PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONTEZUMA COUNTY, COLORADO
January 7, 2020

STATE OF COLORADO           )
COUNTY OF MONTEZUMA   ) ss.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held on Tuesday January 7, 2020 at the courthouse in Cortez, Colorado, there were present:

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

CHAIRMAN, ERTEL opened the meeting of January 7, 2020 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 December 17, 2019 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Suckla and carried.

PLANNING: Director, Haley with Assistant, Duncan presented for signatures of a Final Mylar for a 2 Lot Moderate Subdivision & Commercial Rezoning request & High Impact Permit for the purpose of a Dollar General Store Facility and a variance to the Land Use Code requirements for maximum building footprint of 12%, due to the construction of a new Dollar General Store facility will have a building footprint of 14.86%, submitted by Bradley Perrigot & Person Enterprises, LLLP, Agent: Vaquero Cortez Partners, LP, on property located at 23890 Road G, Cortez, CO, consisting of 5.11 acres, more or less, located south of Road G, west of Hwy 491, situated in S.9 T.35N., R.16W., N.M.P.M.

Director, Haley with Assistant, Duncan presented for signatures of a Final Mylar an Amendment to an Existing Common Lot Line of Lots 19 & 20 in the Lost Canyon Estates Subdivision submitted by Diane Schmitt on property located at 30135 Road S.6, Dolores, CO, consisting of 1.63 acres, more or less, and Justin & Mary Foster on property located at 30167
Road S.6, consisting of 1.28 acres, more or less, both situated north and east of Hwy 184, situated in S.22 T.37N., R.15W., N.M.P.M.


ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Commissioner Ertel moved to nominate as the Board of County Commissioner Officers, Commissioner, Larry Don Suckla as the Chairman, Commissioner, James Candelaria as the Vice Chairman and Commissioner, Keenan Ertel as the Commissioner of Deeds, for the year 2020. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Larry Don Suckla

VICE CHAIRMAN: Commissioner James Candelaria

COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS: Commissioner Keenan Ertel

2020 OFFICE APPOINTMENTS: Commissioner Suckla moved to approve all of the office appointments as presented. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

County Attorney: John Baxter

County Administrator: Shak Powers

County Road and Bridge Supervisor: Rob Englehart

County Fairgrounds: Larry Copeland

County GIS/Mapping: Doug Roth

County Public Health: Bobbi Lock

County IT: Jim McClain

County Maintenance: Mike Chenard

County Natural Resources: James Dietrich

County Noxious Weed Program: Bonnie Loving

County Senior Nutrition: Jonathan Parker

Director of Social Services: Gina Montoya

Veteran’s Affairs Officer: Rick Torres

Emergency Manager: Mike Pasquin

MOCO/Transportation: Jennifer Morris

County Landfill: Mel Jarmon

County Planning: Don Haley

2020 BOCC REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

Southwest Regional Transportation Committee (TPR): Commissioner James Candelaria

Alternate: Commissioner Keenan Ertel

Region 9 Economic Development Board: Commissioner James Candelaria

Alternate: Commissioner Larry Don Suckla

AAA: Commissioner Keenan Ertel

Alternate: Commissioner Larry Don Suckla

Southwest Workforce Board: Commissioner Keenan Ertel

Alternate: Commissioner James Candelaria
Montezuma County Housing Authority: Commissioner Larry Don Suckla with a transition to Commissioner James Candelaria to take over sometime in 2020.

Housing Solutions: Commissioner James Candelaria
Alternate: Commissioner Keenan Ertel

Ute Mountain Tribal Council Meetings: County Administrator Shak Powers
Alternate: Commissioner Keenan Ertel

Lower Dolores River Group: Commissioner Larry Don Suckla
Alternate: Commissioner Keenan Ertel

Club 20: Commissioner James Candelaria
Alternate: Commissioner Keenan Ertel

Native Fish Monitoring & Recommendation Team: Commissioner Larry Don Suckla
Alternate: Commissioner James Candelaria

Legal Publications: Cortez Journal
CCI: Commissioner Larry Don Suckla and Commissioner James Candelaria

ASSESSOR: Montezuma County Assessor, Leslie Bugg presented for review and approval an Agreement for contract services between the Montezuma County Assessor’s office and Total Assessment Solutions Corporation “TASC”. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the Contract for services from Total Assessment Solutions Corporation (TASC) for the Montezuma County Assessor’s office. Second by Commissioner Suckla and carried. (See attached)

SOUTHWEST HEALTH SYSTEMS: CEO, Anthony Sudduth, met with the Commissioners to present the Montezuma County Revenue Bond (Southwest Memorial Hospital Project) Tax exempt Series 2016A #RA-7 and #RA-8 for review and approval. Commissioner Candelaria moved to approve Bond #RA-7, Montezuma County Revenue Bond for the Southwest Memorial Hospital Project, in the amount of $29,308,000.00 and Revenue Bond #RA-8, in the amount of $1,750,000.00. Second by Commissioner Suckla and carried. (See attached)

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Road Superintendent, Rob Englehart met with the Commissioners to give his monthly report. Superintendent Englehart presented the road and bridge schedule for the dates of January 8, 2020 through January 24, 2020 and gave an overview of the type of work scheduled for each crew. Other topics discussed included; the 7th Street Extension Project, the purchased electric cars, the 2% employee pay increase, Road 40 in Mancos, the Road 21 Gate Agreement and the departmental process for calls into the Road Department by residents. (See attached)

LANDFILL: Landfill Manager, Mel Jarmon gave his monthly report which included the 2019 Landfill budget spread sheet. Topics discussed with the report included; recycling markets, fiber, mixed plastics, Grant programs, China’s import shutdown, recycling development within the United States, the development of a compost area, the damaged bailer, the concrete pad and the scales. (See attached)

FAIRGROUNDS: Fairgrounds Manager, Larry Copeland gave his monthly report which included the 2019 end of year numbers for income of $75,817.24, attendance at 68,395 and the January 2020 income to date at $6,790.00. A discussion was held regarding past and future events scheduled at the Fairgrounds. Other topics discussed included; the Card Lock System,
LED lighting, the charging stations, the kitchen remodel project, the septic system, adjoining acreage to the Fairgrounds and grant opportunities for the Race Track improvements. (See attached)

**BID AWARD:** IT Director, Jim McClain met with the Commissioners to give his recommendations for the bids on the 7th Street Extension Fiber Optic Installation Project. Commissioner Candelaria move to accept Circle Z Construction to do the fiber project on the 7th Street Extension in the amount of $22,900.00. Second by Commissioner Suckla and carried. (See attached)

**COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney, John Baxter discussed the Walmart tax assessment issue, a title commitment for the Carver Landfill closure and the Road 21 Gate Agreement. (See attached)

**NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS:** Resource Director, James Dietrich, met with the Commissioners to give his weekly report. Topics of the discussion included; a Colorado the Beautiful Grant, an update on the proposed Sage Hen Trail and a proposed resolution on the BLM Resource Advisory Committee. (See attached)

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Administrator, Shak Powers presented for review the Board of County Commissioners 2020 meeting schedule. (See attached)

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:** Commissioner Ertel discussed the attended Chief Lane services. Commissioner Suckla discussed the City of Cortez, proposed Land Use Code and the proposed 139 Designation for the County Airport. Commissioner Candelaria discussed the proposed meeting with Empire Electric, the attended Chief Lane services and the community Christmas dinner.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Rob Pope discussed the proposed City of Cortez, Land Use Codes and the efforts of the County Planning Department’s for economic development. Dexter Gill discussed 2019, the County staff, the County’s focus on private property rights, proposed legislation, the Colorado and U.S. Constitutions.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The following correspondence was read and noted: The Dolores Water Conservancy District, Board of Directors meeting minutes and the November 14, 2019 meeting agenda.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 11:15 a.m.

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING 1:30 p.m.**

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Clerk                              Chairman

Montezuma County Commissioner Minutes January 7, 2020
STATE OF COLORADO  )
COUNTY OF MONTEZUMA  )

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held on Tuesday January 14, 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 January 14, 2020 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 January 7, 2020 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Suckla and carried.

PLANNING: Director, Haley with Assistant, Duncan presented for signatures an Exemption Resolution and Mylar on property owned by Kevin & Heather Rice, located at 14879 Road 21, Cortez, CO, consisting of 7.5 acres, more or less, west and east of Road 21, north of Road P, situated in Sec. 36, T.37N., R.17W., N.M.P.M. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the exemption and mylar, for the property owned by Kevin and Heather Rice, located at 14879 Road 21 Cortez, Co., consisting of 7.5 acres more or less. Second by Commissioner Suckla and carried. (See attached)

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments were made.

COOPORATIVE WEATHER OBSERVER, NOAA, NWS representative James Andrus presented the precipitation report through the month of December 2019. (See attached)
IT: IT Director, Jim McClain met with the Commissioners to give updates on the following topics; the purchased VX Rail, progress on the data storage transition, the development of a new Caselle server, the Landfill wireless project, the recent power outage incident at the Landfill, a wiring update at Annex I, the 7th Street Extension fiber project, internet at the new Pleasant View Road Shop and the new IT electric car.

COUNTY VEHICLE MAINTENANCE: Road & Bridge Superintendent, Rob Englehart along with Road & Bridge Equipment Manager, Shane Higman met with the Commissioners to discuss the county vehicle maintenance program. A discussion was held regarding a developed process and funding for County department vehicle purchases. Other topics discussed included; the addition of 8 new vehicles to the county fleet, tracking the fleet inventory, government pricing, the new electrical cars distribution list, the funding plan for future vehicle replacements, a vehicle purchasing memo from Administrator Powers and a proposed Road Department service truck replacement. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the purchase of a Chevy 3500 with a factory bed installed for the amount of $39,394.00 plus bed installation of $7,145.00. Second by Commissioner Suckla and carried. Superintendent Englehart presented quotes for the purchase of two, 2020 trucks, from Peterbuilt in the amount of $305,000.00 and Western Star, in the amount of $274,516.00. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the cost of $274,516.00 for the purchase of two Western Star 2020 trucks. Second by Commissioner Suckla and carried. (See attached)

GROUND AND BUILDINGS: Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Chenard gave a report on proposed 2020 projects. Topics discussed included; the replacement of a heater for the recreation yard at the jail, the Sally Port at the Montezuma County Combined Courts building, installation of a new roof at the Jail, a new roof on the Annex III building, repair of garage doors at the jail, an update on the City requested Back Flow project, a suggested installation of Automated Water Shut-off valves, installation of a back flow for the Coroner-Evidence building, and the proposed purchase of a new truck. (See attached)

GIS MAPPING: GIS Manager, Doug Roth and Mapping Specialist, Rachel Medina met with the Commissioners to give an update on 2020 projects. Topics discussed included; the final bid presentation for the aerial imagery flyover, an approved CDOT contribution, the ordered plotter, the 2020 HUTF, the 2020 County road map update, the 2020 census and the development of County building safety and evacuation plans.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney, John Baxter gave an update on the Walmart and the Kinder Morgan lawsuits.

NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS: Resource Director, James Dietrich, met with the Commissioners to give his weekly report. Director Dietrich gave an update on the Paths to Mesa Verde Trail Project, and presented, Resolution #1-2020 for approval. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept Resolution #1-2020, a resolution in support of Montezuma County’s grant request to the Multimodal Options Funds (MMOF) for the completion of the Paths to Mesa Verde Trail Project, Cortez to Mesa Verde design phase 2.
Second by Commissioner Suckla and carried. Other topics discussed included the Sage Hen Trail and a proposed resolution on the BLM Resource Advisory Committee. (See attached)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Administrator, Shak Powers discussed, public notice postings for future BOCC meetings. Scheduled meetings discussed included:
Cortez City Council meetings January 14th and 28, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m.
Commissioner Town Hall meeting in Mancos, February 20, 2020, @ 6:30 p.m.
Town of Mancos Board meeting, June 15, 2020, @ 6:30 p.m.
Town of Dolores Board meeting, July 6, 2020, @ 6:30 p.m.
Empire Electric Board to Board meeting, February 3, 2020, @ 5:00 p.m. (See attached)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:
Commissioner Suckla discussed his participation in a Public Lands conference call and the attended Citizens with Concerns meeting regarding the City of Cortez, Land Use Code.
Commissioner Candelaria discussed the Pleasant View Fire District building purchase, the attended Town of Dolores Board meeting and the scheduled meeting with Empire Electric regarding the charging stations.
Commissioner Ertel was absent

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lisa Henry discussed the Commissioner’s transparency, a public apology for the 2020 budget discussion meeting and non-profit funding requests made to the BOCC.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was read and noted:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:15 p.m.
STATE OF COLORADO )
COUNTY OF MONTEZUMA )

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held on Tuesday January 21, 2020 at the courthouse in Cortez, Colorado, there were present:

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

CHAIRMAN, SUCKLA opened the meeting of January 14, 2020 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 January 14, 2020 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Suckla and carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: It being the time set aside a public hearing is held for the purpose of determining a proposed vacation of a right-of-way located within the Lebanon Town Sites, located on the south side of Road T, west of Road 25, situated in S.22 T.37N, R.16W, N.M.P.M. The roll was called, the public notice read, and the proceedings were recorded for the record. Mr. Hill was present. Planning Director, Don Haley with Assistant, S. Jane Duncan presented the details of the application and the findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Suckla opened the hearing to public comment. Danny Wilkin shared his knowledge and intent of said right-of-way and his opposition to vacation of said right-of-way. Bill Wedelich HOA Superintendent for Lebanon Town Sites, gave his support and results from the HOA voting which supported the vacationing of said right-of-way. After hearing all the evidence presented Commissioner Candelaria moved to approve the vacation of the right-of-way located on the south side of Road T, west of Road 25, situated in S. 22 T. 37 N.,
R. 16W, N.M.P.M. Second by Commissioner Suckla with attached Resolution #2-2020 and carried. Commissioner Suckla closed the hearing at this time. (See attached)

PLANNING: Planning Director, Don Haley with Assistant, S. Jane Duncan presented for signatures a Mylar on property owned by Larry & Michelle Funk, located at 11504 Road 22, Cortez, CO, consisting of 21.19 acres, more or less, located south of Road M, east of Road 22, situated in S.17 T.36N., R.16W., N.M.P.M

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment at this time.

EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM / E911: Dispatch Manager, Lori Johnson, met to discuss memorandum of agreement, intergovernmental agreement with Dolores County and request for proposal for dispatch voice recording system. Lori submitted an estimation worksheet showing the breakdown of raising surcharge’s to various amounts. Commissioner Candelaria moved to approve the request for proposal of the Dispatch Recording System. Second by Commissioner Suckla and carried. (See attached)

COOPERATIVE WILDFIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT: Charles Lanoue, Regional Battalion Chief Division Fire Prevention Control and Steve Ellis, Southwest District Chief for the Division of Fire Prevention Control. Held a discussion with the Commissioners, Sheriff and County Attorney. Sheriff Nowlin questioned and wanted to confirm that if Montezuma County doesn’t sign the agreement then they can’t enter into an agreement with Emergency Fire Fund. Steve Ellis address this question and confirm that the Sheriff was correct. Attorney Baxter commented on a couple of sections within the agreement that he would like changed to protect Montezuma County. Commissioner Candelaria ask if they could get these concerns changed. Steve Ellis said all they can do is take the comments and concerns back to the State Attorneys’ Office. (See attached)

SHERIFF’S MONTHLY REPORT: Sheriff Steven Nowlin met with the Commissioners to give his monthly report which included the numbers for service calls, communications, and transport numbers for 2019. (See attached)

COUNTY CORONER: Coroner George Deavers met with the Commissioners to ask for money to finish the autopsy room and gave his report for 2019. (See attached)

EMERGENCY MANAGER REPORT: Emergency Manager Mike Pasquin met with the Commissioner and gave a monthly update. Topics discussed were the quotes for updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan, only one was submitted. Debris Management Plan, Emergency Operation Plan, Resource Mobile Plan, Red Cross agreement, Exercises were being planned to take place in Montezuma County but has been decided to move over to La Plata County and the Emergency Operation class will be a two day sponsored class by the State of Colorado either in March or April. Commissioners discussed the possibility to redo the request for proposal if the one that was submitted was unable to negotiate for a lower bid.
DISCUSSION: M&M Commissioner Suckla, discussed the situation at the M&M and Mudd Creek locations. Commissioners talked about various ways to clean up the M&M area and Mudd Creek area and asked for any comments or suggestions from the community.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney, John Baxter filed our answer brief in the court of appeals in the Kinder Morgan case on Friday of last week. Also, had a brief court appearance setting Walmart’s case for trial.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Administrator, Shak Powers presented the Public Notice for board to board meeting at Empire Electric between Montezuma County Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Empire Electric. (See attached)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:
Commissioner Suckla discussed his attendance at the Cortez City Council meeting and San Juan Citizens Alliance.
Commissioner Candelaria discussed his participation in several meetings, Pueblo Community College regarding Colorado AgrAbility 2020 workshop, Cortez City Council, DCC meeting, HEMP talk out in Dove Creek, class on the All Scenic Byways Committee meeting of which Highway 160 is a part of and mentioned the M&M and Mudd Creek properties. Also, attended the Disable Veterans chapter house renaming on Broadway. Met with Larry Copeland to do the final redline drawings of the fairgrounds kitchen/ bathroom remodel and Montezuma Valley Irrigation meeting.
Commissioner Ertel was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT: M. B. McAfee suggested that the Commissioners form a citizens committee to address the M&M and Mudd Creek properties. Greg Kemp made a comment on the possibility of CDOT helping down at the M&M and brought to the Commissioners attention that the Cedar Mesa Ranches Subdivision has plans to exercise an emergency evacuation of the subdivision which would also involve moving large animals to the fairgrounds. Commissioner Suckla and Commissioner Candelaria discussed the possibility of upgrading roads/subdivision roads by someone creating a Special Improvement District.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was read and noted:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:50 a.m.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONTEZUMA COUNTY, COLORADO
January 28, 2020

STATE OF COLORADO            )
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COUNTY OF MONTEZUMA     )

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held on Tuesday January 28, 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 January 28, 2020 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 January 21, 2020 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Suckla and carried.

PLANNING: Planning Director, Don Haley with Assistant, S. Jane Duncan presented for discussion the 49 Square Ventures, LLC six-month review for the continuation of the Certificate of Designation, located at 9294 Road 39, Mancos, CO, situated in Section 30, Township 36N, Range 13W, N.M.P.M. 49 Square Ventures, Matt Bradshaw and Matt Fuller, joined the discussion by telephone. Topics of the discussion included; quarterly analytical reports, a request from the CDPHE to remove the County Certification of Designation for 49 Square Ventures, a letter of intent to purchase materials, the County requirement for a written compliance endorsement from the CDPHE, and the Commissioner’s July deadline for complete compliance. (See attached)
Planning Director, Don Haley with Assistant, S. Jane Duncan presented for signatures of a Mylar for a 2 Lot Subdivision submitted by Kevin &/or Heather Rice on property located at 14879 Road 21, Cortez, CO, consisting of 7.5 acres, more or less, located west of Road 21, north of Road P, situated in S.36 T.37N., R.17W., N.M.P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Historical Society Board President, Ann Brown gave an update on the Montezuma Heritage Museum Project.

OLD BUSINESS UPDATES:
EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM / E911: Administrator Powers reported that Dispatch Manager, Lori Johnson would be presenting to the Dolores County at their next meeting.

EMERGENCY MANAGER: Emergency Manager, Mike Pasquin met with the Commissioner to give an update on the County Hazard Mitigation Plan (RFP) request for proposal. The RFP from Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. was in the amount of $34,995.00. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the proposal, not to exceed $35,000.00 for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. (See attached)

COOPERATIVE WILDFIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT: Attorney Baxter reported that the proposed changes had been presented but he had not received a response at this time.

LIQUOR LICENSE: Deputy Clerk, Jerri Frizzell presented for approval liquor license renewal applications for Paragon Business Investments, LLC, DBA Hilltop Liquors, located at 27963 Hwy. 184 Dolores, Westview RV Resort, located at 12092 Hwy 145, Dolores and Woody’s Enterprises LTD, located at 158 S. U.S, Hwy 160 Cortez. Commissioner Ertel moved to approve the liquor license renewals for Woody’s, Enterprises, Westview RV Resort and Hill Top Liquors. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

FOUR STATES AG EXPO: Board member Spark Reed, met with the Commissioners to give an update on the Four States Ag Expo. Topics discussed included; sponsorships, the 2019 event, the AgCeptional Rodeo, the gate charges, a livestock barn for the children, a tractor rodeo, and the Cowboys Playground events. Mr. Reed made a request for sponsorship funding from the County.

SENIOR SERVICES: Jonathon G. Parker met with the Commissioners to give updates on the Senior Services programs. Topics discussed included, a transfer of the Commodities Program to the Share House, the County’s cold storage units, the Senior Box Program and the Kitchen Remodel Project. (See attached)

BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT: It being the time set aside, the Board of Social Services was conducted. Finance Officer, Lori Higgins and LueAnn Everett were present. (See attached)

VETERANS SERVICE: Veteran Service Officer, Rick Torres presented the Certification of Pay for December, 2019 along with the Monthly Report of Services. Officer Torres gave an
update on the monthly statistical data, the indirect income to Montezuma County and a 2013 through 2019 review. Commissioner Candelaria moved to approve the Colorado Department of Military Veterans Affairs, County Veterans Service Officers monthly report and certification of pay for the month of December, 2019 in the amount of $7,525.78. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. (See attached).

MOCO TRANSPORTATION: Jennifer Morris met with the Commissioner to give an update on the County Transit program. Topics discussed included: the 2019 income and expenditure totals, the Bus Fund balance, bike racks added to the vehicles, additional seats for the newest van, a proposed small van purchase, the fees for transportation, advertisement ideas, a proposed Fixed Route Grant Application, the hours of operation and a presentation to the Cortez City Council. (See attached)

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney, John Baxter discussed filings for the Walmart lawsuit, the Montezuma Valley Irrigation Company lawsuit, the Weber Canyon / Road 41 lawsuit, the Kinder Morgan lawsuit and the cleanup projects for the M&M and Mud Creek properties.

NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS: Resource Director, James Dietrich no report given.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Administrator, Shak Powers discussed an email received from Board Member, Lee Cloy regarding the Lodgers Tax Committee meeting and advertising for a Board member appointment to the Lodgers Tax Committee. Commissioner Candelaria moved to re-advertise for a new Lodgers Tax Committee member. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Administrator Powers presented a letter of interest from Sylvan Cemetery Board member Lee Hill requesting a five year extension to his BOCC appointed term. Commissioner Ertel moved to accept the reappointment of Mr. Lee Hill, to a five year term, on the Sylvan Cemetery District Board of Directors. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Administrator Powers discussed Public Notices for the following scheduled meetings: the City of Cortez Council meeting 2/28/2020 at 7:30 p.m., the Empire Electric Board to Board meeting on 2/3/2020 at 5:00 p.m. and a Commissioner Town Hall meeting to be held at the Mancos Town Hall on February 20, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Administrator Powers introduced the new Financial Officer, Joyce Williams and also discussed an email from the Town of Mancos, Administrator / Clerk / Treasurer, Heather Alvarez, regarding a scheduled meeting to discuss a Drought Management Plan and Source Water Protection and the publication of notice for the scheduled meeting. (See attached)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:
Commissioner Suckla discussed the attended CCI Legislative meetings, his reappointment as the Chairman of the CCI Public Lands Committee and attendance at tonight’s City of Cortez Council meeting, to discuss the proposed Land Use Code.
Commissioner Candelaria discussed the attended (CCCA) Colorado County Clerks Association (EPIC) Elections Preparedness Infrastructure and Cyber Security Training, the attended CCI legislative meetings, the CCI election of officers and the Quit Claim Deed for the Pleasant View Fire District Building. Commissioner Candelaria announced that starting in
February 2020, he would be available to the public and employees on Wednesdays, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Room.  
**Commissioner Ertel** discussed his recent trip to Vietnam and Cambodia.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** **Justin Vasterling** announced he was an official candidate for the Cortez City Council. **Gala Pock** discussed the M&M property and an opportunity in 2013 for a Brownfields Grant. **Greg Kemp** discussed the utilization of the County’s cold storage units.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The following correspondence was read and noted:

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:15 a.m.**

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Clerk      January 28, 2020                       Chairman
At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held on Tuesday February 4, 2020 at the courthouse in Cortez, Colorado, there were present:

Larry Don Suckla, Chairman
Jim Candelaria, Vice Chairman, Absent
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 4, 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 January 28, 2020 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Suckla and carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: It being the time set aside a public hearing is held for review and determination of a Subdivision Amendment Application and a proposed Boundary Line Adjustment to the Fox Run Subdivision submitted by Ute View Farms, Agent Charles Martin, on property located at 7255 Hwy 160-491, Cortez, CO, located north of Road G, west of Hwy 160-491, situated in S.4, T.35N., R.16W., N.M.P.M. The roll was called, the public notice read, and the proceedings were recorded for the record. Wanda Martin was present. Planning Director, Don Haley with Assistant, S. Jane Duncan presented the details of the application and the findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Suckla opened the hearing to public comment. Hearing no public comment that portion of the hearing was closed. After hearing all the evidence presented Commissioner Ertel moved that the boundary line adjustment to the Fox Run Subdivision submitted by Ute View Farms, Agent Charles Martin, on
property located at 7255 Hwy 160-491, be approved. Second by Commissioner Suckla and carried. Commissioner Suckla closed the hearing at this time. (See attached)

PUBLIC HEARING: It being the time set aside a public hearing is held for review and determination of a proposed Single Lot Development and Rezoning Application 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. The roll was called, the public notice read, and the proceedings were recorded for the record. Mr. Hardt was present. Planning Director, Don Haley with Assistant, S. Jane Duncan presented the details of the application and the findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Suckla opened the hearing to public comment. Hearing no public comment that portion of the hearing was closed. After hearing all the evidence presented Commissioner Ertel moved that the single lot development and rezoning application submitted by Gunther Hardt on property located at 31633 Road W, Dolores, CO, consisting of 63.41 acres, be approved. Second by Commissioner Suckla and carried. Commissioner Suckla closed the hearing at this time. (See attached)

PLANNING: Planning Director, Don Haley with Assistant, S. Jane Duncan presented The Planning Department presented for signatures of a Mylar for a 3 Lot Moderate Subdivision Application submitted by Ron Buehring on property located at 19983 Road 15, Yellow Jacket, CO, consisting of 27.32 acres, more or less, located south of Road W, west of Road 15, situated in S. 1, T.37N, R.18W, N.M.P.M

PUBLIC COMMENT: Elizabeth Berger discussed coordination between the County Commissioners and Cortez City Council, discussion opportunities for the proposed City of Cortez Land Use Code, property owner rights to vote on the municipal elections, a lawsuit filed on the City of Cortez City Council and the municipal one mile State Statute. (See attached) Gala Pock discussed a freedom of information request for all 2019 records, regarding work performed for the County, by Elam / Kilgore Companies. (See attached) Adriene Ratican discussed the M&M property cleanup project. Mindy Nelson discussed the proposed City of Cortez Land Use Code. M.B. McAfee discussed the County Commissioner / City of Cortez Council coordination efforts and public outreach opportunities.

The Commissioners sent out an invitation to all of the current Cortez City Council candidates, to come to the meeting and introduce themselves. The following council candidates introduced themselves and presented some of their ideas: Justin Vasterling, Rafe Obrien and Rachel Medina.

EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM / E911: Administrator Powers reported that E911 Dispatch Manager, Lori Johnson had presented the E911 proposal to the Dolores County Commissioners, the proposal had been tabled for a future decision to allow their County Attorney an opportunity to review the proposal. The Commissioners will revisit the issue at the next BOCC meeting.

COOPERATIVE WILDFIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT: Attorney Baxter reported that the proposed changes had not been approved. The discussion was tabled for a future decision to include Sheriff Nowlin’s recommendation.
ROAD DEPARTMENT: Road Superintendent, Rob Englehart met with the Commissioners to give his monthly report. Superintendent Englehart presented the road and bridge schedule for the dates of January 29, 2020 through February 14, 2020 and gave an overview of the type of work scheduled for each crew. Other topics discussed included; a proposed gravel purchase with Dolores County, a Schedule A Forest Service gravel request, the 7th Street Extension project, the BLM Sand Canyon parking lot, the purchase of and remodel project for the Pleasant View Fire District, road improvement requests from subdivision homeowner associations and the 2020 grinding projects. Superintendent Englehart reported that Dolores County had inquired about a source of clay to mix with the Ormiston gravel. Superintendent Englehart suggested they contact the Hay Camp Gravel pit owner Lavena Saunders, to discuss the proposed purchase of clay for their project. (See attached)

GIS Manager, Doug Roth along with Superintendent Englehart met with the Commissioners to present for approval, the Colorado Department of Transportation’s, Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF) road work and changes for reporting year 2019. Topics of the discussion included; the Montezuma County Mileage Certification, road segments added or adjusted in the road inventory, changed gravel to paved, changed graded to gravel, the 2018-2019 mileage changes paved / unpaved report, chip seal roads that got 1.5” asphalt overlay and the chipseal roads that had full grind and re-chipseal. Commissioner Ertel moved to approve the GIS Department’s HUTF road work changes and reporting for the year 2019 as presented in the report from the GIS and Road Departments. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

WEED DEPARTMENT: Weed Department Manager, Bonnie Loving met with the Commissioners to give a monthly report. Topics of discussion included; an amendment to the County’s No Spray Agreement, a National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, The Restore Colorado grant application, the BLM grant applications to help manage Russian Olives and Salt Cedars in Yellow Jacket Canyon, an applicators spring training scheduled on May 15, 2020, the property tax flyers and the BLM Weber Canyon project. Manager Loving reported that she had received an email of interest from Joe Brunner, with a request to be appointed to the Noxious Weed Advisory Board. Commissioner Ertel moved that Joe Brunner be appointed to the Noxious Weed Advisory Board for a term of 3 years. Second by Commissioner Suckla and carried. (See attached)

LANDFILL: Landfill Manager Mel Jarmon gave his monthly report which included the 2019 Landfill budget spread sheet. Topics discussed with the report included; a grant award received for the composting operations, engineer designs for the Carver Field Compost Pad and the budget recycle credits. BID OPENINGS: Chairman Suckla opened bids to purchase a loader for the Landfill. Bids in the amount of $60,252.71, from Southwest Agriculture and in the amount of $55,015.00 from Wagner Equipment were received. Commissioner Ertel moved to accept the bid, exhibit B proposal from Wagner Equipment, located at 112 Turner Drive Durango Co., in the amount of $55,015.00 for the purchase of a loader, for the Landfill. Second by Commissioner Suckla and carried. (See attached)
BID OPENINGS: Chairman Suckla opened bids for the roofing projects at the Annex III building and Sheriff Department buildings. Bids presented included: Topline Installers in the amount of $311,947.00 and DKG and Associates / Firestone Building Products in the amount of $286,000.00. The bids will be reviewed by the Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Chenard for a decision at the February 8, 2020 Commissioner Meeting.

FAIRGROUNDS: Fairgrounds Manager, Larry Copeland gave his monthly report which included the year to date numbers for income of $14,140.00 and attendance at 1,715. A discussion was held regarding past and future events scheduled at the Fairgrounds. Other topics discussed included; the Horsemans’s Card Program, scheduled hunter education classes, the Fairgrounds remodel project dates and the County Fair steer tag in. (See attached)

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney, John Baxter discussed the Garbessi lawsuit, a meeting with M & M property owner Bill Teetzel and a meeting with a Four Corners AG Expo Board Member, Spark Reed.

NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS: Resource Director, James Dietrich, no report given.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Administrator, Shak Powers presented on behalf of County Assessor, Leslie Bugg, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Impact Assistance Grant Application for approval. Commissioner Ertel moved that the Montezuma County Assessor’s, through the Impact Assistance Grant be approved and applied for through the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, for tax year 2019. Second by Commissioner Suckla and carried. Administrator Powers discussed a proposed public notice for an email invitation from Cortez City Manager, John Dougherty regarding a coordinate meeting with the South West Health Alliance. Administrator Powers presented for approval, letters of support for HB20-1133, Land Use Entitlements and Municipal Disconnection, addressed to Senator, Don Coram and Representative, Mark Caitlin. Commissioner Ertel moved to send letters of support to Senator, Don Coram as well as Representative, Mark Caitlin, stating our support of HB20-1133, Land Use Entitlements and Municipal Disconnection. Second by Commissioner Suckla and carried. Administrator Powers presented public notices for the following scheduled meetings:

Town of Mancos, Planning Commission, meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m., on February 19th at the Mancos Town Hall.
The Leadership Montezuma meeting scheduled, February 20th at 1:15 p.m. in the Commissioner’s meeting room.
The Commissioner’s Town Hall meeting scheduled at 6:30 p.m., on February 20th, at the Mancos Town Hall. (See attached)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:
Commissioner Suckla discussed a partnership with Alamosa County on a proposed RACS Reestabishment Resolution and the attended Fast Charge / Empire Electric meeting. Commissioner Candelaria was absent.
Commissioner Ertel discussed the attended Fast Charge / Empire Electric meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments made
CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was read and noted:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:30 a.m.

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Clerk February 4, 2020 Chairman
At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held on Tuesday February 11, 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 11, 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 4, 2020 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Suckla and carried.

PLANNING: Planning Director, Don Haley with Assistant, S. Jane Duncan presented for signatures, a Mylar for a Boundary Line Adjustment submitted by Douglas & Nancy Foulke and Christopher & Dimitri Schlotter, on properties located at 12930 Road 38, Mancos, CO, consisting of 95.02 acres, more or less & 12744 Road 38, Mancos, CO, consisting of 44.38 acres, more or less, both located east of Hwy 184, situated in S.1, T.36N, R.14W, N.M.P.M. Commissioner Ertel moved that the boundary line adjustment submitted by Doug & Nancy Folke and Christopher and Dimitri Schlotter, on properties located at 12930 Road 38, Mancos Co. be approved. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried.

Director, Haley with Assistant, Duncan presented for signatures of a Variance submitted by Tenderfoot Ranch, LLC, on property located at 28355 Hwy 145, Dolores, CO, consisting of
78.54 acres, more or less, located north of Hwy 145, south of U.S. Forest Public Lands, situated in S.29, T.39N, R.11W, N.M.P.M. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the variance submitted by Tenderfoot Ranch, LLC, on property located at 28355 Hwy 145, consisting of 78.54 acres, more or less. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. (See attached)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Montezuma County Democrat Party Chairwoman, Mary Dodd discussed a Central Committee meeting that Commissioner Candelaria had attended and her attendance at the County Clerk’s, Logic and Accuracy Testing for the Presidential Primary. Southwest Health Board Member, Gala Pock, discussed Commissioner Ertel’s attendance at the Southwest Health Alliance (Peak) meeting. Greg Kemp discussed electric charging stations signage and the need of collected data. Justin Vasterling discussed topics of mutual interest and coordination between the City Council members and the Board of County Commissioners. M.B. McAfee discussed intergovernmental communications, City Council Candidates speaking at the Commissioners meetings, the proposed mutual topics list and the publication of the list.

EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM / E911: Dispatch Operator, Lori Johnson along with City of Cortez, Interim Chief of Police, Andy Brock discussed the proposed fee increase to the E911 charges. Operator Johnson presented an Intergovernmental Agreement between Montezuma and Dolores Counties to join the Emergency Telephone Authority. Commissioner Ertel moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Montezuma and Dolores Counties to join in the Emergency Telephone Authority. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. County Attorney Baxter presented, Resolution #4-2020, a resolution establishing the new rate of charge for E911 emergency telephone service within Montezuma County and authorizing service suppliers to collect the emergency telephone charges. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept Resolution #4-2020, establishing the new rate of charge for E911 emergency telephone service within Montezuma County and authorizing service suppliers to collect the emergency telephone charges. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. (See attached)

COOPORATIVE WEATHER OBSERVER, NOAA, NWS representative James Andrus presented the precipitation report through the month of January, 2020. (See attached)

GROUND AND BUILDINGS QUARTERLY REPORT: Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Chenard reported on the grounds and buildings. Supervisor Chenard discussed the bids for the reroofing projects at the Annex III and Sheriff Department buildings. Bids presented included; Topline Installers in the amount of $311,947.00 and DKG and Associates in the amount of $286,000.00. The collection of sales tax was deleted from the DKG and Associates bid. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the bid for the Annex III and Sheriff’s Office reroofing project at the cost of $278,130.00. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Other topics discussed included; repairs for the wood trim at Annex I, a storage room at the Sheriff’s Department, county mechanical rooms, steam cleaning and painting shower stalls in the jail. (See attached)
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE: Road & Bridge Equipment Manager, Shane Higman met with the Commissioners to give a monthly report. Manager Higman presented bids for the purchase of a new pickup for the Maintenance department. Bids presented included:

- **Kesee Motor**  Ford F-350  $28,752.00
- **Phil Long Ford**  F-350  $31,379.00
- **Steve Keetch**  Chevy 2500  $37,000.00
- **Moreharts**  Chevy 2500  $28,781.00
- **Truwest**  Dodge 2500  $26,523.00

Commissioner Ertel moved to accept the bid from Truwest, on a Dodge ¾ ton, 2500, 6.4 liter gas, auto at the price of $26,523.00  Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Other topics discussed included; an accessory / customizing purchasing policy, a new vehicle purchase for the Assessor’s office, inclusion of Department Heads in the Commissioner’s vehicle purchase presentations, a needs discussion during the next Department Head meeting, requests for all wheel drive vehicles, sold vehicle funds being deposited back in to the Vehicle Purchasing Fund and local opportunities to bid on vehicles selected to be sold. (See attached)

IT: IT Director, Jim McClain met with the Commissioners to present a monthly report. Topics discussed included; vehicle fuel savings, the Annex III badge entry access project, the new VxRail, a new exchange email server, the Health Department badge access and rewiring of the Annex I building projects, switching networks from City GovNet to Farmers, the Landfill wireless project, an update to the County website, the 7th Street fiber extension project, a bid for the proposed purchase of a generator for the Administration building and the Front Sign project. (See attached)

GIS MAPPING: GIS Manager, Doug Roth and Mapping Specialist, Rachel Medina met with the Commissioners to give a monthly report. A 2020 Census video was presented for review. Residents can access [https://montezumacounts.com/](https://montezumacounts.com/) for information about the 2020 census. Specialist, Medina read the proposed Resolution #3-2020, a resolution of support for the 2020 Census. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept Resolution #3-2020, a resolution of support for the 2020 census. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Manager, Roth presented for review an Agreement between Pictometry International Corp, (“Pictometry”) and Montezuma County Co. Commissioner Ertel moved that Administrator Powers sign the agreement between Pictometry and Montezuma County, contingent upon receipt of the letters of commitment by the participating entities. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Other topics discussed included: branding products for the 2020 census and the new plotter. (See attached)

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney, John Baxter discussed filings for the Montezuma Valley Irrigation Company lawsuit, the Kinder Morgan lawsuit, a title commitment for the Carver Landfill closure and the M&M property cleanup project.

NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS: Resource Director, James Dietrich, met with the Commissioner to give a weekly report. Director Dietrich presented a letter addressed to the Honorable Elaine Chao at the Office of the Secretary US Department of Transportation regarding support for the US Highway 160 Four Corners Mobility and Safety Improvement Partnership Project in Southwest Colorado. Commissioner Ertel moved that
the Board of Montezuma County Commissioners send a letter of support, to the Honorable Elaine Chao, Office of the Secretary US Department of Transportation, in support of the US Highway 160, Four Corners Mobility and Safety improvement partnership in Southwest Colorado. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Other topics discussed included; attendance at a CPW Division of Wildlife meeting, the CFL meeting to discuss public lands and access roads, a notification from the BLM regarding an amendment to the Risk Management Plan, the Sauter, Environmental Assessment, a scheduled Montezuma County Recreation Advisory Committee meeting, the CTB grant award and the Paths to Mesa Verde Project.

Director Dietrich presented an Eagle Environmental Consulting Inc., MMR Report for the M&M Truck Stop and discussed an update for the property, from the (CDLE) Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, OPS Division, staff reviewer of the M&M Truck Stop Project. (See attached)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Administrator, Shak Powers presented a letter of interest for a reappointment to the Lodgers Tax Committee from Lee Cloy. Commissioner Ertel moved that Mr. Lee Cloy be reappointed to the Montezuma County Lodgers Tax Committee for a three year term. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Lodgers Tax Committee member, Lee Cloy and Justin Vasterling met with the Commissioners to give a brief update on the Lodgers Tax Committee. Topics discussed included the proposed convention center, the current balance of funds, future BOCC recommendations, fund reserves, advertising, electric vehicle charging stations at local hotels and the development of a Lodgers Tax data base. Administrator Powers discussed scheduling for a site visit to Ironwood and presented public notices for the following scheduled meetings; The Cortez City Council Meeting, scheduled February 11, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. to held at the City Hall. The Spring Dolores River Native Fish M&R meeting scheduled March 2, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. to be held at the Dolores Water Conservancy District. (See attached)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Suckla discussed the Cattlemen’s meeting, the meat labeling issue, the reintroduction of wolves and a proposed Council to Council Meeting with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal council. Commissioner Candelaria discussed the attended Southwest Health Alliance (PEAK) meeting, the attended meeting with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe to discuss the M&M property, the CFL meeting to discuss public lands and access roads, the attended Dolores Division of Water Resources meeting, the Pleasant View Fire Department’s quit claim deed, a discussion regarding a proposed equine rehabilitation center, the attended Cattlemen’s meeting and a proposed Council to Council Meeting with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal council. (See attached) Commissioner Ertel discussed the attended Southwest Health Alliance (PEAK) meeting, the attended E911 fee increase meeting and the attended meeting with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe representatives to discuss the M&M property.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bill Teetzel, discussed local Air B&B’s, outreach from the Lodgers Tax Committee and opportunities to meet with the Tribal Council members. Ann McCoy Harold, representative from Senator Cory Gardner’s office met with the Commissioners to request topics of interest to be shared with Senator Gardner. Topics discussed included the WSA negotiations, a request to change from the CORE act to the BURN act, the Rocky Mountain Restoration Initiative and a stand from Senator Gardner on the wolf reintroduction issue.
Silverton House Whitehorse discussed the proposed Ute Mountain Ute Charter School. (Attachment given to County Attorney Baxter for review)

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The following correspondence was read and noted:

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 12:40 p.m.

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Clerk      February 11, 2020

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Chairman
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 Gipin 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 Rhimon 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
STATE OF COLORADO           )
COUNTY OF MONTEZUMA       ) ss.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held on Tuesday February 25, 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, Absent
Ian MacLarren, Assistant County Attorney
Kim Percell, County Clerk

CHAIRMAN, SUCKLA opened the meeting of February 25, 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 18, 2020 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Candelaria and carried.

PLANNING: Planning Director, Don Haley with Assistant, S. Jane Duncan presented for signatures an Exemption Resolution submitted by Angela Giplin Kuykendall & Pearlene Gilpin Van Sickle on property located at 31348 Road L, Mancos, Colorado, consisting of 42.14 acres, more or less, , located west of Road 32, north of Road M, situated in S.11, T.36N, R.15W, N.M.P.M..

Director, Don Haley with Assistant, Duncan presented for signatures a Mylar for a Subdivision Amendment Application and Boundary Line Adjustment to the Fox Run Subdivision submitted by Ute View Farms, Agent Charles Martin, on property located at 7255 Hwy 160-491, Cortez, CO, located north of Road G, west of Hwy 160-491, situated in S.4, T.35N., R.16W., N.M.P.M.
Due to a cancellation of the Commissioner meeting scheduled March 3, 2020. Assistant, Duncan reported that the Public Hearings scheduled for March 3, 2020 would need to be postponed. Commissioner Candelaria moved to reschedule the meetings that were scheduled for Tuesday, March 3rd and reschedule those for Tuesday, March 10th. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ellen Foster discussed the February 18, 2020 presentation by Southwest Basin Round Table, Representative, Ed Millard. (See attached)

LIQUOR LICENSE: Deputy Clerk, Jerri Frizzell presented a new liquor license application for The Gettin’ Place, Steele Investments Inc., owners Michael and Laurie Steele, located at 26060 Hwy., 491 Pleasant View, Co. 81331. Commissioner Ertel moved that the Montezuma County Commissioners approve the new liquor license for, Michael and Laurie Steel, business name, The Gettin’ Place, located at 26060 Hwy 491 Pleasant View, Co. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

ASSESSOR: Montezuma County Assessor, Leslie Bugg met with the Commissioners to present a petition for and abatement or refund of taxes for Harbeck, Robert L Family Rev. Trust. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the abatement for Harbeck, Robert L Family Rev. Trust, the property address of 560 W. Menefee Mancos, for the abatement for the taxes, for the 2019 year. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried (See attached)

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Road Superintendent, Rob Englehart met with the Commissioners to present for review, the 2020 Grinding Summary of Quotations and the 2020 Asphalt Supply and Overlay Summary of Quotations. Commissioner Ertel moved to award the 2020 asphalt supply and overlay for Montezuma County on the road, described in the bidding quotations to Four Corners Materials. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the Montezuma County Road & Bridge, 2020 grinding summary of quotations to Coughlin Company in the amount of $98,841.00. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Other topics discussed included quotes for a proposed Cone Crusher purchase. (See attached)

OLD BUSINESS: Southwest Health Systems: CEO, Anthony Sudduth, CFO, Rick Shrader, met with the Commissioners to give an update on the Southwest / Peak Alliance and Southwest Memorial Hospital Coordination. Other topics discussed included a proposed local initiative for Southwest Health Systems and the Medicare rating for hospitals across the state of Colorado.

BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT: It being the time set aside, the Board of Social Services was conducted Director, Gina Montoya and LueAnn Everett were present. Director Montoya presented the Second Intergovernmental Agreement between La Plata County and Montezuma County regarding Social Services. Commissioner Ertel moved that the Second Intergovernmental Agreement between La Plata County and Montezuma County regarding Social Services, provision by Montezuma County, for the year 2020, be approved. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)
PUBLIC HEALTH: Public Health Director Bobbie Lock along with Laurel Schafer met with the Commissioners and discussed the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID19), the Dental Expansion project, a job posting for a full-time position as the Coordinator for the Essentials for Childhood (EFC) and the Colorado National Collaborative (CNC) Suicide Prevention programs, Veterans Dental benefits and a transfer to the DocuSign process for contracts with the CDPHE. For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19 (See attached)

VETERANS SERVICE: Veteran Service Officer, Rick Torres presented the Certification of Pay for January, 2020 along with the Monthly report of services. Officer Torres gave an update on the monthly statistical data and the indirect income to Montezuma County. Commissioner Ertel moved to approve the Colorado Department of Military Veterans Affairs, County Veterans Service Officers monthly report and certification of pay for the month of January, 2020 for Montezuma County. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached).

SENIOR SERVICES: Jonathon G. Parker gave the monthly update on the Senior Service programs. Topics discussed included, a transfer of the Commodities Program to the Share House and the Kitchen Remodel Project.

MOCO TRANSIT MONTHLY REPORT: Jennifer Morris met with the Commissioners to request a transfer of funds for the purchase of a new bus and to give the Total Rides for 2019 Report. Other topics discussed included public outreach and municipal transportation fund requests. (See attached)

TRANSFER ORDER: Transfer Order 1-2020 a transfer $13,057 from the Senior Citizen Bus Fund to the Capital for 20% of the purchasing price of new bus, Invoice #102179 was presented for approval. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept order #1-2020, to transfer $13,057 from the Senior Citizen Bus Fund (035) to the Capital (004) for 20% of the purchasing price of new bus, invoice # 102179. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. (See attached)

CSU EXTENSION OFFICE: Extension Director, Gregory Felsen met with the Commissioners to give an update on the Extension Office. Topics of the discussion included; a Western Region Extension Interactive map, the development of the 4H Youth Program, the 4H 101 training, the 4H Stem Americore, the County Fair tag in, a scheduled Fair Board meeting, the Annual Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry event, the Master Gardner Program, grant writing resources, a livestock judging event scheduled during the Four States Ag Expo, social media access and a return on investment report for the Board. (See attached)

DISCUSSION: Executive Director of Southwest Water Conservation District, Frank Kugel, Southwest Water Conservation District Representative, Don Schwindt, Southwest Basin Round Table, Montezuma County Representative, Ed Millard, and Mancos Conservation District, Gretchen Rank met with the Commissioners to discuss a request of support from the Nature Conservancy and Trout Unlimited for the extension of the Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) 37-92-305(c) to include Water Division 7 for water conservation programs.
COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: Assistant County Attorney, Ian MacLarren gave an update on the Kinder Morgan, Weber Canyon / Road 41 and the Montezuma Valley Irrigation Company lawsuits.

NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS: Resource Director, James Dietrich. No report given.


COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: 
Commissioner Suckla discussed the Home Grown Talented Initiative meeting, a Public Lands phone conference and the City of Cortez Council Candidates.
Commissioner Candelaria discussed the attended Senior Program luncheon held in Dolores, the Mancos Drought Management meeting, a Leadership Montezuma meeting, the Town Hall meeting held in Mancos, the local FFA fund raiser, the Lewis Arriolla Community Center fund raiser and the Home Grown Talented Initiative meeting.
Commissioner Ertel discussed the attended, Mancos Planning and Zoning meeting and the Commissioner Town Hall meeting held in Mancos.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Greg Kemp discussed the commodity distribution program in Mancos. Ellen Foster discussed the Southwest Water Board and Water Division 7.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was read and noted:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:00 p.m.

SITE VISIT; Ironwood Facility

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Clerk May 25, 2020                      Chairman
At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held on
Tuesday March 10, 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 March 10, 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 20, 2020 as presented. Motion
was seconded by Commissioner Candelaria and carried.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID19) UPDATE: Montezuma County, Public Health Department’s,
Emergency Manager, Karen Dickson gave an update on the Coronavirus within the Southwest
region of Colorado. Manager Dickson reported that community stake holder briefings were held
on Monday afternoons and Friday mornings. Other topics discussed included; updates received
throughout the day from CDC and CDPHE, currently there are no cases within the region,
procedures for a symptomatic person and additional radio announcements for public outreach.

PUBLIC HEARING: (Postponed from 3/3/2020) It being the time set aside a public hearing is
held for review and determination of a proposed 2 Lot Minor Subdivision and 3 acre Heavy
Industrial Rezoning Application submitted by Justin Hooten, POA for Billy Hooten; Agent:
Daniel Hoch on property located at TBD Road L, Cortez, CO, consisting of 35.95 acres, more or
less, located south of Road L, east of Road 26, situated in S. 24, T.36N, R.16W, N.M.P.M. The
roll was called, the public notice read, and the proceedings were recorded for the record. Daniel
Hoch was present. **Planning Director, Don Haley** with **Assistant, S. Jane Duncan** presented the details of the application and the findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Suckla opened the hearing to public comment. Hearing no public comment that portion of the hearing was closed. After hearing all the evidence presented Commissioner Ertel moved to approve the 2 lot minor subdivision and 3 acre heavy industrial rezoning application, submitted by Justin Hooten, POA for Billy Hooten; Agent: Daniel Hoch, on County Road L, Cortez Co. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Commissioner Suckla closed the hearing at this time. (See attached)

**PLANNING:** Director Haley and Assistant Duncan, presented for signatures a Mylar and After-The-Fact Exemption Resolution submitted by **Gordon Steves**, on property located at 17714 Road 22, Cortez, Colorado, consisting of 3.1 acres, more or less, located east of Road 22, south of Road U, situated in S.17, T.36N, R.16W, N.M.P.M. Commissioner Ertel moved that the after-the-fact exemption resolution submitted by Gordon Steves, on property located at 17714 Road 22, Cortez, Colorado, consisting of 3.1 acres, more or less, be approved. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** *(Postponed from 3/3/2020)* It being the time set aside a public hearing is held for review and determination of a proposed Subdivision Application for an Amendment to the **Mancos Ranches 11 Lot Major Subdivision** submitted by **Ryan Griglak**, Agent: **Maness & Associates** on property located at 42169 Road J.75, Mancos, CO, consisting of 3.35 acres, more or less, located north of Road J.75, South of Road 42, situated in S.27, T.36N, R.13W, N.M.P.M. The roll was called, the public notice read, and the proceedings were recorded for the record. **Planning Director, Don Haley** with **Assistant, S. Jane Duncan** presented the details of the application and the findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Suckla opened the hearing to public comment. Hearing no public comment that portion of the hearing was closed. After hearing all the evidence presented Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the proposed subdivision application for an amendment to the Mancos Ranches 11 lot major subdivision, submitted by Ryan Griglak, Agent: Maness & Associates on property located at 42169 Road J.75, Mancos, CO. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Commissioner Suckla closed the hearing at this time. (See attached)

**PUBLIC HEARING:** *(Postponed from 3/3/2020)* It being the time set aside a public hearing is held for review and determination of a proposed Single Lot Development and Rezoning Application submitted by **Justin & Erin Schmitt** on property located at 13657 Road 21, Cortez, CO, consisting of 50.57 acres, more or less, located south of Road P, west of Road 21, situated in S.1 T.36N., R.17W., N.M.P.M. The roll was called, the public notice read, and the proceedings were recorded for the record. Justin Schmitt was present. **Planning Director, Don Haley** with **Assistant, S. Jane Duncan** presented the details of the application and the findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Suckla opened the hearing to public comment. Hearing no public comment that portion of the hearing was closed. After hearing all the evidence presented Commissioner Ertel moved that the single lot development and rezoning application submitted by Justin & Erin Schmitt on property located at 13657 Road 21, Cortez, CO, consisting of 50.57 acres, more or less, be approved. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Commissioner Suckla closed the hearing at this time. (See attached)
PUBLIC HEARING: (Postponed from 3/3/2020) It being the time set aside a public hearing is held for review and determination of a proposed Single Lot Development and Rezoning Application submitted by Mark & Patricia Peters on property located at 6852 Road 21, Cortez, CO, consisting of 50.71 acres, more or less, located south of Road G, east of Road 21, situated in S.7 T.35N., R.16W., N.M.P.M. The roll was called, the public notice read, and the proceedings were recorded for the record. Patricia Peters was present. Planning Director, Don Haley with Assistant, S. Jane Duncan presented the details of the application and the findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Suckla opened the hearing to public comment. Hearing no public comment that portion of the hearing was closed. After hearing all the evidence presented Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the proposed single lot development and rezoning application submitted by Mark & Patricia Peters on property located at 6852 Road 21, Cortez, CO, consisting of 50.71 acres, more or less, located south of Road G, east of Road 21. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Commissioner Suckla closed the hearing at this time. (See attached)

PUBLIC HEARING: (Postponed from 3/3/2020) It being the time set aside a public hearing is held for review and determination of a proposed 2 Lot Minor Subdivision and Rezoning Application submitted by Gary Ellson & Tova Spector on property located at TBD Road P, Mancos, CO, consisting of 44.20 acres, more or less, located north of Road P, west of Road 33, situated in S. 1, T.36N, R.15W, N.M.P.M. The roll was called, the public notice read, and the proceedings were recorded for the record. Gary Ellson and Tova Spector, were present. Planning Director, Don Haley with Assistant, S. Jane Duncan presented the details of the application and the findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Director Haley reported that they had amended the application from a minor subdivision to a moderate subdivision. Commissioner Suckla opened the hearing to public comment. Ellen Foster gave public comment. Hearing no further public comment that portion of the hearing was closed. After hearing all the evidence presented Commissioner Ertel moved that the determination of 2 lot moderate subdivision and rezoning application submitted by Gary Ellson & Tova Spector on property located at TBD Road P, Mancos, CO, consisting of 44.20 acres, more or less, located north of Road P, west of Road 33 be approved. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Commissioner Suckla closed the hearing at this time. (See attached)

PUBLIC HEARING: (Postponed from 3/3/2020) It being the time set aside a public hearing is held for review and determination of a proposed Single Lot Development & Rezoning Application and Variance Application submitted by Donald Wilson on property located at 23200 Road M, Cortez, CO, consisting of 61.10 acres, more or less, located south of Road M, east of Road 23, situated in S.16 T.36N., R.16W., N.M.P.M. The roll was called, the public notice read, and the proceedings were recorded for the record. Planning Director, Don Haley with Assistant, S. Jane Duncan presented the details of the application and the findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Suckla opened the hearing to public comment. Hearing no public comment that portion of the hearing was closed. After hearing all the evidence presented Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the proposed single lot development, rezoning application, and variance application submitted by Donald Wilson on property located at 23200 Road M, Cortez, CO, consisting of 61.10 acres, more or less, located south of Road M. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Commissioner Suckla closed the hearing at this time. (See attached)
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Candelaria held a discussion regarding the process to review the 50 foot variance setback restrictions within the County Land Use Code. Commissioner Candelaria moved that the Planning and Zoning Commission go through the review process, and hold a public hearing, regarding the reduction of the current 50 foot variance setback restrictions. Second by Commissioner Suckla and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Gala Pock discussed a proposed comprehensive review of the County Land Use Code. Mary Dodd presented letters of appreciation to Clerk, Percell and Administrator, Powers for assistance during the recent major party caucus events. Ellen Foster discussed the county reserve funds and the current fluctuation within the stock market. (See attached) Mindy Nelson discussed the Craft Studio 101 program. (See attached) Secretary, Jennifer Adams of Operation Graduation met with the Commissioners with a fee waiver request for the use of the County Fairgrounds. Commissioner Candelaria moved to transfer $225.00 from the Secure Rural Schools funding to the Fairgrounds to cover the fees for the Dolores High School Operation Graduation event. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried.

COOPERATIVE WEATHER OBSERVER, NOAA, NWS representative James Andrus was unavailable to report.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Road Superintendent, Rob Englehart met with the Commissioners to discuss the proposed crusher purchase and a request from Dolores County to purchase 20,000 tons of gravel. It was decided to continue the discussions during an executive session after the lunch break. (See attached)

MONTEZUMA COUNTY VFW AUXILIARY POST 5231: Queenie Barz met with the Commissioners with a request of the waiver of fees, for the use of Annex I, for a Saint Patrick’s Day Fundraiser. Commissioner Ertel moved to require the $100.00 refundable cleaning deposit, but to waive the usage fee for County Annex I, for the St. Patrick’s Fundraiser Dinner. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

12 HOURS OF MESA VERDE MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE: Board members Cap Allen and Kirk Underwood met with the Commissioners to request permission to serve donated beer during the 12 Hours of Mesa Verde event. Commissioner Ertel moved that the 12 Hours of Mesa Verde be exempt in their free beer distribution for the 12 hours of Mesa Verde for their event in May. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

LIQUOR LICENSE: Deputy, Jerri Frizzell presented liquor license renewals for Triple H&J Inc., DBA Smitty’s Liquors located at 10255 Hwy 491 Cortez and Mancos Brewing Company LLC., located at 1484 East Frontage Road, Mancos, CO 81328. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the renewal liquor licenses for Mancos Brewing Company LLC., located at 1484 East Frontage Road, Mancos, CO 81328, as well as Smitty’s Liquors located at 10255 Hwy 491 Cortez Co. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. (See attached)

SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE: Montezuma County Fairboard President, Allen Higgins, met with the Commissioners to discuss a request for a special event liquor license for the Friday night concert. Commissioner Ertel moved to grant the temporary liquor license for
the Montezuma County Fairboard to serve liquor at their Friday night concert.  Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

**SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE:  Ute Mountain Roundup Rodeo**, board members Lacey Murphy and Marti Spitzer met with the Commissioners to request permission to include alcohol sales during the scheduled Ute Mountain Roundup Rodeo event held at the Montezuma County Fairgrounds. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the Ute Mountain Roundup Rodeo, liquor license for the event in 2020. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. (See attached)

**VEHICLE MAINTENANCE: Road & Bridge Equipment Manager, Shane Higman** met with the Commissioners to give a monthly report. Sherriff, Steve Nowlin joined the meeting for a Departmental vehicle purchase discussion. Manager Higman presented quotes for the Sheriff’s Department pickup purchases. Commissioner Ertel moved to authorize the Fleet Department, Shane Higman to purchase for benefit of the Montezuma County Sheriff’s Department, three F150 Responder, Ford, 3.5 liter turbos, from Keesee Motors, at the price of $33,689.00 per unit. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Other topics discussed included: a vehicle for the Assessor’s office, future vehicle replacements for the Public Health Department and the Road and Bridge Department. (See attached)

**GROUNDs AND BUILDINGS: Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Chenard** met with the Commissioners to give a monthly report. Supervisor, Chenard presented bids, from BRAVO Cleaning and Restoration in the amount of $1200.00 and from Certified Cleaning & Restoration INC. Dba CARE in the amount of $3,150.00 for the Jail Shower Project, Commissioner Ertel moved to accept the bid from BRAVO Cleaning and Restoration, for the shower scrub down and cleaning at the Montezuma County Jail, in the amount of $1,200.00. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Other topics discussed included: the proposed Fire Systems project, the Sally port project, the Health Department Dental project, the Kitchen remodel project, the Jail’s security fence project and the roof repair projects. (See attached)

**IT: IT Director, Jim McClain** met with the Commissioners to present his monthly updates. Topics discussed included; the departmental fuel savings with the new electric car, the County’s internet change over scheduled March 29, 2020, the Annex III security doors project and the monthly DATA Safe payment.

**GIS MAPPING: GIS Manager, Doug Roth and Mapping Specialist, Rachel Medina** met with the Commissioners to give an update on the Census project. Topics discussed included; a request to place an insert within the Empire Electric monthly utility bills, the advertising budget expenditures, public outreach volunteers, computer tablets placed in various locations in the county for public use, employment opportunities, social media opportunities, the April 1st Census Day and online response opportunities. (See attached)

**COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: County Attorney, John Baxter** gave an update on the E911 fee increase application.
NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS: Resource Director, James Dietrich met with Commissioner to give his weekly report. Director Dietrich presented a letter address to Mary B. Neumayr, Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality CEQ, regarding proposed updates to the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA). Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept or present this letter of support to Mary B. Neumayr, Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality CEQ at Washington D.C. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Other topics discussed included the scheduled Montezuma County Recreation Advisory Committee meeting, boat launches on private property, a discussion with the M&M property Owner’s Representative, grant application updates and an overview of the CRAFT tourism discussion. (See attached)

EXPENDITURES REPORT: Administrator Powers presented the October – December, 2019 and January 2020 Accounts Payable Expenditure Reports for approval. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the Expenditures for October, November, December of 2019 and January of 2020. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. (See attached)

Chairman Suckla announced the adjournment of the meeting for the LUNCH break. Chairman Suckla announced the meeting would reconvene

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Attorney Baxter’s suggestion, Commissioner Candelaria moved to go into executive session to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of real, personal, or other property interest under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a), and to include, Clerk Percell, Administrator Powers, Attorney Baxter, Commissioners Candelaria, Ertel and Suckla and Road Superintendent, Rob Englehart, seconded by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Topics for the executive session were legal tactics of negotiation, legalities and procedure regarding the purchase of a crusher and a proposed Intergovernmental Agreement. County Finance Officer Joyce Williams was asked to join the financial discussion regarding the proposed crusher purchase. Commissioner Ertel moved to go out of executive session, seconded by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

Commissioner Ertel moved to grant Shak Powers and Road Superintendent, Rob Englehart, to attempt to negotiate a deal on a crusher with Weld County, and / or go to auction and purchase a crusher for Montezuma County’s gravel operations, and along with that motion, Commissioner Ertel moved that the County crushing operations be authorized to sell Dolores County, 20,000 tons of road mix gravel, to benefit their operation. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Administrator, Shak Powers discussed the Partner with RIP Medical Debt Program. TRANSFER ORDER: Administrator Powers presented a Transfer Order # 2-2020. A transfer of $67,243.92 from the General Fund for carry over from 2019 MOCO grants to the Bus Replacement Fund. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept order # 2-2020 for the transfer of $67,243.92 from the General Fund (001) carry over from 2019 MOCO grants to the Bus Replacement Fund (035). Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Administrator Powers presented for review, a letter of support addressed to Ms. Debbie Payne, Community Service Award Chair, Colorado, NSDAR in regards to a nomination for a service award to be presented to the Montezuma County Historical Society Board Chairman, Ann Brown. Commissioner Candelaria moved to send the letter to Ms.
Debbie Payne, Community Service Award Chair for the Colorado NSDAR in reference to Ann Brown for a community service award. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Other topics discussed included; a road impact fee protest, the scheduled meeting with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council and a 2:00 p.m. start for the March 24, 2020 Commissioner meeting. (See attached)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:
Commissioner Suckla discussed his trip to Washington D.C.
Commissioner Candelaria discussed his trip to Washington D.C.
Commissioner Ertel discussed the attended Club 20 meeting, the Hazard Mitigation Kickoff meeting, and the Dolores River Native Fish Monitoring and Recommendation Team meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments made.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was read and noted:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:15 p.m.

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Clerk          March 10, 2020       Chairman
At a virtual meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held on Tuesday March 24, 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 virtual meeting of March 24, 2020 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the minutes of the Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners Montezuma County, Colorado dated March 10, 2020 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ertel and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comments were posted on the YouTube link. (See attached)

EMERGENCY MANAGER REPORT: Emergency Manager, Jim Spratlen met with the Commissioner and gave an update on COVID19. Topics discussed included; the Emergency Operation Center Multi Agency Coordination Group virtual meeting, San Juan County, La Plata County and the Navajo Nation confirmed case numbers, testing supplies, Health Department supply orders and supply distribution efforts to entities. Manager, Spratlen gave an update on the following; staffing for the City of Cortez, Cortez Police Department staff and calls for service, the Towaoc Indian Health Service staff, supplies for the Town of Mancos, the County jail inmate population, County Transportation, the local School Districts, the Bridge Shelter, the homeless population, the Animal Shelter and community messaging through the Public Information Officer. Announcements are on posted the County Social media page, the County
web page, on the Office of Emergency Managers page, the Emergency Operations Facebook page, the Montezuma County Facebook page, the Montezuma County Clerk Facebook page, the Journal newspaper, and the KSJD, KVFC, KRTZ, KISZ, KKDC radio stations.

EMERGENCY FOOD FUNDING REQUEST: Delilah Darland and Laurie Hall met by video conference with the Commissioners to make a request for emergency food funding for the COVID19. Topics of the discussion included; community needs for food, MOCO home meal deliveries, the Meals on Wheels delivery schedule, the Share House program, assistance from volunteers, the local schools sack lunch program, meals provided by the Pinion Project, a senior grocery box, the Dolores Family Project, the Mancos Food Share House, the Good Samaritan program the Senior Nutrition program, the long term options program and a proposed Farming and Ranchers Support funding request. It was the request of the Board to coordinate with the County Senior Services for these services.

NOXIOUS WEED DEPARTMENT: Weed Department Manager, Bonnie Loving presented bids from Southwest Ag. Inc. in the amount of $21,500.00 and from Power Motive Corporation in the amount of $21,513.36, reduced to $19,000.00, for the purchase of a mulcher attachment. Commissioner Ertel moved to grant the Noxious Weed Department the latitude to purchase the Takeuchi TB290 Brush Bull Hog attachment for the purchase price of $19,000.00. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT: It being the time set aside, the Board of Social Services was conducted. Director, Gina Montoya and Finance Officer, Lori Higgins were present by video conference call. (See attached)

VETERANS SERVICE: Veteran Service Officer, Rick Torres presented by video conference the Certification of Pay for February, 2020 along with the Monthly report of services. Officer Torres gave an update on the monthly statistical data and the indirect income to Montezuma County. Commissioner Ertel moved to approve the Colorado Department of Military Veterans Affairs, County Veterans Service Officers monthly report and certification of pay for the month of February, 2020 for Montezuma County. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Other topics discussed included international claims and phone wellness checks. (See attached).

CSU EXTENSION OFFICE: Extension Director, Gregory Felsen met by video conference with the Commissioners to give his monthly update. Topics of the discussion included; a departmental staff update to respond to COVID19, the establishment of a Zoom account, Microsoft Teams, virtual programming, the 4H 201 notifications, the Meet Quality Assurance program, the Master Gardner program, the 4H Family Survey, 4H stem activities, youth mental health, Zoom hosted 4H club meetings, an attended core group Four Corners Farmers Market meeting, and attendance at the Fairboard meeting.

SENIOR SERVICES: Jonathon G. Parker gave a monthly update by video conference, to the Commissioners. Topics discussed included; staff updates in response to COVID19, staff working on site when necessary, employees working from home, assistance offered by volunteers, Community Connections, assistance from the Salvation Army, Triple A guidelines, the Health Department meal deliveries, current food supplies, home activity options, new clients form the
Long Term Options Program, local senior shopping hours, the reimbursements of COVID19 relief funds and the extra food order. Commissioner Candelaria moved to approve $6,352.50 for the additional meals for the Senior Center. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried.

MONTEZUMA COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (MCCO): MCCO Manager, Jennifer Morris met by video with the Commissioners for a monthly report. Topics discussed included; additional funds available from Triple A, home delivery meals, driver COVID19 response options, statewide transportation closures, paid time off, vehicle sanitization procedures, and social distancing during transportation rides.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: County Attorney, John Baxter, presented the Declaration of Local Health Disaster Emergency for ratification. Commissioner Candelaria moved to ratify the declaration that Commissioner Suckla had signed and extend it indefinitely until further action is required by the Board of County Commissioners. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Other topics discussed included; office employee operations and the addition of Attorney, Gordon Vaughn assigned to the PAX lawsuit.

NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS: Resource Director, James Dietrich presented a letter for approval, addressed to David Vela, Acting Park Service Director regarding the closure of the Mesa Verde National Park. Commissioner Ertel moved that the Board of County Commissioners sign and adopt the letter, to the Department of Interior, recommending that Mesa Verde National Park be officially closed until further notice. Second by commissioner Candelaria and carried. Director Dietrich presented for approval a letter addressed to Derek Padilla, District Ranger Dolores Ranger District regarding the Rico Trails Project. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept and send a letter to Derek Padilla, District Ranger for the Rico Trails Project EA. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Other topics discussed included; social distancing, remote meetings scheduled and the Paths to Mesa Verde project design. (See attached)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Administrator, Shak Powers presented departmental staff solutions to the COVID19 requirements, potential budget cuts to help with the COVID19 impacts, the yearly carry over to the county reserve fund, and the postponement of proposed 2020 projects for 60 days. A discussion was held regarding marijuana dispensary closures.
Administrator Powers discussed a property tax payment order presented to County Treasurer, Ellen Black regarding Executive Order D 2020 012 dated March 20, 2020. Treasurer Black’s recommendation was: #1 to waive interest for late first half payments, made after March 20, when the order was signed through April 20th, #2 ongoing foreclosures will proceed as planned. Newly submitted foreclosure packets and future submissions will be held for review and recording until April 20th. The Treasurer will make the best determination how to proceed should the order be extended. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the Treasure’s request, to post on line, to waive the interest and fees up to April 20th, or extended if needed. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried.
COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:
Commissioner Suckla discussed the attended telephone conference CCI meeting, and a conference call with the Ute Mountain Tribe.
Commissioner Candelaria discussed the attended TPR meeting and the ratification for the MMOF grant application, the CCI teleconference meeting, and a meeting attended regarding the postponement of the Ag Expo and a Montezuma County State of Address given to the City of Cortez.
Commissioner Ertel discussed the attended two day Club 20 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comments were posted on the YouTube link. (See attached)

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was read and noted:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:30 p.m.

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Clerk      March 24, 2020              Chairman
At a virtual meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held on Tuesday March 31, 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 (Virtually)  
Kim Percell, County Clerk (Virtually)

CHAIRMAN, SUCKLA opened the virtual meeting of March 31, 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 March 24, 2020 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Candelaria and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comments were allowed by a YouTube link. (See attached)

EMERGENCY MANAGER REPORT: Emergency Manager, Jim Spratlen met with the Commissioner and gave a COVID 19 Situation Assessment Report. Topics discussed included; the County transportation program, communications, public works and engineering, firefighting, emergency management information and planning, mass care, emergency assistance, housing and human services, logistics management and resource support, public health and medical services, the Colorado infection report, the County infection report, agriculture and natural resources, energy resources, public safety and security, long term community recovery, external affairs, historic culture and preservation, business and industry, resources assigned, impacted life lines and key components, state assistance, potential high impact media coverage, and available resources for PPE. (See attached)
PLANNING: Planning Director, Don Haley, and Planning Assistant, S. Jane Duncan, and True Kirk presented virtually for review and discussion, sketch plan ideas for Summit Village GPUD for Lot A of the Kirk Puett Ranchettes Subdivision. The Commissioners were in agreement that the project move through the Planning and Zoning Commission process.

THE MONTEZUMA BUSINESS TASK FORCE: Susan Lisak met virtually with the Commissioners to discuss the development of the Montezuma Business Task Force, by the Tri City Chambers of Commerce. The two major focus points for the Task Force include, the immediate COVID 19 crisis and recovery efforts for local businesses along with future economic developments. Topics discussed included; business survey responses, a list of Chamber ambassadors, building relationships, communications, internet access, grant funding opportunities, the timing of the grant funding, payment deferments, economic impacts to local tourism, current reductions of income, employee pay, scheduled meetings, the survey results and the SBA loan process.

COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER: County Clerk, Kim Percell met virtually with the Commissioners to give a quarterly report. Topics of the discussion included; the departmental response to COVID 19, current options for customer services, the Governors orders regarding essential employees, social distancing, the employee work schedules and employees helping with the Montezuma Business Task Force. Clerk Percell presented for signatures the Electronic Recording Technology Board Grant Award Letter. Commissioner Ertel moved that the Montezuma County Clerk & Recorder’s office, accept the grant amount for digitizing their records, in the amount of $500,562.31, from the Electronic Recording Technology Board. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried (See attached)

ASSESSOR: Montezuma County Assessor, Leslie Bugg met virtually with the Commissioners to give a quarterly report. Assessor Bugg discussed how the department was carrying out business, providing services to customers and the employee work schedules. Other topics discussed included; a State report summarizing adjustments to future statute deadlines due to the COVID 19 crisis, the 2014 Kinder Morgan payment, the remainder of the Kinder Morgan audits and employees working with the Montezuma Business Task Force.

COUNTY TREASURER/ TRUSTEE: Treasurer, Ellen Black met virtually with the Commissioner to give a quarterly report. Topics discussed included, current options for customer services, employee schedules, the authority distributions, the State waiver of interest for the first half of tax payments through April 20th, a State approved delay of the foreclosure processing and the flow of the property tax payments. Treasurer Black presented for approval, the Schedule of Receipts and Disbursements for July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. Commissioner Ertel moved to approve the Montezuma County’s Schedule of Receipts and Disbursements ending December 31, 2019. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

SOUTHWEST HEALTH SYSTEMS: CEO, Anthony Sudduth, met virtually with the Commissioners to give an update on the Current COVID 19 crisis. Topics discussed included, the current confirmed case, telehealth clinical visits, emergency and in patient volumes, elective surgeries, remote workers, stimulus funding, available test kits, rapid testing, a daily Facebook live chat, contained social distancing, the stay at home order, the estimated peak date, the
number of available beds, alternative medical sites, the pharmacy curbside pick-ups and the financial narrative for the month ending February 29, 2020. (See attached)

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: County Attorney, John Baxter met virtually with the Commissioners to give his weekly report. Topics discussed included; Department contract reviews, CORA requests, a teleconference regarding the Pax lawsuit, a discussion for Montezuma County to receive Denver Television Stations, the current court operational services, an order to cancel all trials through May 15, 2020, ongoing shelter hearings, emergency removals and family court proceedings.

TRAIL OF THE ANCIENTS NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY: Susan Thomas met virtually with the Commissioners with a request for a letter of support for the addition of Road G to the Trail of the Ancients National Scenic Byway. The Commissioners were in agreement to table the discussion until the April 7th meeting.

NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS: Resource Director, James Dietrich met virtually with the Commissioners to give his weekly report. Topics discussed included; a delayed open until April 30, 2020 for the McPhee Reservoir, campground closures, the McPhee Marina breakwater, community project funding received for Joe Rowell Park, closure of the Canyon visitor center and museum, proposed parking lot expansion and improvement projects and an update on the Paths to Mesa Verde project. Director Dietrich presented a power point for review. Topics included; the Boggy Glade OHV Route Extension Analysis and a developed inventory of all potential public right of ways. (See attached)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Administrator, Shak Powers discussed: the RE-1 School district delivery of 450 meals to local children, the balance of the County Revolving Loan Fund, County usage of the Region 9 loan application process for small business loans, a draft Memo of Understanding, and a discussion with Region 9 at the next Commissioner meeting.

EXPENDITURES REPORT: Administrator Powers presented the February 2020 Accounts Payable Expenditure Reports for approval. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the financials for the month of February 2020, in the amount of $1,227,994.83. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. (See attached)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:
Commissioner Suckla discussed communications during the COVID 19 crisis from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.
Commissioner Candelaria discussed a teleconference call with Congressman, Scott Tipton, and his efforts to work with the local Chambers, Business Task Force.
Commissioner Ertel discussed the Governors speech on Monday March 30, 2020, an attended Work Force Development Board webinar, a teleconference call with Congressman, Scott Tipton, the Public Health’s Emergency Manager informational teleconference call and a request from the Hospital Foundation for public donations to purchase a rapid testing machine.
At this time members of the press joined the meeting by a “go to meeting” invite.

**UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE: Tribal Chairman, Manuel Heart** along with **General Council, Peter Ortego** joined the meeting at this time. Chairman, Heart gave an update of the COVID 19 crisis response for the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation.

**Administrator Powers** gave a **Standings of the County** report for all Montezuma County Departments. Closures, hours of operations and contact information was announced for all departments. (See attached)

**Commissioner Ertel** read a statement regarding unemployment information for businesses and individuals that qualify for unemployment insurance. (See attached)

**Commissioner Candelaria** read a statement regarding the Montezuma Business Tax Force. (See attached)

**Commissioner Suckla** discussed appreciation for community volunteer efforts.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comments and questions were allowed by a Go to Meeting link, and the YouTube link. (See attached)

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The following correspondence was read and noted:

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 12:20 p.m.

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Clerk   March 31, 2020

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Chairman
At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held virtually on Tuesday April 7, 2020 at the courthouse in Cortez, Colorado, there were present:

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

CHAIRMAN, SUCKLA opened the virtual meeting of April 7, 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 March 31, 2020 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Candelaria and carried.

MONTEZUMA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH: Public Health Director, Bobbie Lock along with Dr. Kent Aiken met virtually with the Commissioner and gave an update of the current COVID19 crisis. Topics discussed included; the current confirmed cases, pending tests, social distancing, the extension of the Governors stay at home order, PPE supplies, alternate care facilities, the proposed purchase of a rapid testing machine and testing supplies to go with the machine.

EMERGENCY MANAGER REPORT: Emergency Manager, Jim Spratlen met with the Commissioner and gave a COVID19 Situation Assessment Report. Topics discussed included; local entity emergency declarations, the Emergency Operations Center Support System, County transportation, incident support plans, residents at the homeless shelter, alternate care
facilities, first responder accommodations, the National Strategic Stockpile of supplies, distribution of PPE supplies, a list for special needs citizens, a list of donated items and donors, a statistics report on neighboring areas, healthcare worker protocols, the animal shelter, a household utilities report, a jail inmate report, long term recovery efforts, public information officers, local food supplies, the Tri City Chambers Task Force Group, community responders, current available resources, an incident cost projection, a medical surge tent, funding within the Emergency Operations Plan, assistance form the National Guard to help with administrative duties and a donation of PPE supplies sent to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe from San Miguel County. (See attached)

ECONOMIC RECOVERY TEAM: Dolores Visitor Center and Chamber of Commerce Director, Susan Lisak, Planning Director Don Haley and Region 9 District, Executive Director, Laura Lewis Marchino, met with the Commissioners to give an update on the Economic Recovery Team efforts. Topics discussed by Director Lisak included; the recently held Business Task Force meeting, the business survey results, the development of a list of all local businesses, county access to the list, the ambassador team, an article in the Colorado Municipal League, a developed Tri County Chambers newsletter, tourism, event cancellations and long term business recovery resources. Planning Director, Haley discussed a scheduled Region 9 webinar. Topics discussed by Director, Marchino included; (CDBG) Community Development Block Grant funds from Montezuma County that were designated for local businesses, utilization of the CDBG funds during the COVID19 Crisis, the launching of the Region 9 emergency loan funds, loan committees, development of a draft service agreement, the development of a County loan review committee, the Colorado Credit Reserve, and an established terms of interest criteria on the loans from the Montezuma County funds. The Commissioners were in agreement that with a loan committee review of applications, recommendations would be sent to Administrator Powers for determination and that the funding would be interest free for the first year, then to a 1% and after 2 years interest would be at the prime rate.

RESOLUTION: Administrator Powers presented Resolution #5-2020, a resolution to amend the budget and transfer $105,000.00 from the Revolving Loan Fund to the General Fund for economic relief for businesses within the County. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept Resolution 5-2020 a resolution to amend the budget and transfer $105,000.00 from the Revolving Loan Fund to the General Fund for economic relief for businesses within Montezuma County. Seconded by Commissioner Ertel and carried. (See attached)

ORDER #3-2020: Administrator Powers presented Oder #3-2020, a transfer of $105,000.00 from the revolving loan fund (051) to the General Fund (001) to make funds available to aid in the economic recovery of the COVID19 response. Commissioner Ertel moved that order #3-2020, a transfer of $105,000.00 from the revolving loan fund (051) to the General Fund (001) to make funds available to aid in the economic recovery of the COVID19 response. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

SOUTHWEST HEALTH SYSTEMS: CEO, Anthony Sudduth, met with the Commissioners to discuss a need for funds to purchase rapid testing supplies for Southwest Memorial Hospital. Other topics discussed included; expansion of the hospital bed capacity, elective surgeries,
outpatient services, a decline of revenues, the **CARES Act**, small business administration loans and the **Paycheck Protection Program Plan**. (See attached)

**RESOLUTION: Administrator Powers** presented **Resolution #6-2020**, a resolution to amend the budget to spend $36,510.00 less on digitizing documents and use the funds to help the hospital purchase supplies to respond to COVID19. Commissioner Ertel moved that Resolution #6-2020, to amend the budget and spend $36,510.00, sending it to the Southwest Memorial Hospital Foundation for the purchase of a bacterial and viral testing machine. Seconded by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

**PLANNING:** **Planning Director, Don Haley,** and **Planning Assistant, S. Jane Duncan** presented for approval a Variance request submitted by **Diane M. & Redd Edwards, Sally Living Trust**, on property located at 18612 Road 26, Dolores, CO, Lot #3 in the Vistas Subdivision. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the variance for the property located at 18612 Road 26, Dolores, Co. owned by Diane M. & Redd Edwards, Sally Living Trust, to be able to move within 30 feet instead of the 50 foot setbacks for the construction of a residence. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. (See attached)

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT:** **Sky Mesa Estates** property owner, **Mary Ann Finley** with agent **Keenen Lovett** met virtually, with the Commissioners to present a petition signed by property owners of Sky Mesa Estates, for the development of a Local Improvement District. The purpose of the Local Improvement District, would be to chip seal and make improvements to Road 26.1 Loop road. **Road Superintendent, Rob Englehart** virtually joined the discussion. The Commissioners were in agreement to postpone the discussion, tentatively to the May 5, 2020 Commissioner meeting. (See attached)

**ROAD DEPARTMENT:** **Road Superintendent, Rob Englehart** met with the Commissioners to give his monthly report. Superintendent Englehart presented the road and bridge schedule for the dates of April 1, 2020 through April 17, 2020 and gave an overview of the type of work scheduled for each crew. Topics discussed included; the Road S project, an update on the 7th Street Expansion Project, the start of the **Four Corners Material** paving / overlay operations, an update on the Elam Construction work on the Kinder Morgan truck route, the departmental response to Covid19, a daily department meeting, crushing for the Forest Service project, the delivery of a purchased crusher and the mag chloride program. (See attached)

**WEED DEPARTMENT:** **Weed Department Manager, Bonnie Loving** met virtually with the Commissioners to give a monthly update and power point presentation. Topics discussed included; trainings, workshops, the “A” list species plans of attack, enforcements, the Phreatophyte project recap, recap statistics, the 2020 Phreatophyte project, public awareness, county road side maintenance and the Montezuma County economic assessments. (See attached)

**LANDFILL:** **Landfill Manager, Mel Jarmon** gave his monthly report which included the 2020 Landfill budget spread sheet. Topics discussed with the report included; an average per day customer count, departmental response to Covid19, the Towaoc canal, compost operations, the
purchased loader, the recyclables program and an update on the cell #4 construction. (See attached)

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: County Attorney, John Baxter discussed the filed, FCC petitions to the Denver Television stations for the ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, Direct TV and Dish Networks.

NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS: Resource Director, James Dietrich met virtually to give his weekly report. Director Dietrich presented a scenic byway fact finding report. Susan Thomas met virtually with the Commissioners to discuss the request for a letter of support for the extension of Road G to the Trail of the Ancients National Scenic Byway. Topics discussed included; economic development exposure with the designation, State byway designations, a byway map for tourists and local business support of the designation. Commissioner Ertel moved that County Road G be designated if possible a scenic byway. Due to a lack of second, the motion failed. It was decided to postpone the discussion to the meeting next week. Other topics discussed by Director Dietrich included; current COVID19 restrictions for BLM lands, social distancing at Sand Canyon, prescribed burns scheduled on the Dolores rim, a delay of opening some Forest Service roads and the Paths to Mesa Verde. (See attached)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Administrator, Shak Powers discussed the County’s financial response to COVID19, the extension to April 26th of the Governor stay at home order, follow ups with the Economic Recovery Team and the Business Task Force to discuss appeals for business exemptions and a single Senior Center’s Remodel project bid from Comisky Construction in the amount of $55,000.00. The Commissioners were in agreement to award the bid to the single bidder Comisky Construction. (See attached)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Suckla discussed the virtual meeting with the Western District, the PPE supplies from San Miguel donated to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and a thank you to the citizens making a difference during the COVID19 crisis. Commissioner Candelaria discussed virtual updates from the Health Department, updates from the Business Task Force and financial planning. Commissioner Ertel discussed virtual updates from the Health Department on the COVID19 crisis.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (See attached)

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was read and noted:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:10 p.m.
At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held virtually on Tuesday April 14, 2020 at the courthouse in Cortez, Colorado, there were present:

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

CHAIRMAN, SUCKLA opened the virtual meeting of April 14, 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 April 7, 2020 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Candelaria and carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGER REPORT: Emergency Manager, Jim Spratlen met virtually with the Commissioner and gave a COVID 19 Situation Assessment Report. Topics discussed included; transportation, communication, public works and engineering, firefighting, emergency management information and planning, mass care, emergency assistance, housing and human services, logistics management and resource support, public health and medical services, a Colorado infection report, the Montezuma County infection report, energy, public safety and security, long term community recovery, external affairs, military support, historic culture and preservation, business and industry, resources assigned, cost calculations, potential high impact media coverage, resource availability, and critical information requirements. (See attached)

EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM / E911: Dispatch Manager, Lori Johnson, met virtually to present bids received for the dispatch recorder. Bids received: Eventide/Goserco $61,467.00,
Revcord $25,097.00, Eventide/Digitcom $47,528.00, Voice Products/Nice Inform $76,262.00, Equature $49,772, Verint/Goserco $94,066.00, Stancil $55,064.00 and SHI /Exacom $142,079.00. Bids included a base amount and a five year maintenance cost. It was the recommendation from Manager Johns to award the bid to Revcord. Commissioner Ertel moved that through the E911 funds, and from the dispatch recorder bids, to approve the bid from Revcord, with a base amount of $20,800.00, along with a five year maintenance plan, in the amount of $4,297.00 for a total bid package of $25,097.00. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

FIREBAN: Sheriff Nowlin met virtually with the Commissioners with a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to re-impose the Fireban within Montezuma County. Topics discussed included: calls into dispatch for red flag warning verifications and to report the scheduled control burn locations and dates, burn permits issued from the Sheriff’s office, the effective date and time of the proposed fireban and public information outreach. Attorney Baxter will present a draft resolution for review during his report later today.

ASSESSOR: Montezuma County Assessor, Leslie Bugg met virtually with the Commissioners to present for approval, a petition for abatement or refund of taxes to Empire Electric Association, Inc. (Kinder Morgan Property). Assessor, Bugg reported that she had received notification of an error of the property classification and that a refund in the amount of $123,446.06 would be required. Commissioner Ertel moved that the Montezuma County Board of County Commissioners, approve the abatement request, in the amount of $123,446.06 to Empire Electric Association Inc. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

ECONOMIC RECOVERY TEAM: Planning Director, Don Haley and Planning Assistant, S. Jane Duncan met virtually with the Commissioners to give an update on the Recovery Team’s efforts to help with the County’s COVID19 economic recovery. Director Haley discussed the developed link http://montezumacounty.org/web/covid19/ on the Montezuma County home web page for Economic Development Resources.

PLANNING: Planning Director, Haley, reported that the link to the new Montezuma County Online Permit Center https://co-montezuma-co.smartgovcommunity.com/Public/Home is available for new planning applications, driveway permit applications, new addresses and septic permit applications.

NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS: Resource Director, James Dietrich met virtually with the Commissioners to give his weekly report. Director Dietrich presented for approval, a Non Funded Challenge Cost Share Agreement between the Counties of Dolores and Montezuma and the USDA, Forest Service San Juan Nation Forest. Commissioner Ertel moved that the Non Funded Challenge Cost Share Agreement between Dolores and Montezuma County and the United States, Forest Service, for the year 2020, be approved, with the addition of James Dietrich as contact person for Montezuma County. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Other topics discussed included; a BLM comment period regarding a proposed rule on E-bikes and an update on the Paths to Mesa Verde project. (See attached)
GIS MAPPING: GIS Manager, Doug Roth and Mapping Specialist, Rachel Medina met virtually with the Commissioners to give an update on the 2020 Census project. Topics discussed included; brochure stands, census brochure handouts, a possible delay in the final census counts, issues with public outreach, computer tablets placed in various locations in the county for public use that are currently closed to the public, the 2020 Census Self-Response rate maps and the aerial imaging project. (See attached)

IT: IT Director, Jim McClain met virtually with the Commissioners to present his monthly report. Director McClain reported on various IT projects for departmental responses to the COVID19 crisis. Topics discussed included; implementation and set up for County virtual meetings, county employees working from home, home internet access for employees and County website updates.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE: Road & Bridge Equipment Manager, Shane Higman met virtually with the Commissioners to give a monthly report. Topics discussed included; maintenance on the Sherriff Department vehicles, the Weed Department vehicles and departmental expenditures.

GROUND AND BUILDINGS: Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Chenard was unavailable to report. Administrator Powers and Road Superintendent, Rob Englehart reported for Supervisor Chenard. Topics discussed included; the Senior Services kitchen remodel project, the Pleasant View Road Shop remodel project, the addition of a door and a vehicle lift to the main Road Department Shop.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: County Attorney, John Baxter presented for review, Resolution 7-2020, a resolution re-imposing the Fireban, with an effective date of April 20, 2020 at 6:00 a.m. Under the COVID19 restrictions the Commissioners were in agreement to have Clerk Percell print their names on the resolution and notarize the document. Commissioner Ertel moved that Resolution #7-2020, a resolution re-imposing the Fireban, for Montezuma County be approved. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Other topics discussed included; the development of a Non Congregate Shelter Contract for the Emergency Manager, new laws and directives regarding employment and business operations, Health Department issues, ongoing civil services, child welfare cases, and the current operations for the 22nd Judicial District, Municipal and County courts (See attached)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Administrator, Shak Powers discussed a proposed recommendation from the Department of Local Affairs, for an extension of time to file the County Audit, a draft letter to be mailed to local business owners regarding appeal applications for essential businesses to reopen and the Region 9 business loan applications. (See attached)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORTS: Topics discussed within the Commissioner reports included; the Southwest TPR meeting, Region 9 loan approvals, the Tri Chamber newsletter, the scheduled Ride the Rockies event, virtual CCI meetings, virtual Health Department and Emergency Manager update meetings, the Public Lands / NACo meeting, Land and Water
Conservation Funds, a phone conference with other County Commissioners, a letter from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Chairman, Manuel Hart, a post COVID19 financial outlook, alternative cares centers, the Fairground remodel project, the McPhee Marina and the McPhee Breakwater. Commissioner Ertel moved that we take the architects drawings and plans for the County Fairgrounds remodel and submit them out for bid as soon as possible. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** (See attached)

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The following correspondence was read and noted: Email from SOUTHWEST HEALTH SYSTEMS: CEO, Anthony Sudduth with a weekly Community relations update. (See attached)

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 11:10 a.m.
At a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held on Monday April 20, 2020 at the courthouse in Cortez, Colorado, there were present:

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

CHARIMAN Suckla opened the Special meeting of April 20, 2020.

DISCUSSION: A cooperative discussion was held regarding the development of a responsible business reopening plan within Montezuma County. Comments were made by Dr. Kent Aikin, County Administrator Shak Powers, Public Health Director Bobbi Lock, City of Cortez Manager John Dougherty, City of Cortez Karen Sheek, Mancos Town Administrator Heather Alvarez, Mancos Chamber of Commerce Margaret Goodell, Interim Town of Dolores Manager Ken Charleston, Dolores Chamber Susan Lisak, Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Chairman Manual Heart and Mancos Mayor Queenie Barz. Topics discussed included; the John Hopkins Principles for a Phased Reopening During COVID19: Guidelines for Governors, rapid testing, the purchased rapid testing equipment, community support, contact tracing, physical distancing, business closure appeals, exemption requests with guidance from the Health Department, the John Hopkins Proposed Principles for Action, the decline of local cases, a phased in reopening plan, phased approach plans from Mesa County and Eagle Counties, hospital elective surgeries, event gathering limits, vaccine development, community wide testing, more testing would result in more positive cases, additional assistance for the Health Department to complete required contract tracing, a balance between public safety and economics, the development of a pullback plan, business compliance to Health Department
standards, additional help for the Health Department to give guidance for local businesses, law enforcement compliance, personal responsibility, the scheduled County reopen for Monday April 27, 2020, a joint entity request to expedite the delivery of the rapid testing equipment, testing supplies, the hospital surge capacity, a tentative Town of Mancos reopen plan, the timing for the Dolores Town hall reopening, the development of reopening plans for local businesses, a standardized county sign for businesses, employee trainings, posting of business plans for customers to review, the proposed Governor’s reopen recommendations, the largest employer in Montezuma County, neighboring states case numbers, county impacts from visitors from neighboring states and the development of an outline for a county wide reopening plan to present for further review.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:00 a.m.

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County Clerk       April 20, 2020
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Chairman
At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held virtually on Tuesday April 21, 2020 at the courthouse in Cortez, Colorado, there were present:

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

CHAIRMAN, SUCKLA opened the virtual meeting of April 21, 2020.

MINUTES: Commissioner Candelaria moved to approve the minutes of the Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners Montezuma County, Colorado dated April 14, 2020 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Candelaria and carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGER REPORT: Emergency Manager, Jim Spratlen met virtually with the Commissioners and gave a COVID 19 Situation Assessment Report. Topics discussed included; locating and securing needed supplies, the development of a system to identify the Special Needs population, additions to the Emergency Operations Center support system, long term planning and recovery, donations and distribution of products, alternate care sites, non-congregate shelters, incident support plans, transportation, the road systems, school district meal deliveries, communication, public works and engineering, firefighting, assistance from Team Rubicon, assistance from the National Guard, recovery information and planning, mass care, sheltering, assistance for the homeless population, logistics, public health and medical services, a Colorado infection report, safety considerations, the Montezuma County infection report, energy, public safety, County personal quarantines, long term recovery, public assistant grants, the Joint Information System, public information officers, historic culture and preservation, business and
industry, a County’s estimated actual cost of $97,028.00, potential high impact media coverage, resource availability and number of deaths within the population percentages. (See attached)

PUBLIC HEALTH: Public Health Director, Bobbie Lock along with Laurel Schafer met with the Commissioners to give an update on the COVID19 crisis and to present for approval, the Department of Health and Environment, Approved Task Order Contract- Routing number 2020*3672. The contract is in regards to the Colorado National Collaborative, Suicide Prevention Grant and requires a digital signature from the Chairman of the Board. Topics discussed included; the County re-open plans, business compliance, entity partnerships and the County air monitoring equipment. Commissioner Ertel moved that our Health Department sign and renew this agreement with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for the Contract #2020*3672. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

SHERIFF’S MONTHLY REPORT: Sheriff, Steven Nowlin met with the Commissioners to give the March 2020 report which included; a COVID19 crisis response report, the monthly Calls for Service Report, increases in domestic violence and disturbance calls, an increase in welfare checks, unattended deaths, 24 hour county coverage, the Jail Report, the County Jail Counts, mandatory arrests, summonses, the Transport Cost Report, the municipal court closure, PR bonds, the Cortez City Inmate billing report, the Dolores Inmate report, (DOC) Department of Corrections holds, the current staffing level, recently impounded vehicles, the decontamination protocol for the staff and the facility. (See attached)

COUNTY CORONER: Coroner, George Deavers met with the Commissioners to give a monthly report. Coroner, Deavers reported that the year to date total for deaths was 36, with 2 suicides. Other topics discussed included, the morgue set up and the number of out of town autopsies.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Will Furse and Clarisa Folsom met with the Commissioners to give an update on the Department’s response to the COVID19 pandemic. Topics discussed included; operatives and directives from the Governor, the Chief Judge and from the Supreme Court, attorney appearances by Web X or phone, limited business to critically important matters, bond hearings, preliminary hearings, probable cause hearings, felony cases, the statewide public closure of the Public Defender’s office, staff currently working remotely, jury trial requirements, jury trial cancellations, speedy trial requirements or extensions, the “safe at home” campaign, a reduction of arrests, summons versus arrests, pretrial incarcerations and the CDPHE compliance by local businesses.

PUBLIC LANDS: Bureau of Land Management, Connie Clementson gave an update on the COVID19 response for the Bureau of Land Management’s public lands. Ms. Clementson reported that, the BLM remains open with the exception of the Visitors Center, that developed campsites remain open, employee protection procedures, the addition of porta john services, the rescheduling of a horse adoption program, stabilizer issues at the Sand Canyon parking lot, a scoping document and comment period on the Painted Hand Road reroute and the Environmental Assessments on the Flowdine and Yellow Jacket permits.
COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: County Attorney, John Baxter discussed the Non Congregate segregation contracts and the Court’s system operations.

NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS: Resource Director, James Dietrich presented for approval a Colorado the Beautiful Grant Agreement, with the State of Colorado in the amount of $193,350.00. This grant pertains to the Paths to Mesa Verde project and requires a match amount, of which half would be made by the Town of Mancos. Commissioner Candelaria moved that we sign the State of Colorado Grant Agreement in the amount of $193,350.00, for the Paths to Mesa Verde. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Director Dietrich reported that Montezuma County had been awarded the Private / Public Partnership award from the National Scenic Byways Foundation, for the Mc Elmo Flume project. Other topics discussed included; a notification of the BLM litigation project within La Plata County and a letter of support for fuel mitigation projects. (See attached)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Administrator, Shak Powers presented a letter addressed to James Thomas of the Becton, Dickinson and Company regarding the BD MAX Analyzer. It was decided to carbon copy the letter to Congressman Tipton and Senators, Gardner and Bennett. Commissioner Ertel moved to send a letter requesting the expedition of the B D Max analyzer for Montezuma County to Becton, Dickinson and Company. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. The Commissioners were in agreement that Administrator Powers stamp the Commissioners signatures on the letter and get it mailed. Other topics discussed included; the individual County Department’s re-open plans, the Fairgrounds manager applications, scheduled interviews and the Fairgrounds remodel bids. (See attached)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Topics discussed within the Commissioner reports included; virtual Covid19 update meetings with the Public Health Department and the Emergency Manager, contract tracing, the Montezuma Business Task Force, a virtual meeting with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, placing the draft re-opening plan out for public comments, the scheduling of a special Commissioner meeting on Thursday April 23, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. to address public comment on the proposed business re-open plan. Commissioner Candelaria read a personal email response letter addressed to Brent Mc Whirter, regarding a COVID19 response. (See attached)

PUBLIC COMMENT: (See attached)

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was read and noted:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:50 a.m.

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Clerk      April 21, 2020                     Chairman
At a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held on Monday April 23, 2020 at the courthouse in Cortez, Colorado, there were present:

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

Adjutant General of the National Guard, Major General Michael Loh and Director of the Colorado Office of Emergency Management within the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Mike Willis met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss concerns of COVID-19 cases within bordering counties. Topics discussed included; the visiting National Guard members helping in the Montezuma County Emergency Operations Center, supplies for the Navajo Nation, the “Safe at Home” campaign, the phased reopening plan, assistance to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, testing equipment and PPE supplies.

CHARIMAN Suckla opened the Special meeting of April 23, 2020, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING REMARKS: Chairman Suckla discussed the draft Montezuma County reopening plan, the length of time to develop the plan, the County’s adoption of the Governor’s plan and the review process to develop modifications for the best reopening plans for Montezuma County. The Commissioners were in agreement to adopt the Governor’s plan but review and modify for the specific needs of Montezuma County.
BUSINESS AND PUBLIC SURVEY: Dolores Chamber Manager, Susan Lisak representing the Tri Chambers, presented the results of the Public Survey on Reopening Local Businesses and the Business Reopening Survey. (See attached)

DISCUSSION: A discussion was held regarding the Public Health’s best practice approach to relaxing stay-at-home orders, and other limitations on commerce and social activity presented to Governor Jared Polis from the Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials (CALPHO). Topics of the discussion included; the five step indicators that must be met to move into a stabilization phase, a sustained decrease in cases for 14 days, hospitals are safely able to treat patients without resorting to crisis standards of care, testing can be performed for all people with symptoms consistent with COVID-19, rapid testing, testing supplies, active monitoring can be accomplished for all COVID-19 cases and their contacts, contact tracing, a clear protocol in place that requires social distancing and assists with care and Governor Polis’s updates to the Coloradans on State response to COVID-19. (See attached)

COMMENTS: Comments were made by Southwest Health Systems CEO, Anthony Sudduth, Dr. Kent Aikin, Public Health Director Bobbi Lock, Town of Dolores Mayor, Chad Wheelus, Mancos Town Administrator Heather Alvarez, Cortez Mayor Karen Sheek, Dolores Chamber Manager Susan Lisak, City of Cortez Manager John Dougherty, Colton Black, Robin Richard, Montezuma County Public Health Emergency Manager Karen Dickson, Cortez Fire Chief Jay Balfour, Rafe Obrien and Eugene Williams.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Administrator Powers presented the Strike One, Ball One, Take Two recommendation plan for review. Topics of discussion included; restaurant re-openings and the development of a suppression plan. (See attached)

VIRTUAL PUBLIC COMMENT: (See attached)

CORRESPONDENCE: Emailed correspondence was received by: Marianne Mate, Kylan Frye, Scott Story, Houston Frizzell, Erik Henderson, Holly Tomazin, Jean Flesch, Ryan Spittler, Mitchell Toms, Shawna Valdez, Matt Eyutchison, Kelly Brumley, Sue Ellen Gilbert, Allen Maez, Glen Brace, Lisa Passell, Kristina Ricca, Dexter Gill, Katherine Foster, Linda Kemp, Silverton House-Whitehorse, Larry Schultz, Yoshi Okano, Melissa Brunner, George Tripp, Ann Swope, Robin Richard and Name Withheld.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: was made by Commissioner Ertel seconded by Commissioner Candelaria and carried.
MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:00 p.m.

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County Clerk       April 23, 2020    Chairman
STATE OF COLORADO  
COUNTY OF MONTEZUMA

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held virtually on Tuesday April 28, 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 (Virtually)  
Kim Percell, County Clerk (Virtually)

CHAIRMAN, SUCKLA opened the hybrid meeting of April 28, 2020 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 April 20, April 21, and April 23, 2020 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ertel and carried.

COUNTY SHERIFF: Sheriff, Steven Nowlin met with the Commissioners to present for approval, the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement and the Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Operating Plan & Financial Plan, between the Montezuma County Sheriff’s Department and the USDA, Forest Service, San Juan National Forest. Commissioner Ertel moved that based upon the Sheriff’s consent, to approve the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement between Montezuma County Sheriff’s office and the US Forest Service for a 5 year period 2020-2025. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Commissioner Ertel moved to approve the single annual contract, for another Cooperative Law Enforcement, Annual Operating Plan and Financial Plan, between Montezuma County Sheriff’s Department and the USDA Forest Service for the year ending December 31, 2020. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)
EMERGENCY MANAGER REPORT: Emergency Manager, Jim Spratlen met virtually with the Commissioners and gave a COVID 19 Situation Assessment Report. Topics discussed included; locating and securing needed supplies, assistance for the Special Needs population, long term recovery planning, local business recovery, identification of donors and their donations, waiting for the State approval of the Non Congregate Shelter documents, additional development to the group support plan, the County Transportation program, communication, public works, firefighting, the addition of a public information officer, mass care, emergency housing assistance, logistics, public health and medical services, a Colorado infection report, safety considerations, the Montezuma County infection report, contact tracing, energy, public safety, County personnel, assistance from the National Guard, the Business Task Force and Tri Chambers recovery information and planning, the estimated COVID-19 expenses of $99,130.00, PPE supplies, and the potential ultra violet sterilization process. (See attached)

PLANNING: Planning Director Don Haley, presented a letter of recommendation from the Montezuma County Historical Society with a request that the Designation of the Montezuma Valley Irrigation Company Flume #6 the McElmo Creek Flume, be added to the Montezuma County Historic Registry, be approved. Commissioner Ertel moved that the Board of County Commissioners, support the Montezuma County Historical Society and their Montezuma Valley Irrigation Company Flume #6, the McElmo Creek Flume, on the Montezuma County Historic Registry. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

WEED DEPARTMENT: Megan Horn from the Weed Department virtually presented Noxious Weed Right of Entry Resolutions #1-2020, #2-2020, #3-2020 and #4-2020 for approval. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the resolutions granting Montezuma County Weed Program or its designee’s the right of entry onto property to control noxious weeds based on the affidavit of the County Weed Supervisor Noxious weed resolutions #1-2020, #2-2020, #3-2020 and #4-2020. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Other topics discussed included the Simon Draw bike trail. (See attached)

BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT: It being the time set aside, the Board of Social Services was conducted. Director, Gina Montoya and Finance Officer, Lori Higgins were virtually present. (See attached)

VETERANS SERVICE: Veteran Service Officer, Rick Torres presented the Certification of Pay for March, 2020 along with the Monthly report of services. Officer Torres gave an update on the monthly statistical data and the indirect income to Montezuma County. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the certification of pay for the Montezuma County Veterans Service for the month of March, 2020 in the amount of $8,791.67. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. (See attached).

MOCO TRANSPORTATION: Jennifer Morris met virtually with the Commissioner to give an update on the County Transit program. Topics discussed included; the decrease in ridership since the COVID-19 pandemic, meals on wheels deliveries, a CDOT COVID-19 grant, a $15,000.00 grant from Triple A and potential food and pharmacy deliveries.
SENIOR SERVICES: Jonathon G. Parker met virtually and gave a monthly report on the Senior Services programs. Topics discussed included; an update on the kitchen remodel project, Grant/AAA funds, frozen meal kits, outlying sites, weekly check-in calls to participants, miscellaneous clients, client numbers, food supplies, shortages in milk and produce, a transition to the American Legion during the kitchen remodel construction project, COVID-19 practices, certifications and the activities program. (See attached)

CSU EXTENSION OFFICE: Extension Director, Gregory Felsen met with the Commissioners to give a monthly report. Topics of the discussion included; a suspension of face to face programing until May 15, 2020, campus leadership guidelines, the 4H youth development program, the Farmers Market, virtual meetings for the master Gardener program, the Southwest Research Station, the Orchard Management Project, preparations for the County Fair, the Advisory Committee and an employee retirement within the office. Director Felsen shared the following sites for additional resources: COVID-19 Food Supply Research and Resources https://foodsystmes.colostate.edu/covid19/ and the Southwest Producers Directory https://southwestproducers.org/. (See attached)

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: County Attorney, John Baxter discussed a scheduled meeting with representatives from Congressman Tipton’s and Senator Gardner’s offices regarding the Denver Television station petitions, the Walmart tax assessment case, the PAX case, the Non Congregate Sheltering Agreement and the suspension of all jury trials until June 1, 2020.

NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS: Resource Director, James Dietrich presented a letter of support, regarding the 1794 (S01000) DOI_BLM_C)-S010-2020-0021 (BLM Hazardous Fuels Treatments) for approval. Commissioner Candelaria moved to move the letter forward to the BLM Tres Rios Field Office, addressed to Ian Barrett, in favor for the BLM hazardous fuels treatments. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Director Dietrich also presented a letter of support regarding the Twin Spruce Fishing Ponds located on Highway 145, Dolores Colorado for approval. Commissioner Candelaria moved to send the letter of support in regard to the Twin Spruce fishing ponds on Highway 145 Dolores Colorado. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Other topics discussed included a bald eagle nesting site located directly off an active Highway. (See attached)

EXPENDITURES REPORT: Administrator Powers presented the March 2020 Accounts Payable Expenditure Reports for approval. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the Payables for the month of March, as displayed on the screen, in the amount of $3,002,130.30. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. (See attached)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Administrator, Shak Powers discussed the Conducting Business with County Departments in Phase 1 of “Safer at Home” report. Topics discussed included the following departments; the Assessor, the Clerk, the Treasurer, Social Services, Planning, GIS/Mapping, Natural Resources, Veterans and the Fairgrounds. (See attached)
COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Topics discussed within the Commissioner’s report included, the scheduled Montezuma County Board of Health meeting to discuss the **Montezuma County COVID-19 Suppression and Sustainable Reopening Plan**, the Denver television station petitions, the ozone monitoring equipment, the Montezuma Business Task Force / Tri City Chambers “Back to Business Tool Kit”, the virtual meetings with the Public Health department for COVID-19 updates and the Commissioners phone availability for constituents to discuss their concerns.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC COMMENT: (See attached)

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.**

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Clerk      April 28, 2020                          Chairman
At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held virtually on Tuesday May 5, 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 (Virtually)
Kim Percell, County Clerk (Virtually)

CHAIRMAN, SUCKLA opened the hybrid meeting of May 5, 2020 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 April 28, 2020 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ertel and carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGER REPORT: Emergency Manager, Jim Spratlen met virtually with the Commissioners and gave a COVID 19 Situation Assessment Report. Topics discussed included; an update on PPE supplies, identification of the special needs population, long term recovery plans, donations and distribution of products, contact tracing, the State approval of the Non Congregate Shelter documents, an incident support plan, the number of available rooms and the rates for the Non Congregate shelter, transportation, communications, public works, firefighting, law enforcement, emergency management, future strategies, the recovery operations plan guide, mass care, human services, housing, logistics support, Public Health, the Montezuma County Covid-19 Suppression and Sustainable Re-Opening Plan, a Colorado infection report, areas of concern, the Montezuma County infection report, the hospital’s rapid analyzer, rapid testing supplies, the accuracy of testing, energy, public safety, public information officers, the Commissioner’s public service announcements, the estimated COVID-19 expenses
of $101,270.00 and the high impact media coverage. Manager Spratlen reported that the two National Guardsmen, that had been helping the County, would be leaving on May 21, 2020. (See attached)

PLANNING: Planning Director, Don Haley presented for signatures of a 2 Lot Minor Subdivision with Rezoning, submitted by Gary Ellson & Tova Spector on property located at TBD Road P, Mancos, CO, consisting of 44.20 acres, more or less, located north of Road P, west of Road 33, situated in S. 1, T.36N, R.15W, N.M.P.M.

LIQUOR LICENSE: Deputy Clerk, Jerri Frizzell presented liquor license renewal applications for Echo Basin Ranch located at 43747 Road M, Mancos, Co 81328 and Bubba’s LLC, 18806 Hwy 491, Lewis, Co. Commissioner Ertel moved to approve the fermented malt beverage license renewal application for Bubbas, LLC located at 18806 Hwy 491 and the Echo Basin LLC., located at 43747 Road M, Mancos, CO. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Road Superintendent, Rob Englehart met virtually with the Commissioners to give his monthly report. Superintendent Englehart presented the road and bridge schedule for the dates of April 29, 2020 through May 14, 2020 and gave an overview of the type of work scheduled for each crew. Other topics discussed included: a culvert repair on Road L, the 7th Street expansion project, mag chloride, paving, graveling, a crusher move, delivery of the newly purchased crusher, the asphalt crews, painting quotes, the delivery schedule for the purchased trucks, chip sealing and the county wide Century Link operations. (See attached)

LANDFILL: Landfill Manager Mel Jarmon met virtually with the Commissioners and gave his monthly report, which included the 2020 Landfill budget spread sheet. Topics discussed with the report included; miscellaneous soils, an update on the cell #4 construction, a geosynthetic clay floor liner, the purchased loader and the recycling program. (See attached)

FAIRGROUNDS: Justin McGuire from the Fairgrounds met virtually with the Commissioners and gave a monthly report which included the year to date numbers for income of $20,379.00 and attendance at 4,635. A discussion was held regarding past, cancelled and rescheduled future events at the Fairgrounds. Other topics discussed included; the Horsemen Cards program, the Test and Tune event, the opening plan for the car racing events, the reopening of the indoor arena, the After Hours riding cards, plan reviews for additional small events and the remodel project. (See attached)

DISCUSSION: The Light House Baptist Church Pastor, Bruce M. Burkett sent an email to the Commissioners with a request to use the County Fairgrounds parking lot for the National Day of Prayer event. The request had been withdrawn as the organization had moved the event to the Cortez Elks Lodge. (See attached)

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: County Attorney, John Baxter met virtually with the Commissioners virtually and gave updates on the following: the PAX lawsuit, the Walmart tax
assessment case, the meeting with representatives from Congressman Tipton’s and Senator Gardner and Bennet’s offices regarding the Denver Television station petitions and the proposed Sky Mesa Estates Local Improvement District.

NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS: Resource Director, James Dietrich met with the Commissioners and discussed a proposed letter from the Commissioners, in support of opening the McPhee Reservoir. Commissioner Suckla reported that high school senior, Caleb Barkhurst had a petition with 913 signatures in support of the reservoir opening. The Board of County Commissioners were in agreement to send the proposed letter to Jennifer Eberlien. (See attached)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Administrator, Shak Powers discussed the approved, Montezuma County Covid-19 Suppression and Sustainable Re-Opening Plan, a proposal to reserve Wednesday mornings for the elderly population, to complete transactions within county departments and a letter of interest from B. Boe Hawkins to serve on the Mancos Water Conservancy District. Attorney Baxter will research past Board appointments for the Mancos Water Conservancy District. (See attached)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Topics discussed within the Commissioner’s report included, delivery options for customers from the local grocery stores, the attended Montezuma County Covid-19 Suppression and Sustainable Re-opening Plan meeting, and the new Commissioner’s Public Service Announcements.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC COMMENT: (See attached)

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was read and noted:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:30 a.m.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONTEZUMA COUNTY, COLORADO
May 12, 2020 (Hybrid Meeting)

STATE OF COLORADO )
COUNTY OF MONTEZUMA ) ss.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held virtually on Tuesday May 12, 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 (Virtually)
Kim Percell, County Clerk (Virtually)

CHAIRMAN, SUCKLA opened the hybrid meeting of May 12, 2020 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 May 5, 2020 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ertel and carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGER REPORT: Emergency Manager, Jim Spratlen met virtually with the Commissioners and gave a COVID 19 Situation Assessment Report. Topics discussed included: locating and securing needed supplies, monitoring the new social plan, the development of a system to identify the special needs population, adding to the Emergency Operations Center Support system, long term recovery plans, donations and distribution of products, compiling data into usable formats and data systems, contact tracing, developing plans for a temporary Tier 3 facility, the 7 day incident support plan, normal operations for all of the emergency support functions, transportation, communications, public works, engineering, Road and Bridge, firefighting, emergency management, the developed recovery operations plan guide, mass care, logistics, Public Health, the Colorado infection report, areas of safety concerns, the Montezuma County infection report, a scheduled Four Corners State regional virtual meeting, energy, public safety, public information officers, state mandated case reports, the County case
reports, the National Guardsmen, historic culture business industry, the estimated COVID-19 expenses of $142,866.48, a breakdown of the COVID-19 expenses, key activities and priorities within the weekly plan. (See attached)

**PLANNING:** **Planning Director, Don Haley,** and **Planning Assistant, S. Jane Duncan** presented for signatures an Exemption 1st Amended #P 56-82, submitted by **Johnny & Shirley Mosher** on property located at 14236 Road 21, Cortez, CO, consisting of 5.2 acres, more or less and Exemption, 1st Amended #P 60-80, submitted by Johnny & Shirley Mosher on property located at 14236 Road 21, Cortez, CO, consisting of 12.77 acres, more or less, located north of Road P, west of Road 33, both situated in Section 1, Township 36N, Range 15W, N.M.P.M. At this time, Commissioner Ertel recused himself from the decision. Commissioner Suckla moved to approve the Amendment #P 56-82 and #P 60-80 submitted by Johnny and Shirley Moser on property located at 14236 Road 21, Cortez Co, consisting of 12 acres more or less. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

**Director, Haley,** and **Planning Assistant, S. Jane Duncan** presented for signatures, a Subdivision Amendment to Lots #7 & 10 of the Mancos Ranches 11 Lot Major Subdivision submitted by **Ryan Griglak, Agent: Maness & Associates** on property located at 42169 Road J.75, Mancos, CO, consisting of 3.35 acres, more or less, located north of Road J.75, South of Road 42, situated in S.27, T.36N, R.13W, N.M.P.M.

**DISCUSSION:** The Commissioners held a preliminary discussion regarding a proposed, temporary suspension of road impact fees, as an incentive for local business developments.

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT:** **Mesa Sky Estates,** agent **Keenen Lovett** met in person along with the **Road & Bridge Supervisor, Rob Englehart** met virtually with the Commissioners to continue a discussion, of a proposed development of a Local Improvement District, from a petition signed by property owners of Mesa Sky Estates. Topics discussed included: a change from a County red road designation to a green road designation, property improvements, bonding, capital costs, a change from the proposed 10 year payback to a 5-7 year payback, a request for product (RFP), contractor bids and the best product for the project. The Commissioners were in agreement to give Road Superintendent Englehart the authority to distribute an RFP. The proposal will be discussed again at a later date. (See attached)

**WEED DEPARTMENT:** **Weed Department Manager, Bonnie Loving** met virtually with the Commissioner to present, **Noxious Weed Right of Entry Resolutions #5-2020, #6-2020, #7-2020 and #8-2020.** Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept and grant the resolutions granting Montezuma County Weed program or its designee right of entry onto property to control noxious weeds based on affidavit of county weed supervisor, noxious weed resolutions #5-2020, #6-2020, #7-2020 and #8-2020. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. (See attached)

**IT:** **IT Director, Jim McClain** met virtually with the Commissioners to present his monthly report. Topics discussed included the audio project, the fiber changeover project, the Farmers Telephone fiber project, the Health Department Dental lab, entryway card readers at the Annex III building, and the wireless projects at the Landfill and Fairgrounds.
GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE: Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Chenard met with the Commissioner to give his monthly report. Topics discussed included; an Annex I update, the solar projects, the Health Department Dental project, the Senior Services kitchen remodel project, plumbing permits, the stucco project, the Fairground sprinkler system, the Fairground restroom fixtures for the remodel project, roofing projects, the sally port project, a charging station, damages to the electrical ice melt asphalt at the Annex III building and a pot hole in the Administration building parking lot.

GIS MAPPING: GIS Manager, Doug Roth and Mapping Specialist, Rachel Medina met with the Commissioners to give a monthly report. Topics discussed included; the current departmental options for customer service, the fiber changeover project, the Census project, updated zoning and buffer maps for the Town of Dolores, updated County fire risk maps, an updated address map for the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, proposed tourism recreational usage maps for the local Chamber of Commerce’s and the development of the official 2020 Montezuma County Road map. (See attached)

MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION: Veteran Service Officer, Rick Torres presented the Memorial Day Proclamation for signatures. (See attached)

EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM / E911: Dispatch Manager, Lori Johnson, met virtually with the Commissioners to present an amended Grant Agreement #CTGG1 SGAA 2020-2923. Manager Johnson explained the contract was the same as the one previously approved but because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the due dates for the Initial Agreement Expiration Date and the Fund Expenditure End Date had been adjusted. (See attached)

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: County Attorney, John Baxter discussed; County departments planning for COVID-19 issues, county employee overtime, the current Court’s operations, the proposed Mesa Sky Estates, Local Improvement District and the development of a County burial expense fund per Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S,) 30-17-104 and C.R.S. 31-17-105.

RESOLUTION: Administrator Powers presented Resolution #7-2020, a resolution amending the budget to create a temporary general assistance program. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept resolution #7-2020, a resolution amending the budget to create a temporary general assistance program. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried, (See attached)

NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS: Resource Director, James Dietrich met with the Commissioners and discussed; the proposed adoption of the official county road map, possible stimulus funding, the McPhee breakwater, repairs needed on the road to House Creek, the Twin Spruce project, the reopening of all State Parks within Montezuma County and a letter in support of the re-opening of all United States Forest Service developed recreation facilities within Montezuma County. Commissioner Candelaria moved to support the re-opening of state Parks within Montezuma County. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Commissioner Ertel moved that the Board of Montezuma County Commissioners, send to the United State Forest Service, in care of Derek Padilla, the letter stating that we support the
opening of all federal forest lands and public lands, at his disposal. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Administrator, Shak Powers discussed; the expected Covid-19 expenses, a proposed 50% cut in the 2020 budgeted Departmental travel expenses and the approval of four additional Region 9 local business loans.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:** Topics discussed within the Commissioner’s report included; upcoming scheduled meetings, approved local bank business loans, the Montezuma Business Tax Force and the Commissioner’s responsibility for county funds.

**VIRTUAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** (See attached)

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The following correspondence was read and noted: Letter from Merchant McIntire and Associates.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 11:50 a.m.

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Clerk       May 12, 2020           Chairman
At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held virtually on Tuesday May 19, 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 (Virtually)
Kim Percell, County Clerk (Virtually)

CHAIRMAN, SUCKLA opened the hybrid meeting of May 19, 2020 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the minutes of the Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners Montezuma County, Colorado dated May 12, 2020 from the hybrid meeting, as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ertel and carried.

MINUTES: Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the minutes of the Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners Montezuma County, Colorado dated May 14, 2020, from the virtual meeting, as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ertel and carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGER REPORT: Emergency Manager, Jim Spratlen met virtually with the Commissioners and gave a COVID 19 Situation Assessment Report. Topics discussed included; securing needed supplies, monitoring the new social plan, identification of the special needs population within the county, the emergency operation support system, long term recovery plans, donations and distribution of products, data system organization, contact tracing, the development of a COVID Recovery Center, the weekly incident support plan, recovery assistance to local business, the weekly proposed business survey questions, normal operations for most county emergency support functions, the county transportation program, the County
case numbers, public informational communications, and equipment preparedness for fire mitigation. (See attached)

**UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE:** Tribal Chairman, Manuel Heart read a letter addressed to the Montezuma County Commissioners and staff. Topics discussed within the letter included the Current COVID-19 statistics, Montezuma county testing numbers, data case numbers reported of the Montezuma County, scheduled mass testing at the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, testing for the homeless population, economic concerns, the County’s variance request, contact tracing, a recommendation from the Tribal Council to wear masks in public, recognition of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe as a Sovereign Tribal Nation and coordination with the County on the economic startup and health concerns within the county. **Tribal Councilman, Lyndreth Wall** discussed a positive and open working relationship between the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and the County, continued business support and growth, along with respect for and good harmony between the County and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. Other topics discussed included; the County’s variance denial from the State, the proposed revised variance request, a request for a letter of support from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe for the revised variance application and coordination between the County and the Tribe to address the five points of concern. The five points of concern included; Representative Sample Testing, Tracing Concerns from Out of State, Individuals Experiencing Homelessness, the Health Care System, and the Fall Back-to-School. (See attached)

**WEED DEPARTMENT:** Megan Horn with the Weed Department met virtually with the Commissioner to present, **Noxious Weed Right of Entry Resolutions #9-2020.** Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the resolution granting Montezuma County Weed program or its designee right of entry onto property to control noxious weeds based on affidavit of county weed supervisor, noxious weed resolutions #9-2020. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. (See attached)

**FAIRGROUNDS RACE TRACK:** Race Track Promoter, Eugene Felker met with the Commissioners to give an update on the recently held opening weekend. Topics discussed included; the track signage, the race statistics, a video of the races, hand sanitizer, masks, required social distancing efforts, no public attendees, the future racing schedule, the Fairground parking lot rental fees and a connection to the tourism Board to promote the racing facility. The Commissioners were in agreement to waive the Fairground parking lot rental fees.

**MONTEZUMA COUNTY FAIR:** Montezuma County Fairboard President, Allen Higgins, met with the Commissioners to discuss plans to move forward with the scheduled County Fair. Topics discussed included; the recent Fairboard meeting, legal liabilities for Fairboard members, the scheduled concert, purchased awards, contingency plans, the live show event, the livestock sale, rescheduling the Tag In event and budget concerns.

**PUBLIC LANDS:**
**COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE:** MATT THORPE representing the Colorado Division of Parks met with the Commissioners to give updates on the following topics; big game seasons, elk herd management, revising the West Slope Mountain Lion Management Plan, electronic
calls, impacts of COVID-19 to scheduled hunting seasons, no current restrictions due to COVID-19 and boat access for Montezuma County lakes.

FORREST SERVICE: District Ranger, Derek Padilla met virtually with the Commissioners to give updates on various projects. Topics discussed included; timber operations, scheduled timber sales, fire restrictions, camp ground operations, Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Inspections, the House Creek boat ramp, social distancing at the McPhee marina, fire restrictions signage within the County and fire wood permit sales.

COUNTY CORONER: Coroner George Deavers was required to leave the meeting. No report given.

SHERIFF’S MONTHLY REPORT: Sheriff Steven Nowlin met with the Commissioners to give his monthly report. Sheriff Nowlin reported that the Jail has remained COVID free. Other topics discussed included; the current inmate population number, inmates held for Dolores County, the DOC Holds Report, the Calls for Service Report, business security checks, deputy schedules, water calls, food supply orders, the year to date Transport Report, the Transport Perdium and Hotel Costs Report, the Total Monthly Inmate County Report, the Monthly Arrests Report, Dolores County’s Inmate Billing, the homeless population, a request to hold inmates from the Southern Ute Tribe, an inmates invoice to the Southern Ute Tribe, the Monthly Operational Expenses Report, the Monies Paid into the General Fund Report and the DOLA gaming grant. (See attached)

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Will Furse met virtually with the Commissioners to give his monthly report. Topics discussed included; an update on the Department’s response to the COVID19 pandemic, remote court appearances, streamlined processing for defendants, a bond schedule from the Chief Justice, pre-trial processing, a jury trial push back order from the Supreme Court, case load back logs, staff working remotely, protection order violations, a proposed discretionary release option, catch and release cases, public availability and the victim advocates efforts to meet with anyone who is affected by local crime.

BID OPENING: Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Chenard (in person) along with Justin McGuire (virtually) from the Fairgrounds met with the Commissioner to discuss the Fairground Remodel project. Bids for the Fairground Remodel Project were opened for review. A bid in the amount of $56,971.00 from Cortez Home & Office, LLC was presented. Commissioner Suckla moved to approve the bid from Cortez Home & Office LLC, in the amount of $56,971.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ertel. With two votes in favor from Commissioners Suckla and Ertel and one vote against from Commissioner Candelaria, the motion carried. (See attached)

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: County Attorney, John Baxter met virtually with the Commissioners and discussed; the decrease in the County jail population, jury trial schedules, remote court appearances, the resolutions approved in the May 14, 2020 meeting and a number correction for previously approved resolutions numbered 7-2020 through 9-2020. Commissioner Candelaria moved for clarification that resolutions #8-2020, rescinding the Declaration of Local Health Disaster Emergency be numbered as resolution number #9 and also moved that the
Resolution #9-2020 voted on last week to the JVC be moved to Resolution #10. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried (See attached)

NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS: Resource Director, James Dietrich. No report given.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Administrator, Shak Powers presented for the Chairman’s signature, a quote for the Montezuma County Landfill liner systems, from Simbeck & Associates in the amount of $274,236.76. Other topics discussed included; the CDPHE Revised Variance Request and clarification of a Public Health Department personnel that attended the Race Track opening event.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Topics discussed within the Commissioner’s report included; a virtual meeting with the CDPHE, the Montezuma Business Task Force meeting, business loans from local banks and the first quarter city sales tax reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Danny Wilkin discussed the Montezuma Valley Irrigation board meeting and the Mc Elmo Canyon water discussion.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC COMMENT: (See attached)

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was read and noted:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:25 p.m.

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Clerk      May 19, 2020                              Chairman
STATE OF COLORADO  
COUNTY OF MONTEZUMA  

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held virtually on Tuesday May 26, 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 (Virtually)  
Kim Percell, County Clerk (Virtually)

CHAIRMAN, SUCKLA opened the hybrid meeting of May 26, 2020 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the minutes of the Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners Montezuma County, Colorado dated May 19, 2020, as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ertel and carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH: From the Public Health Department, Director, Bobbie Lock, and Assistant Director, Laurel Schafer, President and CEO of C&G Healthcare, Joyce Humiston, from Southwest Health Systems: CEO, Anthony Sudduth, CNO, Karen Labonte along with Dr. Kent Aikin, Hospitalist Program Medical Director and Montezuma County Public Health Medical Director, met with the Commissioner to give a County update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Topics discussed included; enforcement of Public Health orders, education and prevention to decrease the spread of the disease, the impacts of COVID-19 on the Public Health Department, impacts to local nursing homes and assisted living centers, impacts to the hospital and staff, physical distancing, sanitation, facial covering, the recommended time for personal contact, PPE supplies, positive COVID cases within the local nursing homes, resident and employee testing, the Abbot’s and BD Max testing machines, testing supplies, community
wide testing, statistic reports of testing, antibody testing, contract tracing and opening the local business with guidelines in place.

**COUNTY CORONER:** Coroner, George Deavers met with the Commissioners to give a monthly report. Topics of the discussion included; reopening local businesses, the requirements from the CDPHE to report causes of death due to Covid-19 and State statistics of COVID related deaths.

**EMERGENCY MANAGER REPORT:** Emergency Manager, Jim Spratlen met with the Commissioners and gave a COVID 19 Situation Assessment Report. Topics discussed included; additional testing efforts, securing needed supplies, monitoring the Governor’s plan, identification of the special needs population within the county, monitor the long term recovery plans, recovery assistance to local business, donations and distribution of products, data system organization, contact tracing, the development of a COVID Recovery Center, the weekly incident support plan, the weekly proposed business survey questions, normal operations for most county emergency support functions, the county transportation program, the Towaoc Sage Road fire, updated County case numbers, public informational communications, a report that the Mesa Verde National Park had opened and the $152,000.00 estimated County cost for COVID-19 expense. (See attached)

**LIQUOR LICENSE:** Deputy Clerk, Jerri Frizzell presented a permit application and report of changes to premises for the Mancos Brewing Company LLC located at 484 E Frontage Road Mancos Co. 81328. The Brewing Company would like to add additional outside seating. A discussion was held regarding previous noise complaints for the establishment. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the Mancos Brewing Co. LLC., license at 484 E. Frontage Road, Mancos Co. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. (See attached)

** Lodgers Tax Committee:** Committee Chairman, Lee Cloy along with Committee Secretary, Brian Bartlett met with the Commissioners to give their recommendations for the 2020 Tax Fund Disbursements. Recommendations included: the Ute Mountain Round up Rodeo $2,500.00, Colorado Welcome Center, $14,600.00, Mesa Verde Country $70,000.00, Mancos Valley Chamber $29,000.00, Galloping Goose Historical Society $2,500.00, KSJD / Sunflower $0.00, Cortez Cultural Center $14,000.00 and the Dolores Chamber $29,000.00. Commissioner Candelaria moved to approve the tax fund disbursement for the year 2020, in the amount of $161,600.00 as presented by the Board. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. (See attached)

**Board of Social Services Monthly Report:** It being the time set aside, the Board of Social Services was conducted. Director, Gina Montoya and Finance Officer, Lori Higgins were present. (See attached)

**Veterans Service:** Veteran Service Officer, Rick Torres presented the Certification of Pay for April, 2020 along with the Monthly report of services. Officer Torres gave an update on the monthly statistical data and the indirect income to Montezuma County. Commissioner Ertel moved to approve the Colorado Department of Veterans Affairs, County Veterans Service Officers monthly report and certification of pay for the month of April, 2020 for Montezuma
Montezuma County. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Other topics discussed included; a yearly comparison client report, home / nursing visits, outreach events, community events, claims filed, claims decided, monthly benefit income and an open officer position in La Plata County. (See attached).

SENIOR SERVICES: Jonathon G. Parker met with the Commissioners to give a monthly report on the Senior Services programs. Topics discussed included; antibody testing for employees, the kitchen remodel project, frozen meal kits, current program operations, meals prepared at the American Legion, local produce, and guidance for future on-site meals. (See attached)

CSU EXTENSION OFFICE: Extension Director, Gregory Felsen met with the Commissioners to give a monthly update report on the CSU Extension Office. Topics of the discussion included the Master Gardner’s Grow and Give Campaign, web site at https://cmg.extension.colostate.edu/grow-give/, The Victory Gardens Program, educational self-reliance webinars, support for local farmers and ranchers, a scheduled walk through for the Cortez Farmers Market, the face to face programming suspension, virtual programming, future Colorado 4-H COVID-19 In-Person Programming Guidelines, required COVID-19 waivers, plans for the scheduled County Fair and the process to proceed, the County Fair Tag In event and communication with the Interim Fairgrounds Manager Justin McGuire.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: County Attorney, John Baxter discussed the scheduled Walmart tax assessment hearing and a request from CDPHE, regarding a recorded property deed for the Carver Landfill closure.

NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS: Resource Director, James Dietrich met with the Commissioners to give a weekly report. Director Dietrich presented for approval, a letter addressed to the U.S. Department of the Interior Director, Bureau of Land Management regarding the proposed E-Bike Rules. Commissioner Ertel moved that the Montezuma County Board of Commissioners, send a letter of support to the Bureau of Land Management, regarding (RIN 1004-AE72) the proposed E-Bike Rules. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Other topics discussed included; a BLM notice regarding the Land Health Evaluation Report for the Flowdine and Yellow Jacket allotments, a request for comment from Mesa Verde National Park regarding an environmental assessment, the Paths to Mesa Verde Trail Project, a proposed Forest Service land purchase, a scheduled Montezuma County Recreation Advisory Committee (MCRAC) meeting and the County’s “No Net Loss Resolution”. (See attached)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Administrator, Shak Powers reported he will continue to work on a resubmittal for the CDPHE Revised Variance Request for the reopening of all county businesses.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Topics discussed within the Commissioner’s report included; a virtual Work Force meeting, State Employment numbers, the Unemployment Compensation Funds, Unemployment Insurance Rates, the CDPHE Revised Variance Request, the denied letter of support from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, a virtual meeting with
Jill Ryan with the CDPHE, the per person Cares Act allocations to Colorado counties, a virtual meeting with the Montezuma Business Task Force, disaster loans for local businesses, the meeting with the Tribal Councilmen, reopening county businesses and Commissioner support for proposed turning lanes on Hwy 491, at the Lewis Arriola School.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Heather Alvarez discussed the Lodgers Tax Disbursement to the Mancos Chamber. Danny Wilkin discussed the M&M property Clean-Up Project and a status of the county budget.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC COMMENT: (See attached)

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was read and noted: A letter of public comment from M.B. McAfee and a letter addressed to the Commissioners from Patricia Joy Richmond. (See attached)

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:00 p.m.

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Clerk     May 26, 2020  ________________________________  Chairman
STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF MONTEZUMA

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held on Tuesday June 2, 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 June 2, 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 May 26, 2020 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Candelaria and carried.

PLANNING: Planning Director, Don Haley, and Planning Assistant, S. Jane Duncan presented for signatures a Mylar for a Single Lot Development submitted by Justin & Erin Schmitt on property located at 13657 Road 21, Cortez, CO, consisting of 50.57 acres, more or less, located south of Road P, west of Road 21, situated in S.1, T.36N, R.17W, N.M.P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bob Ower discussed the vendor booth requirements for the local Cortez Farmers Market. (See attached)

SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS FUNDING: Mancos School District Re-6 Superintendent, Brian Hanson and from Montezuma Cortez School District Re-1, Melissa Brunner, met with the Commissioners to discuss the Secure Rural Schools allocation of funding. Administrator Powers reported that the allocation is 25% to the Road & Bridge, 25% is mandated to the local school districts and the remaining 50% is discretionary to the County. Historically the County
has split the 50% to the local school districts by the student population. The local school district superintendents presented a letter with their recommendations for the fund allocation along with a request for a 3 year Memo of Understanding for future allocations. *County Attorney Baxter* presented a draft Memo of Understanding and discussed the required allocation statutes. The Commissioners were not in agreement of the MOU but were in agreement to allocate the 50% discretionary funds by the district’s student population. (See attached)

**EMERGENCY MANAGER REPORT:** Emergency Manager, Jim Spratlen met virtually with the Commissioners and gave a COVID 19 *Situation Assessment Report*. Topics discussed included; additional testing at 2 assisted living facilities, securing needed supplies, monitoring the Governor’s plan, identification of the special needs population within the county, monitor the long term recovery plans, recovery assistance to local business, the outreach for the current business survey, data system organization, contact tracing, a visit from *National Guard General Sherman*, the development of a *COVID Recovery Center*, the scheduled community testing event, non-congregate sheltering, the weekly incident support plan, the county transportation program, communications, public works, a recent brush and structure fires, emergency management, mass care, logistics, Public Health, safety concerns, County case numbers, an update on the animal shelter, energy, public information communications and an estimated expense report at $153,000.00. (See attached)

**ROAD DEPARTMENT:** Road Superintendent, Rob Englehart met with the Commissioners to give his monthly report. Superintendent Englehart presented the road and bridge schedule for the dates of May 27, 2020 through June 12, 2020 and gave an overview of the type of work scheduled for each crew. Other topics discussed included; an update for the *Four Corners* asphalt overlay project, an update on the solar panel installation, a scheduled Road 16 closure, the *Alkali Creek Bridge* project, a 3 way intersection stop for the 7th Street Extension and the *Cares Act* allocation funds. (See attached)

**LANDFILL:** Landfill Manager, Mel Jarmon gave his monthly report which included the 2020 Landfill budget spread sheet. Manager Jarmon presented bid proposals from *Core & Mann* in the amount of $8936.94 and from *Esso Pipe and Supply* in the amount of $10,060.34 for the new #4 cell leachate collection system. Other topics discussed included; the Landfill Certificate of Designation, equipment rentals for the new cell development, the commodities and the Tire Shredding Program. (See attached)

**WEED DEPARTMENT:** Weed Department Manager, Bonnie Loving presented for approval, *Noxious Weed Right of Entry Resolutions #10-2020 through #17-2020*. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the resolutions granting Montezuma County Weed program or its designee, right of entry onto the property, to control noxious weeds, based on affidavit of county weed supervisor, noxious weed resolutions #10-2020 through #17-2020, excluding #12-2020. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. (See attached)

**FAIRGROUNDS:** Interim Fairgrounds Manager, Justin McGuire gave his monthly report which included the year to date numbers for income of $21,873.00 and attendance at 5,880. A discussion was held regarding past and future events scheduled at the Fairgrounds. Other topics
discussed included; the scheduled community testing event, a change to LED lights in the archery/south and upstairs meeting rooms, an update on the Kitchen / Bathroom Remodel Project, the after-hours open riding program and public attendance at Fairground events. (See attached)

NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS: Resource Director, James Dietrich met with the Commissioners to give a weekly report. Director Dietrich presented, for approval, a letter of opposition addressed to Derek Padilla, District Ranger of the Dolores Ranger District regarding a U.S Forest Service purchase of a private parcel. Commissioner Ertel moved that the Board of Montezuma County Commissioners, submit to Derek Padilla District Ranger of the Dolores Ranger District and the US Forest Service, in our opposition to the purchase of the acreage from the Zwicker estate, as well as send them our resolution supporting “No Net Loss” of private lands in Montezuma County. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Other topics discussed included; the M&M property cleanup project, the designation of the Mc Elmo Flume to the County Historic Registry, historical roads identified on the 2020 Official County Road map and a future discussion on a proposed property sale. (See attached)

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: County Attorney, John Baxter discussed the letter addressed to Ranger Padilla, the Pax LLC lawsuit and the future Colorado court case schedule.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Administrator, Shak Powers presented for approval the EXPENDITURES REPORT for April 2020. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the expenditures for the month of April 1st through April 30th in the amount of $3,564,709.50. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. A discussion was held regarding the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CVRF) Local Government Distribution Executive Summary. (See attached)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Candelaria presented a request from the Montezuma Business Task Force, to help purchase additional required IR thermometers for local businesses. Commissioner Ertel moved that the Board of County Commissioners purchase 20 more thermometers, at the cost of $1,100.00. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Other topics discussed within the Commissioner’s report included; a virtual CDPHE media meeting, the CCI legislative meeting, the visit with General Sherman from the National Guard, sales tax revenues, the local housing market and oil and gas revenues.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was made

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was read and noted:

MOTION TO ADJOURN: was made by Commissioner Ertel seconded by Commissioner Candelaria and carried.
MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:45 a.m.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONTEZUMA COUNTY, COLORADO
June 9, 2020

STATE OF COLORADO )
COUNTY OF MONTEZUMA ) ss.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held on Tuesday June 9, 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 June 9, 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 June 2, 2020 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Suckla and carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: It being the time set aside a public hearing is held for a proposed 2 Lot Minor Subdivision Application submitted by Terry & Barbara Moores on property located at 6700 Road 38, Mancos, CO, consisting of 41.61 acres, more or less, located south of Road G, east of Road 38, situated in S.11 T.35N., R.14W., N.M.P.M. The roll was called, the public notice read, and the proceedings were recorded for the record. Planning Director, Don Haley with Assistant, S. Jane Duncan presented the details of the application and the findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Suckla opened the hearing to public comment. Hearing no public comment that portion of the hearing was closed. After hearing all the evidence presented Commissioner Ertel moved that the 2 lot minor subdivision application submitted by Terry & Barbara Moores on property located at 6700 Road 38, Mancos, CO, be approved. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Commissioner Suckla closed the hearing at this time. (See attached)
PUBLIC HEARING: It being the time set aside a public hearing is held for review and determination of a proposed Variances Application and Subdivision and Rezoning Application for an Amendment to the Son River 2 Lot Minor Subdivision submitted by Krystal Investments, LLC; Agent: Gene Reininger, on property located at 19384 Hwy 145, Dolores, CO, consisting of 18.47 acres, more or less, located south of Hwy 145, situated in S.5 T.37N., R.14W., N.M.P.M.. The roll was called, the public notice read, and the proceedings were recorded for the record. Agent, Gene Reininger was present. Planning Director, Don Haley with Assistant, S. Jane Duncan presented the details of the application and the findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Suckla opened the hearing to public comment. Hearing no further public comment that portion of the hearing was closed. After hearing all the evidence presented Commissioner Ertel moved that the proposed variances application and subdivision and rezoning application for an amendment to the Son River 2 Lot Minor Subdivision submitted by Krystal Investments, LLC; Agent: Gene Reininger, on property located at 19384 Hwy 145, Dolores, CO be approved. Second by Commissioner Suckla and carried. Commissioner Suckla closed the hearing at this time. (See attached)

PUBLIC HEARING: It being the time set aside a public hearing is held for review and determination of a proposed 2 Lot Moderate Subdivision and Rezoning Application submitted by Joe & Rita Fowler, on property located at 25198 Road T.5, Dolores, CO, consisting of 7 acres, more or less, located south of Road T.5, east of Road 25, situated in S. 14, T.37N, R.16W, N.M.P.M. The roll was called, the public notice read, and the proceedings were recorded for the record. Joe Fowler, was present. Planning Director, Don Haley with Assistant, S. Jane Duncan presented the details of the application and the findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Suckla opened the hearing to public comment. Hearing no public comment that portion of the hearing was closed. After hearing all the evidence presented Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the proposed 2 lot moderate subdivision and rezoning application submitted by Joe & Rita Fowler, on property located at 25198 Road T.5, Dolores, CO, consisting of 7 acres, more or less, located south of Road T.5, east of Road 25. Second by Commissioner Suckla and carried. Commissioner Suckla closed the hearing at this time. (See attached)

PUBLIC HEARING: It being the time set aside a public hearing is held for review and determination of a proposed Single Lot Development and Rezoning Application submitted by Robbins Family Ranches, LLC, on property located at 9885 Road 43, Mancos, CO, consisting of 127.42 acres, more or less, north of Hwy 160, west of Road 43, situated in S.27, T.36N, R.13W, N.M.P.M. Commissioner Ertel recused himself from the hearing. The roll was called, the public notice read, and the proceedings were recorded for the record. Property owner, Don Yeomans was present. Planning Director, Don Haley with Assistant, S. Jane Duncan presented the details of the application and the findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Suckla opened the hearing to public comment. Hearing no public comment that portion of the hearing was closed. After hearing all the evidence presented Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the proposed single lot development and rezoning application submitted by the Robbins Family Ranches, LLC, on property located at 9885 Road 43, Mancos, CO, consisting of 127.42 acres, more or less, north of Hwy 160. Second by Commissioner Suckla and carried. Commissioner Suckla closed the hearing at this time. (See attached)
PUBLIC HEARING: It being the time set aside a public hearing is held for review and determination of an AR10-34 rezoning request and Subdivision Application for a proposed Single Lot Development on property owned by Edward S. Jankowski, 12383 Road 42, Mancos, CO, consisting of 68 acres, more or less, located east of Road 41.15 and north of Road 42, situated in S.10, T.36N., R.13W., N.M.P.M. The roll was called, the public notice read, and the proceedings were recorded for the record. Edward S. Jankowski was present. Planning Director, Don Haley with Assistant, S. Jane Duncan presented the details of the application and the findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Suckla opened the hearing to public comment. Hearing no public comment that portion of the hearing was closed. After hearing all the evidence presented Commissioner Ertel moved that the AR10-34 rezoning request and subdivision application for a single lot development on property owned by Edward S. Jankowski, located at 12383 Road 42, Mancos, consisting of 68 acres, be approved. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Commissioner Suckla closed the hearing at this time. (See attached)

PLANNING:
DISCUSSION: Planning Director, Don Haley, and Planning Assistant, S. Jane Duncan presented for discussion a refund request, of paid Road Impact Fees, in the amount of $1000.00, from Perry & Dolores Sheets. Director Haley reported that due to a miscommunication of the number of residential structures on the property the road impact fees had been overpaid. Commissioner Candelaria moved to refund the $1,000.00 road impact fee to Perry and Dolores Sheets. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried.

Director, Haley, and Assistant, Duncan presented for signatures of a Mylar for an Exemption and a Mylar for a Boundary Line Adjustment submitted by Jack & Teressa Tanner on property located at 20951 Road U, Cortez, CO, consisting of 54.80 acres, more or less, located north of Road U, west of Road 21, situated in S.12, T.37N, R.17W, N.M.P.M. Commissioner Ertel recused himself from this discussion. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the Mylar Exemption submitted by Jack & Teressa Tanner. Second by Commissioner Suckla and carried. Commissioner Candelaria moved to approve the boundary line adjustment submitted by Jack & Teressa Tanner on property located at 20951 Road U, Cortez, CO., consisting of 54.80 acres, more or less, located north of Road U, west of Road 21. Second by Commissioner Suckla and carried. (See attached)

Director, Haley, and Assistant, Duncan presented for signatures of a Variance Amendment submitted by Clifford & Donna Darland on property located at 6240 Road 24.2, Cortez, CO, consisting of 1 acre, more or less, located south of Road F.4, east of Road 24.2, situated in Ranchland Hills Subdivision, Lot #3, Block 4. Commissioner Suckla moved to approve the variance amendment submitted by Clifford & Donna Darland on property located at 6240 Road 24.2, Cortez, CO, consisting of 1 acre, more or less, located south of Road F.4. Second by Commissioner Ertel. With two votes in favor by Commissioners Suckla and Ertel and one abstention from Commissioner Candelaria the motion carried. (See attached)
PUBLIC COMMENT: Montezuma County GOP Republican Party Chairman, Allan Maez made a request to use the Commissioner room for a candidate forum. Danny Wilkin discussed the history of the Dolores River Plan.

LIQUOR LICENSE: Deputy Clerk, Jerri Frizzell presented a liquor license renewal application for Schroeder Colorado Inc., DBA Eagle Claw Trading Post, 4321 S US Hwy 160/491, Cortez, CO. Commissioner Candelaria moved to approve the Eagle Claw Trading Post and liquor store, liquor license renewal for fermented malt beverage, located at 4321 S US Hwy 160/491. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. (See attached)

SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE: Deputy Clerk, Jerri Frizzell presented a special event liquor license application from the Montezuma County Fairboard, for an event, to be held on July 24, 2020, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., at the Montezuma County Fairgrounds. Commissioner Candelaria moved to approve the Montezuma County Fairboard, an application for a special events permit, located at 30100 U.S. Hwy 160, Cortez Co. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. (See attached)

EMERGENCY MANAGER REPORT: Emergency Manager, Jim Spratlen met virtually with the Commissioners and gave a COVID 19 Situation Assessment Report. Topics discussed included; the deactivation of some emergency support functions, the community testing event, supply distributions, a developed on-line form for the special needs population, long term recovery, DOLA reimbursements, the county purchased thermometers, the non-congregate shelter, the weekly incident support plan, recent fires, current confirmed case numbers, current concerns, the estimated COVID 19 expense to Montezuma County at $157,426.00 and the Tri chamber business surveys. (See attached)

IT: IT Director, Jim McClain met with the Commissioners to present a monthly report. Topics discussed included the scheduled COVID-19 Rock ’n Roll Escape concert at the County Fairgrounds, updates on the Landfill project and the switch over to Farmers Telephone. (See attached)

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE: Road & Bridge Equipment Manager, Shane Higman met with the Commissioners to give a monthly report. Topics discussed included; maintaining the vehicle fleet numbers, the vehicle purchasing budget, future vehicle purchases, delivery dates for purchased vehicles and vehicle replacements for the Assessor and Health Departments.

GROUND AND BUILDINGS: Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Chenard met with the Commissioners to give an update on the grounds and buildings. Topics discussed included; the Senior Services kitchen remodel project, the Health Department’s dental remodel project, new carpet at the Health Department, the Fairgrounds kitchen and bathroom remodel project, the Fairgrounds fire suppression system, the Detention Center shower project, the Combined Courts sally port project and the electrical ice melt asphalt repair project.

GIS MAPPING: GIS Manager, Doug Roth, Mapping Specialist, Rachel Medina along with Road Superintendent, Rob Englehart met with the Commissioners to discuss the proposed 2020 Official Montezuma County Road Map. Other topics discussed included; the Cortez Fire
District boundaries, the Aerial Imagery Flyover Project, a proposed Pleasant View designated truck route, changes to the map legend and scheduling a Public Hearing to approve the Official County Road Map. (See attached)

**NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS:** Resource Director, James Dietrich met with the Commissioners to give a weekly report. Director Dietrich discussed the citizen initiated, proposed Montezuma County Historic Routes map. Other topics discussed included; the scheduled Montezuma County Recreation Advisory Committee (MCRAC) meeting, a proposed parcel purchase for the Summit property BLM access, the County’s “No Net Loss” Resolution and a letter received from the United States Department of the Interior regarding the proposed reintroduction of livestock grazing within the Yellow Jacket and Flodine Park range allotments. (See attached)

**COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT:** County Attorney, John Baxter discussed a meeting held with local municipalities regarding the Cares Act funding distribution, the Walmart hearing, an employee case and the Pax LLC lawsuit.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Administrator, Shak Powers presented for review a proposed Montezuma County, Cares Act Funding distribution worksheet. Administrator Powers presented for signatures the, Community that Cares, Immunization, Options for Long Term Care and the Air Monitoring contracts for the Health Department. Other topics discussed included; additional business openings allowed by the Governor and a letter of support to the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative regarding the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship for Fort Lewis College. (See attached)

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:** Topics discussed within the Commissioner’s report included; the community testing event, the CCI legislative meetings, the attended County Department Head / Elected Official meeting, a NACO / Public Lands meeting and the development of a Land Use Code Amendment Proposal.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments made.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The following correspondence was read and noted: A phone message from Sherry Siscoe and an email from Corey Hiseler. (See attached)

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 1:10 p.m.
At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held on Tuesday June 16, 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 June 16, 2020 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the minutes of the Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners Montezuma County, Colorado dated June 9, 2020 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ertel and carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: It being the time set aside a public hearing is held for review and determination of a Subdivision Amendment Application for a proposed Industrial Planned Unit Development to Lot #30 of the Blue Door Subdivision submitted by Brian & Kathy Lyons, on property located at 24227 Road G.2, Cortez, CO, located north of Road G.2, east of Hwy 160-491, situated in S.3, T.35N., R.16W., N.M.P.M. The roll was called, the public notice read, and the proceedings were recorded for the record. Property owner Kathy Lyons was present. Planning Director, Don Haley with Assistant, S. Jane Duncan presented the details of the application and the findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Suckla opened the hearing to public comment. Hearing no public comment that portion of the hearing was closed. After hearing all the evidence presented Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the proposed Industrial Planned Unit Development to lot #30 of the Blue Door Subdivision submitted by Brian & Kathy Lyons, on property located at 24227 Road G.2, Cortez, CO, located
north of Road G.2, east of Hwy 160-491. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Commissioner Suckla closed the hearing at this time. (See attached)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Allen Maez discussed the candidate forum held within the Commissioner room and the Flag Ceremony event. Dan Nuvy from Cortez Home and Office discussed the county bid process and the Fairgrounds remodel project.

EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM / E911 BOARD: It being the time set aside, the Board of the Emergency Alert System (E911) was conducted. E911 Dispatch Manager, Lori Johnson, met with the Commissioners to present for approval, a contract with Motorola for the MCC 7500 Radio Dispatch System. Commissioner Ertel moved that the Board of County Commissioner’s give Lori Johnson the authority to make a lease and purchase agreement with Motorola Radio Company for the purchase of the MCC 7500 for a total balance of $403,665.00, if she is able to get a 0% interest on the first years lease and a payoff next year. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

PUBLIC LANDS: Forrest Service District Ranger, Derek Padilla and the Bureau of Land Management Director, Connie Clementson were unavailable to report. A discussion was held between the Commissioners regarding the Great Outdoors Act, RS2477 Roads and the “No Net Loss” County Resolution.

COUNTY CORONER: Coroner George Deavers met with the Commissioners to give a monthly update. A discussion was held regarding the development of a regional autopsy center.

SHERIFF’S REPORT: Sheriff Steven Nowlin met with the Commissioners to give a monthly report. Topics of the discussion included the May 2020 Calls For Service Report, local auto thefts, domestic violence calls, drug trafficking arrests, unlawful marijuana cultivation, local business checks, security checks, the May 2020 Jail Report, to date transports, transport per diem and hotel costs, writs for sentencing, available holding cells, worker inmates, suicide watches, May confinements, the schedule range, the Dolores County inmate billing, staffing levels, Department of Correction (DOC) holds, jail expenses for the month of May, the May monies paid into the General Fund, a discussion with the City of Cortez regarding a Memo of Understanding pertaining to the jail, the horse program, an update on the East Canyon Fire and an update on the Loading Pen Fire. (See attached)

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Will Furse met virtually along with Clarisal Folsom in person, met with the Commissioners to give a monthly report. Topics of the discussion included; the extension of the Supreme Court jury trial prohibition until August 6, 2020, opportunities to apply for a District variance, hearing appearances by Web X, State grants budget cuts, the Fellowship Program, the Adult Diversion Program, the Juvenile Diversion Program, scheduling an “everyone return to work date”, perpetual social distancing, and adopted court protocols.

EMERGENCY MANAGER REPORT: Emergency Manager, Jim Spratlen was working on the local Fire Command Center and unavailable to report.
COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: County Attorney, John Baxter discussed the Walmart case, a former employment dispute, a draft municipalities Inter Government Agreement (IGA) regarding the Cares Act Fund distributions, a draft County resolution on the National Popular Vote, the Supreme Court variance application, the Pax LLC lawsuit and the cancellation of the Ute Mountain Roundup Rodeo special event liquor license application. (See attached)

NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS: Resource Director, James Dietrich met with the Commissioners to give a weekly report. Topics discussed included; the Paths to Mesa Verde Project, the attended Montezuma County Recreation Advisory Committee, (MCRAC) field trip, future MCRAC field trips, the local airport, aviation fuel prices and possible in County, locations for a long range target shooting site.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Administrator, Shak Powers presented on behalf of the Senior Services Director, Johnathan Parker, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging Inc. Contract for approval. Commissioner Ertel moved that the Montezuma County Senior Services, enter into a contractual agreement with San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging, for their contract in the maximum amount of $52,000.00. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Administrator Powers presented a Montezuma County Fairboard, letter of resignation from Connie Watkins. Administrator Powers reported that Lindsey Gaasch was currently serving as the alternate Fairboard member. Commissioner Ertel moved to accept Lindsey Gaasch as a Montezuma County Fairboard member, moving from alternate position to an active Fairboard member and to advertise for an alternate to the Fairboard to replace her position. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Other topics discussed included; the Governor’s draft order regarding County Fair guidelines from the State and a proposed letter addressed to the CDPHE regarding the Covid-19 restrictions at the local nursing homes. (See attached)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Topics discussed within the Commissioner’s report included; the attended Fairboard meeting, plans for the County Fair, a scheduled CSU employee retirement, the proposed BLM access on Road M, the M&M property cleanup project, the CCI legislative meeting, the cancellation of the 4th of July fireworks event in Cortez, local scheduled golf tournaments and the City of Cortez sales tax funds.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments were made.

Chairman Suckla announced the adjournment of the meeting for the LUNCH break.
Chairman Suckla announced the meeting would reconvene

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Attorney Baxter’s suggestion, Commissioner Candelaria moved to go into executive session for a conference with the attorney to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of real, personal, or other property interest under C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4) (a) and to include Clerk Percell, Commissioner’s Ertel, Suckla, and Candelaria, Attorney Baxter, Administrator Powers, Rachel Medina, Doug Roth, James Dietrich and Kevin Desplanques, seconded by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Topics for the executive session were legal tactics of negotiation, legalities and procedures regarding access to the Bureau of land
Management property. Commissioner Candelaria moved to go out of executive session, seconded by Commissioner Ertel and carried. (See attached)

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The following correspondence was read and noted: A letter of thanks from the Dolores School’s **Operation Graduation 2020.**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 2:20 p.m.

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Clerk       June 16, 2020

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Chairman
STATE OF COLORADO

COUNTY OF MONTEZUMA

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held on Tuesday June 23, 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 June 23, 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 June 16, 2020 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ertel and carried.

PLANNING:
Planning Director, Don Haley, and Planning Assistant, S. Jane Duncan met to discuss a request to waive the Road Impact Fees for Ironwood Group, LLC on property located at 27930 Road T, Dolores, CO, situated in Section 37, Township 37N, Range 15W, N.M.P.M. Jeff Bunnel from Ironwood Group LLC was present. Director Haley gave an overview of the waiver request. Assistant Duncan gave an overview of the history and development of the County road impact fee process. Road Superintendent Rob Englehart discussed how County road impact fees are used and the past county road projects completed with the assessed funds. Commissioner Ertel moved to waive the $52,800.00 road impact fees to Ironwood Group in Dolores. Second by Commissioner Suckla and carried. (See attached)

Director, Haley, and Assistant, Duncan presented for signatures for an Amendment to the Exemption Resolution and Mylar on property owned by Thomas & Sally Garrison, located at
35324 Road R.5, Mancos, CO, consisting of 20 acres, more or less, north of Hwy 184, east of Road 35, situated in S.28, T.37N., R.14W., N.M.P.M. Commissioner Ertel moved that the amendment to the exemption resolution on property owned by Thomas & Sally Garrison, located at 35324 Road R.5, Mancos, CO, consisting of 20 acres, more or less, north of Hwy 184, east of Road 35, be approved. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: David Nuttle discussed a request to the Commissioners for a letter of endorsement for the Needful Provision program.

WEED DEPARTMENT: Weed Department Manager, Bonnie Loving presented for approval, Noxious Weed Right of Entry Resolutions #18-2020 through #20-2020. Commissioner Ertel moved to accept the resolutions granting Montezuma County Weed program or its designee, right of entry onto the property, to control noxious weeds, based on affidavit of county weed supervisor, noxious weed resolutions #18-2020, #19-2020 and #20-2020. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT: It being the time set aside, the Board of Social Services was conducted. Director, Gina Montoya and LueAnn Everett were present. (See attached)

PUBLIC HEALTH: Public Health Director Bobbie Lock, Assistant Director, Laurel Schafer and Public Health Emergency Manager, Karen Dickson met with the Commissioners to give a monthly report. Director Lock presented for approval the Emergency Preparedness Contract CT2020*261 Amendment 2. Commissioner Ertel moved that the Contract CT2020*261 Amendment #2 with the Colorado Department of Public Health in the amount of $116,865.00 be approved. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Other topics discussed included; advertising for three open positions within the department, a scheduled community COVID-19 Prevalence Testing on Thursday, June 25, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the local hospital, the Colorado COVID Relief Fund Grant, the Cares Act funding and the “Protect Your Neighbor” phase. (See attached)

VETERANS SERVICE: Veteran Service Officer, Rick Torres presented the Certification of Pay for May, 2020 along with the Monthly report of services. Officer Torres gave an update on the monthly statistical data and the indirect income to Montezuma County. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the Colorado Department of Military Veterans Affairs, County Veterans Service Officers monthly report and certification of pay in the amount of $10,925.43 for the month of May. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. (See attached).

SENIOR SERVICES: Jonathon G. Parker gave a monthly report on the Senior Services programs. Topics discussed included; development of a reopening plan for the Senior Center, the frozen meal program, the Kitchen Remodel project and a proposed purchase for a transportation van.

MONTEZUMA COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (MCCO): MCCO Manager, Jennifer Morris met with the Commissioners to give a monthly report. Topics discussed
included; an increase in the daily ride requests, the **Meals on Wheels** deliveries, Durango trips, drivers, adding bike racks to the vehicles and the Designated Stops Plan grant application.

**CSU EXTENSION OFFICE:** Extension Director, Gregory Felsen met with the Commissioners to give a monthly report. Topics of the discussion included; office statistics, the agent replacement process when Agent Hooten retires, the Administrator Assistant transfer, an intern program, the Advisory Committee meeting, the County Fair State guidelines and the County Fairboard planning meeting.

**BID OPENING:** Bids for the Sherriff Department and Annex III roofing projects were opened for review. Bids received included: **Whittle Ing dba, TL Roofer** bids for the Sheriff Office $171,597.00 and the Annex III $68,477.00. **AIS LLC** bids for the Sheriff Office $208,800.00 and the Annex III $88,500.00. **DKG & Associates** bids for the Sheriff Office $197,720.00 and the Annex III $73,180.00. **Top Line Installer** bids for the Sheriff Office $197,855.00 and the Annex III $72,300.00. The bids will be reviewed and the project awarded at a later date. (See attached)

**COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT:** County Attorney, John Baxter gave an update on the Walmart case and discussed the letter sent to Jill Hunsaker Ryan, Executive Director CDPHE regarding requests from skilled nursing facilities. (See attached)

**NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS:** Resource Director, James Dietrich met with the Commissioners to give a weekly report. Director Dietrich presented a letter addressed to Connie Clementson Tres Rios Field Office, regarding the Flodine Park and Yellow Jacket Section 106 Process. Commissioner Candelaria moved to sign and accept the letter to Connie Clementson at the Tres Rios Filed office for the Flowdine Park and Yellow Jacket Section 106 Process. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Other topics discussed included; an update on the property cleanup projects, BLM access off of Road 36.5 and the **Paths to Mesa Verde Project.** (See attached)

**EXPENDITURES REPORT:** Administrator Powers presented the May 2020 Expenditure Reports for approval. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the financials for Montezuma County for the month of May 2020, in the amount of $3,127,644.95. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. (See attached)

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Administrator, Shak Powers discussed a request for the Commissioners to sponsor the scheduled **July 4th Covid-19 Concert,** to be held at the County Fairgrounds. Commissioner Ertel moved to allow the concert at the Montezuma County Fairgrounds on the 4th of July, be covered by the Montezuma County Liability Insurance. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Administrator Powers presented the **Cares Act Funding Municipality Intergovernmental Agreement** (IGA) for approval. Commissioner Candelaria moved to sign the IGA between the City of Cortez, the Town of Mancos, the Town of Dolores and Montezuma County, for the Cares Act funding distribution. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Other topics discussed included; local business social media advertisements and the Governor’s next COVID-19 reopening **“Protect your Neighbor”** phase. (See attached)
COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Topics discussed within the Commissioner’s report included; the Colorado Workforce Development Board meeting, the MOCO Advisory Board meeting, a discussion with Senator, Don Coram and Representative, Marc Caitlin, and the Western District meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim Herrick owner of Top Line Installers, discussed the county bidding process and the adoption of generally accepted protocols. Dexter Gill discussed the County’s public information officer and local announcements. Danny Wilkin discussed the review of the Land Use Code. Allen Maez discussed the No Net Loss Resolution and the Forest Service land purchase.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was read and noted:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:15 p.m.

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Clerk      June 23, 2020                     Chairman
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONTEZUMA COUNTY, COLORADO
June 30, 2020

STATE OF COLORADO  )
COUNTY OF MONTEZUMA ) ss.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held on Tuesday June 30, 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 June 30, 2020 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 June 23, 2020 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ertel and carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: It being the time set aside a public hearing is held for review and determination of a proposed Exemption Application and Subdivision & Rezoning Application, submitted by Burk Family Trust on property located at 38359 Road H, Mancos, CO, located north of Road H, east of State Hwy 160, situated in S.36, T.36N., R.14W., N.M.P.M. The roll was called, the public notice read, and the proceedings were recorded for the record. Mr. Burk was present. Planning Director, Don Haley with Assistant, S. Jane Duncan presented the details of the application and the findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Suckla opened the hearing to public comment. Hearing no public comment that portion of the hearing was closed. After hearing all the evidence presented Commissioner Ertel moved that the Board of Montezuma County Commissioners approve a subdivision and rezoning application, submitted by the Burk Family Trust on property located at 38359 Road H, Mancos, Co. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Commissioner Ertel moved that the Board of Montezuma County Commissioners approve the exemption application, for property
PUBLIC HEARING: It being the time set aside a public hearing is held for review and determination of a proposed Subdivision & Rezoning Application and Variance Application, submitted by **Russel & Marsha Hindmarsh Trust**, agent: **Maness & Associates**, on property located at 28339 Road N, Dolores, CO, consisting of 80 acres, more or less, located north of Road N and west of Road 28, situated in S.5, T.36N., R.15W., N.M.P.M. The roll was called, the public notice read, and the proceedings were recorded for the record. **Agent, Ernie Maness** was present. **Planning Director, Don Haley** with **Assistant, S. Jane Duncan** presented the details of the application and the findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Suckla opened the hearing to public comment. Hearing no public comment that portion of the hearing was closed. After hearing all the evidence presented Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the proposed subdivision application submitted by **Russel & Marsha Hindmarsh Trust**, agent: **Maness & Associates**, on property located at 28339 Road N, Dolores. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the rezoning application submitted by **Russel & Marsha Hindmarsh Trust**, agent: **Maness & Associates**, on property located at 28339 Road N, Dolores. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Commissioner Candelaria moved to accept the variance application, submitted by **Russel & Marsha Hindmarsh Trust**, agent: **Maness & Associates**, on property located at 28339 Road N, Dolores. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Commissioner Suckla closed the hearing at this time. (See attached)

PUBLIC HEARING: It being the time set aside a public hearing is held for review and determination of an AR3-9 rezoning request and Subdivision Application for a proposed Single Lot Development submitted by **Jonathan & Sharon Spinney**, on property located at 20615 Road G, Cortez, CO, consisting of 48.50 acres, more or less, located north of Road G, situated in S.1, T.35N, R.17W, N.M.P.M. The roll was called, the public notice read, and the proceedings were recorded for the record. **Johnathon Spinney** was present. **Planning Director, Don Haley** with **Assistant, S. Jane Duncan** presented the details of the application and the findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Suckla opened the hearing to public comment. Hearing no public comment that portion of the hearing was closed. After hearing all the evidence presented Commissioner Ertel moved that the Montezuma County Board of County Commissioners approve an AR3-9 rezoning request and subdivision application for a single lot development submitted by Jonathan and Sharon Spinney, on property located at 20615 Road G, Cortez, CO,. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Commissioner Suckla closed the hearing at this time. (See attached)

DISCUSSION: A preliminary discussion was held on the proposed request to develop a **Special Improvement District** for the **Upper Road 42 Water Association**. Director Haley gave an overview of the proposal. Topics discussed included; the homeowners development of the Association, the initial expense estimate for the project, the County process for the development of a special improvement district, the previous development of the Goodman Point Water District, DOLA Grant applications, capital outlay, the initial design, the bonding cycle, a rate of return percentage, rural water companies taking on the project, the County collection of the tax
levy, combining additional projects under one bond, expansion opportunities and engineering designs. The Commissioners were in agreement to move forward with the discussion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mike Conne discussed the postponement of a scheduled public hearing due to COVID 19 restriction for citizen’s attendance. David Nuttle discussed a request to the Commissioners for a letter of endorsement for the Needful Provision program. (See attached) Historical Society Board President, Ann Brown gave an update on the Montezuma Heritage Museum Project. Allen Maez discussed the Needful Provision letter of endorsement.

**DISCUSSION:** Gayle Alexander, met with the Commissioners to give an update on the scheduled August 14 – 16, 2020 Gun Show to be held at the County Fairgrounds. Topics of the discussion included; an event entrance plan for the spectators and vendors, signed waivers, taking temperatures, keeping attendee documentation records, the hours of operation, social distancing between vendors and attendees, facial masks, an increase of gun sales and the approval of the County Commissioner to move forward with the event.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT:** Road Superintendent, Rob Englehart Lease Renewal discussion. Cancelled

**COURTCLERK & RECORDER:** County Clerk, Kim Percell met with the Commissioners and gave updates on the following projects; a new grant application for a 24/7 ballot drop box, the digitization project, the grant funding for the Tribal Vote Service Polling Center equipment, the Motor Vehicle Kiosk program and the current ballot return numbers for ongoing Primary.

**ASSESSOR:** Montezuma County Assessor, Leslie Bugg met with the Commissioners and gave an update on her department. Assessor Bugg reported that, due to the COVID issues all scheduled deadlines had been extended. Other topics discussed included; CBOE hearings, a July 15th tax payer protest deadline, the 2020 report for all Assessed Values, the Kinder Morgan audits and the Walmart tax case.

**COUNTY TREASURER/ TRUSTEE:** Treasurer, Ellen Black and Chief Deputy Tara Connor, met with the Commissioner and gave updates on the following topics; the current tax collection rate, lodgers and business tax collections, foreclosures, releases, a plan for the Tax Lien Sale and investment interest rates.

**SOUTHWEST HEALTH SYSTEMS:** CEO, Anthony Sudduth and CFO, Rick Shrader met with the Commissioners to give an update on the local hospital. Topics of the discussion included; a financial year to date performance report, the 2019 Audit, the May month end report, an update on COVID, supply costs, test kit allocations, current hospital patient numbers and stimulus funding. (See attached)

**COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT:** County Attorney, John Baxter gave an update on the employee lawsuit, the Walmart case dismissal, and the Pax / Weber Canyon Road appeal.

**NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS:** Resource Director, James Dietrich met with the Commissioners to give a weekly report. Director Dietrich presented a
letter for approval addressed to Robert Herbert, Remediation Supervisor, regarding the Montezuma County M&M Truck Stop (Facility ID 9977) (Event ID 5039). Commissioner Candelaria moved to send the letter to Robert Herbert, the Remediation Supervisor at 1001 E. 62nd Ave in Denver, in regards to the Montezuma County M&M Truck Stop (Facility ID 9977) (Event ID 5039). Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Other topics discussed included; County comments on the draft Environmental Assessment for the Rico West Dolores project, a Painted Hand Notice of Scoping, the addition of a conceptual parking lot design to be included within the County comments, the Otak fee proposal on the Paths to Mesa Verde project and the Summit Lake BLM access easement. (See attached)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Administrator, Shak Powers on behalf of the Public Health Department presented for signatures the Department of Public Health and Environment Contract Routing number 2021*0191. (Essentials for Childhood Program). TRANSFER ORDER #4-2020: Administrator Powers presented for approval Transfer Order #4-2020, a transfer $2,415,489.03 from the General Fund (001) to the Capital Fund to cover capital road improvement projects. Commissioner Ertel moved that order #4-2020, transferring $2,415,489.03 from the General Fund, to the Capital Fund to cover capital road improvement projects be approved. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Administrator Powers gave his bid award recommendations for the Sheriff Department and County Annex III Roofing Projects. His recommendation was to award the project to Top Line Installers. Commissioner Candelaria moved to award the bid to Top Line Installers, in the amount of $270,155.00 for the reroofing project of the Sheriff’s Office and Annex III. Second by Commissioner Ertel and carried. Administrator Powers reported that nobody was in attendance for the mandatory walk through for the Fairgrounds Remodel project. The Commissioners were in agreement, that the project would be done in house. (See attached)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Topics discussed within the Commissioner’s report included; a meeting with Forest Service Ranger, Derek Padilla, attended by Commissioner Ertel, to discuss the Zwicker Family Trust land purchase and the County’s “No Net Loss” resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments were made.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was read and noted:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:20 a.m.