candelaria discussed his Wednesday office hour meetings and the attended (MMOF) Multimodal Options Funds review meeting.
Commissioner Ertel no report given.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Gala Pock discussed the Cortez City Council meeting held February 11, 2020.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was read and noted: Thank you note from Vernon and Roger Knuckles.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:50 a.m.

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  Clerk       February 18, 2020    Chairman