

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MONTEZUMA COUNTY, COLORADO  
September 28, 2021**

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 September 28, 2021 at the Montezuma County Administration building in Cortez, Colorado, there were present:

Jim Candelaria, Chairman  
Kent Lindsay, Vice Chairman  
Joel Stevenson, Commissioner of Deeds  
Shalako Powers, County Administrator  
Ian MacLaren, County Attorney  
Kim Percell, County Clerk

**CHAIRMAN, CANDELARIA** opened the meeting of September 28, 2021 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:** Commissioner Lindsay moved to approve the minutes of the Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners Montezuma County, Colorado dated September 21, 2021 as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stevenson and carried.

**PLANNING: Planning Director, Don Haley** with **Assistant, S. Jane Duncan** presented for signatures a Mylar for the re-subdivision of Lot #1 of the **McElmo East Minor Subdivision**, a General Planned Unit Development, and Rezoning submitted by **R&C Properties, LLC**, agent: **Jay Cruzan**, on property located at TBD Road J, Cortez, CO, consisting of 17 acres, more or less, located south of Road J, west of Road 27, situated in Section 36, T.36N, R.16W, N.M.P.M.

**Director, Haley** with **Assistant, Duncan** presented for signatures of a Mylar for a Subdivision and AR 10-34 Rezoning, submitted by **John & Robyn Foster**, on property located at 15123 Road 18 #A&B, Cortez, CO, consisting of 48 acres, more or less, located south of Road S and west of Road 18, situated in Section 27, T.37N., R.17W., N.M.P.M.

**Director, Haley** with **Assistant, Duncan** presented for signatures a Mylar for a Subdivision and Rezoning, submitted by **Jimmy & Marian Rodd**, on property located at 11773 Hwy 145, C, Cortez, CO, consisting of 7.21 acres, more or less, located south of Road M and west of Hwy 145, situated in Section 13, T.36N., R.16W., N.M.P.M.

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

**COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT:** **County Attorney, Ian MacLaren** gave an update on the Belden, Land Use Code Non-compliant property case.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** **Administrator, Shak Powers** discussed an email request from **Cammy Coulon**, to use the Administrative Building parking lot, for a **Trunk or Treat** event scheduled, October 30, 2021 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. The Commissioners were in agreement to allow the event as long as set up was after the Farmers Market was closed. **Administrative Powers** discussed an email received from **Dawn Hoselton** with a request to waive the Fairground kitchen fees, for the **Kylee Pontine Fundraiser**, scheduled October 2, 2021. Commissioner Stevenson moved to allow the use of the kitchen and tables for the event. Second by Commissioner Lindsay and carried. **Administrator Powers** discussed a request from the Forest Service to plow the Chicken Creek Road. (See attached)

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

**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. **Director, Montoya** presented the 2022 Social Services budget proposal. (See attached)

**COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH:** **Public Health Director, Bobbie Lock** along with **Assistant Director, Laurel Schafer** met with the Commissioners to discuss the 2022 budget proposal. Topics discussed included; anticipated revenues and expenses, reserves and cost reimbursements. Other topics discussed included; booster shots, testing, vaccine sites and the current Public Health vaccine schedule. (See attached)

**VETERANS SERVICE:** **Veteran Service Officer, Sara Kuhn** and the new **Assistant Veteran Service Officer, Frank LoBue** met with the Commissioners to give a monthly report. Officer Kuhn had presented the 2022 budget proposal during the Monday workshop meeting. A copy of the **Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, County Veterans Service Officers Monthly Report and Certification of Pay**, August 2021 was presented for the record. Other topics discussed included; the August 2021 financial report, a review of office activities and an overview of the recently held Veterans Stand Down event. Service Officer LoBue introduced himself with a brief sketch of his biography. (See attached)

**MONTEZUMA COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (MCCO):** **MCCO Manager, Jennifer Morris** met with the Commissioners to discuss the 2022 budget proposal. Manager Morris reported that the number of rides from the Pinion Project, Medicaid and CCI were

increasing. Topics discussed included; two part time driver positions, revenues, grants, feasibility studies, salaries, operating expenses, fuel and maintenance, dues, travel and training, defensive driving training, CDOT funds, the proposed fixed route and the IntelliRide program. (See attached)

**SENIOR SERVICES: Director, Jonathon G. Parker** met with the Commissioners to discuss the 2022 budget proposal. Topics discussed included; staff positions, revenues, salaries, operating expenses, food costs, repairs and maintenance, dues, travel and training, facility expense, the Home Chores Contract and the total cost to the USDA for the commodities program. (See attached)

**CSU EXTENSION OFFICE: Extension Director, Gregory Felsen** met with the Commissioners to discuss the 2022 budget proposal. Topics discussed included; salaries, fringe benefits, operating expenses, professional services, telephones, dues, travel and training, fleet costs, the new agent application process, the 4-H program and a scheduled drought advisory meeting. (See attached)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Commissioner Stevenson discussed sending the **Southwest Basin Round Table, Montezuma County Representative, Randy Carver** to the **Colorado River Water Users Association Conference** in Las Vegas, scheduled December 14-16, 2021 at the cost to the County of \$1500.00. Commissioner Stevenson moved to send Randy Carver to the conference. Second by Commissioner Stevenson and carried.

Administrator Powers discussed posting Public Notices for the Senior Center Lunch and the Intergovernmental Breakfast meeting, scheduled, Monday October 4, 2021.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:** Topics discussed within the Commissioners reports included: **Commissioner Stevenson** discussed; the attended Mancos Town Board meeting and constituent phone calls received. **Commissioner Lindsay** discussed; the attended Southwest Health Systems meeting, and constituent phone calls. **Commissioner Candelaria** discussed; the Senior Services exercise program video, the attended Timber Age Tour, the attended CCI legislation meeting, the Monday workshop, the Dolores Town Board meeting and constituent phone calls.

Chairman Candelaria announced the adjournment of the meeting for the LUNCH break.

Chairman Candelaria announced the meeting would reconvene.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to Attorney MacLaren's suggestion, Commissioner Lindsay moved to go into executive session for a conference with the attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b) and to include, Commissioners Candelaria, Stevenson and Lindsay, Administrator Powers, Attorney MacLaren, Clerk Percell, Jim McClain, Rick Smith, Attorney Mike Green and Manager, Drew Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Stevenson and carried. Topics for the executive session were legal tactics of negotiation, legalities and procedures. Commissioner Stevenson moved to go out of executive session, seconded by Commissioner Lindsay and carried. (See attached)

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The following correspondence was read and noted: Letter from **Charles J Greaves**. (See attached)

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** was made by Commissioner Lindsay seconded by Commissioner Stevenson and carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:30 p.m.**

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Clerk

September 28, 2021

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Chairman