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

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

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

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

The foregoing resolution is prompted and authorized by the fact that a double assessment was made upon the property described in said Tax Sale Certificate for the years 1948 and 1949, and that all taxes lawfully assessed and due against said property have heretofore been fully paid by the owner of said property and that said assessments included the improvements on said property, which improvements have been doubly assessed, and the said Tax Sale Certificate No. 12435 issued for non-payment of such erroneously double assessed improvements.

The foregoing action is taken pursuant to the provisions of Section 281 of Chapter 142 of the 1935 Colorado Statutes Annotated.

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

TSO Certificate No. 12435 cancelled in Clerks Record 1/19/53--See TS 6-Page 26.

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

Claims as follows were allowed:	Warrant No.	Amount
Aid to Needy Disabled	572-595	\$1,182.00
Public Welfare Administration War.	No. 1308-1320	" 1,273.33
Aid to Dependant Children	" 8230-8287	" 4,892.00
County Public Welfare	" 4871-4886	" 1,716.89
Aid to Blind	" 523-525	" 194.00
Old Age Pension	" 14,455-15034	" 58,927.63

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P. M.

Chas. T. Porter, Chairman John Leavitt, Clerk

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

Present: Chas T. Porter, Chairman
Grady Clappitt, Commissioner
C. B. Hickman, Commissioner
J. B. Garrison, County Attorney
John Leavitt, Clerk

Letter written Colorado Tax Commission pointing out inequalities in reappraisal valuations. Jack Allum, Bob Page and Paul Covey, representing Denny & Jones, appeared to discuss purchase of a new tractor and low-boy. Board authorized purchase of an International Tractor from Denny & Jones Motor Co. for a net price of \$7,808.61, delivered in Denver, painted to County Specifications. Appeared Leo High of Winter-Weiss Co., and Giff Pruner, of Cortez Motor Sales Co., to discuss low-boy to be used in connection with above tractor. Board authorized purchase of Winter-Weiss low-boy for \$5,247.00, less trade in of old Rogers low-boy for \$747.00, net price fob Denver, \$4,500.00, used trailer to be delivered in Denver.

Petitions for abatement or refund of taxes, as follows:

Will Daves, 1952 tax, improvements, valuation \$160.00, abatement \$5.80, no improvements found.
Madeline E. Hopper, 1952 tax, improvements, valuation \$300.00, abatement \$60.53, double assessment;
and Part B-1952-35-36-16, valuation \$3,490.00, abatement \$201.20, clerical error.
L. M. Frake, 1951 tax, improvements, valuation \$800.00, refund \$35.51, no improvements on property.
Louis Paquin, 1952 tax, Tr. Montezuma St., Mancos, improvements, valuation \$200.00, abatement \$12.20,
double assessment.
Clarinda R. Garcia, 1952 tax, lots, valuation \$160.00, abatement \$9.76, clerical error.
Wm. H. Bass, est., 1952 tax, lots, valuation \$230.00, abatement \$13.26, clerical error.
M. S. Abeyta, 1952 tax, improvements, valuation \$300.00, abatement \$21.25, double assessment.
Glen Luellen, 1952 tax, improvements, valuation \$470.00, abatement \$22.20, clerical error.
Francis Wise, 1952 tax, personal property, valuation \$50.00, abatement \$2.09, property moved out prior
to 1951. Clerk instructed to issue Commissioners Order to Assessor & Treasurer to make above abate-
ments or refunds, contingent on approval of Colorado Tax Commission.

Meeting adjourned 4:00 P. M.

Chas. T. Porter, Chairman John Leavitt, Clerk

The Board of Commissioners of Montezuma County, Colorado met in regular session, Monday, February 2, 1953 at 9:00 A. M.

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

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

J. E. Tillery, representing Lloyd Locke, appeared to ask for help in connection with a road to an oil well--Board referred him to Bob Page, Road Supervisor.

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

Appeared Raymond Roelker, to ask permission to install two cattle guards on a little-traveled County road. Permission granted provided Roelker signs an agreement to build cattle guards to County specifications and for perpetual maintenance of cattle guards.

Claims as follows were allowed:

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

The Board of Commissioners of Montezuma County entered into an agreement with B. L. Hall for the purchase of gravel, reading as follows:

May 4, 1953

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

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

(B. L. HALL)
B. L. Hall, Dolores, Colorado

JOHN LEAVITT Attest
John Leavitt, County Clerk

CHAS. T. PORTER
Chas. T. Porter, Chairman
GRADY CLAMPITT
Grady Clampitt, Commissioner
C. R. HICKMAN
C. R. Hickman, Commissioner

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

Abatements and refunds of 1952 taxes as follows were approved:

Wilson, Henry, improvements, valuation \$70.00, abatement \$4.04, error in addition.
Rich, Bird S., improvements, valuation \$1550.00, abatement \$89.35, house unfinished.
Wright, Mary A., improvements, valuation \$1095, abatement \$63.15, error on card.
Milburn, Grain Corporation, improvements, valuation \$940.00, abatement \$68.72, double assessment.
Artz, Charles H., improvements, valuation \$520, abatement \$25.29, double assessment.
Smith, Frank L., Jr., improvements, valuation \$260.00, abatement \$18.42, error on card.
Ayres, Ruth L., improvements, valuation \$500.00, abatement \$18.15, house burned down in 1951.
Bailey, Jessie M. improvements, valuation \$160.00, abatement \$9.22, error on card.
Badini, Domenick, et al, real estate, valuation \$125.00, abatement \$7.21, clerical error.
Hiltz, Clarence W., improvement, valuation \$105.00, abatement \$6.05, error in class.
Redd, A. J., personal, valuation \$2400.00, abatement \$117.86, double assessment.
Bozman, J. W., Estate, improvements, valuation \$2880.00, abatement \$166.03, error in class.
Thomas, Willis J. & Elizabeth, improvements, valuation \$700.00, abatement \$49.59, double assessment.
Eigler, H. L., improvements, valuation \$640.00, abatement \$25.76, improvements torn down prior to 1952.
Majors, Wm. G., improvements, valuation \$485.00, abatement \$34.37, error on card.
Daggett, Maude, improvements, valuation \$100.00, abatement \$5.76, double assessment.
Pritchett, Oscar L., real estate, valuation \$1,000.00, refund \$38.40, error in classification.
Crowson, Lorella & Jack D., improvements, valuation \$305.00, abatement \$17.58, error in class.

Board instructed Clerk to issue Commissioners' Order to County Assessor and County Treasurer to make abatements and refunds as above, contingent on approval of Colorado Tax Commission.

Bills as follows were allowed:

General Fund	Warrant Number 151 to 189	Amount \$7,091.89
Road & Bridge Fund	" " 8188 to 8225	" 15,562.78
Co. Welfare Fund	" " 4954 to 4982	" 140.00

Hearing on Applications for Review and Reappraisal of Assessed Valuations for the year 1952 set for 10:00 A. M., June 15, 1953. Appellants notified by registered letter, return receipt requested.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

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

Board adjourned at 4:30 P. M.

Chas. T. Porter, Chairman John Leavitt, Clerk

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Dot-Web Printing and Stationery Co., Colorado Springs, Col. E 5814

John Leavitt, Clerk

 Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 24, 1953 at 9:00 A. M.

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

The following resolution regarding cancellation of outstanding tax certificates issued against the D. & R. G. S. Railroad was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED: That tax sale certificates numbered 9845, 9846 and 11843 be cancelled, for the reason that said certificates were illegally issued and for the further reason that section 309, Chapter 142, 1935 Colorado Statutes Annotated prohibits the sale of railroad property except en masse.

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

August 20, 1953

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

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

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

- (1.) Obtaining a right of way from the Ute Tribe from the Reservation line to the San Juan river and from the San Juan river to the line of either Utah or New Mexico. Right of way should be surveyed and commitment from the Utes should be in writing and should carry the approval of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. From our present understanding of the attitude of the Utes, obtaining this right of way would probably necessitate an agreement to pay damages for stock killed on the road.
- (2.) Obtaining an estimate from a competent engineer of the cost of installation of the bridge.
- (3.) Obtaining firm commitments from the various Boards of County Commissioners of the counties thru which the Navajo Trails passes as to the amount (in dollars) they are willing to contribute. In order that there be some centralized agency to handle the funds, we suggest that the Navajo Trails Association be incorporated, thus becoming a legal entity capable of entering into contracts and receiving and expending funds.
- (4.) Negotiating a firm compact with Utah or New Mexico and Arizona that they will extend the road to connect with existing roads. This implies a right of way across the Navajo Reservation. Montezuma County is willing to cooperate to the full extent of its legal and financial ability; but is not in a position to assume the entire burden.

Very truly yours, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 By: Chas. T. Porter, Chairman

The following resolution was adopted unanimously to implement the above contract.

RESOLUTION

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P. M.

Chas. T. Porter, Chairman

John Leavitt, Clerk

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

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

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

Bills allowed and warrants as follows drawn in payment:

General Fund
Road Fund

Warrant No. 545-568
N 8524-8549

\$2,419.20
9,010.76

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Montezuma County, Colorado in regular session assembled this 8th day of September, 1953, that Montezuma County withdraw from the San Juan Basin Health Unit, effective December 31, 1953. This action taken pursuant to provision of Section 11 (b) of Chapter 204 of 1947 Session Laws of Colorado.

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

Application of Mervyn E. Akin for a Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License for Akin Liquor Store and Restaurant at Stoner Received. Hearing set for September 28, 1953 at 10:00 A. M.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:00P M.

Chap. T. Porter, Chairman

John Leavitt, Clerk

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