PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MONTEZUMA COUNTY, COLORADO July 19, 2022

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COUNTY OF MONTEZUMA)

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado, held on Tuesday July 19, 2022 at the Montezuma County Administration building in Cortez, Colorado, there were present:

Jim Candelaria, Chairman Kent Lindsay, Vice Chairman Gerald Koppenhafer, Commissioner of Deeds Travis Anderson, County Administrator Ian MacLaren, County Attorney Kim Percell, County Clerk

MINUTES: Commissioner Lindsay moved to accept the minutes of the Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners Montezuma County, Colorado dated July 12, 2022, as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Koppenhafer and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments were made.

LETTER of SUPPORT: Chan Chaffin, representing the **Lewis Arriola Community Center** along with **Montezuma County Grant Writer, Nichole Glaser** (by Zoom), met with the Commissioners, regarding a request for a letter of support for the Lewis Arriola GOCO Grant application. Commissioner Koppenhafer moved to approve sending the letter of support, for the completion of the Lewis Arriola Community Center playground equipment, through GOCO. Second by Commissioner Lindsay and carried. (See attached)

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Office Manager, Clarisa Feuilly met with the Commissioners to give a monthly report. Topics discussed included: quarterly statistics, current attorney staffing levels, jury trials and the judge's dockets. (See attached)

COUNTY SHERIFF: Sheriff, Steven Nowlin met with the Commissioners to give his monthly report which included the Calls for Service Report, the Jail Report, the Year to Date

Transport Report, the Perdium and Cost for Travel Report, the Total Monthly Inmate Report, the Monthly Arrests Report, the Dolores County Billing Report, the City of Cortez Billing Report, the DOC Holds Report, the June Operational Expense Report and the Monies Paid to the General Fund Report. Sheriff Nowlin presented for approval, the POST Rural Agency LE Academy Grant NO. POGG1LAAAGT230090 budget, in the amount of \$38,072.12. Commissioner Lindsay moved to approve the POST Rural Agency Law Enforcement Academy Grant program #POGG1LAAAGT230090 in the amount of \$38,072.12. Second by Commissioner Koppenhafer and carried. Sheriff Nowlin presented for approval the POST Training Equipment 2022-20223 #POGG1-LAAA-GT2230051 budget, in the amount of \$3,948.00. Commissioner Lindsay moved to approve the POST Training Equipment Grant 2022-2023 #POGG1-LAAA-GT2230051 in the amount of \$3,948.00. Second by Commissioner Koppenhafer and carried. Other topics discussed included; local issues from the Fentanyl drug. (See attached)

COUNTY CORONER: Coroner, George Deavers not available to report.

CORTEZ FIRE PROTECTION: Interim Chief, Charlie Borden met with the Commissioners to give an update from the Cortez Fire Protection District. Topics discussed included; Fentanyl issues, the June 321 calls of service, 1632 year to date calls for service, 557 June training hours, needed ladder truck repairs, the monsoon seasonal rains, wildland trucks, a wildfire report, future scheduled training classes, an auto extraction class, a burn trailer training, a hazmat training class, the County Fire Academy and a proposed Automatic Aide Agreement with the Town of Dolores.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Emergency Manager, Jim Spratlen met with the Commissioner and gave a monthly update. Manager Spratlen presented for discussion and review; the Monthly Situational Report. Topics discussed within the report included; the fire situation report, a current nationwide fire statistical report, placement of the dispatch center, the Base management, the water/ irrigation report, Ground Hog Reservoir Guard Gate Project, Jackson Gulch, McPhee Reservoir, Lake Mead, a COVID statistical report, plague found in La Plata County, the Avian Flu, an update on the Hospital, the Community Intervention Program statistics, the Mitigation Grant, the Hazard Mitigation Plan, the notice of intent for the planning of sewer drainage lines in Mancos, the Coroner Backup Generator Project, the sirens and generator grant award to the Town of Dolores. (See attached)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

LETTER of SUPPORT: A letter of support addressed to **Brandon Johnson**, General Manager for the **Montezuma Valley Irrigation Company** (MVIC), in regards to the **WaterSMART**, **Grant and Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for Fiscal Year 2023**, was presented for approval. Commissioner Koppenhafer recused himself from the discussion. Commissioner Lindsay moved to sign the letter of support, for MVI, WaterSMART Grant, Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for Fiscal Year 2023. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

LETTER of SUPPORT: From the Noxious Weed Department, a letter of support addressed to **America the Beautiful Challenge, Colorado Department of Agriculture, Conservation Services Division Watershed Health Partnership Proposal Easy Grants Number -77714, was presented for approval. Commissioner Koppenhafer moved to sign the letter of support, for the Weed Department. Second by Commissioner Lindsay and carried. (See attached)**

FRTA EASEMENT AGREEMENT: The Commissioner were in agreement to not move forward with the FRTA forest road easements. Administrator Anderson will notify Forrest Service District Ranger, Derek Padilla.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Topics discussed within the Commissioners reports included: **Commissioner Lindsay** discussed contact work, mosquito control, the Past Chief, G.W. McCutcheon's bench placed at the fire house and the attended Cortez City Council meeting. **Commissioner Koppenhafer** discussed the attended Town of Mancos Board meeting and an update on the NCA legislation. **Commissioner Candelaria** discussed the scheduled Wildfire presentation, the NACO Conference, the attended CCI Legislation call and an overview of the Monday workshop.

NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS: Resource Director, James Dietrich, met with the Commissioner to give a weekly report. Director, Dietrich presented, a letter of support for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife's grant request to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the America the Beautiful Challenge Grant. Commissioner Koppenhafer moved to sign the letter of support, for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife grant request, to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the America the Beautiful Challenge Grant, to keep the Aquatic Invasive Species out of the McPhee reservoir. Second by Commissioner Lindsay and carried. Other topics discussed included; draft Memos of Understanding for the Big Game Corridors and the Gunnison Sage Grouse, an attended State Land Board meeting, attended tours of Western Excelsior and Aspen Wall Wood, the attended Mancos Trails Group Aqueduct field trip, the final grant reporting on the Colorado the Beautiful Grant for funds that finalized the plan for the Mancos side of the Paths to Mesa Verde, and the Innovative Housing Grant.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT: County Attorney, Ian MacLaren discussed the introduction of the NCA, the Ironwood Mill Property issue, a filed complaint on a death at the jail and unemployment benefit hearings.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: The new County Administrator **Travis Anderson** introduced himself and gave an overview of his first couple days.

Chairman Candelaria announced the meeting would reconvene at 1:00 p.m. for the Alkali Creek Bid Opening.

ALKALI CREEK BID OPENING: Road and Bridge Supervisor Rob Englehart met with the Commissioners for the bid openings of the Alakali Creek Bridge Project. Bids received included: Siete Inc. in the amount of \$2,164,322.00 and Ralph L Wadsworth Construction Company, LLC, in the Amount of \$2,541,720.82. (See attached)

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was read and noted: Email from Ingrid Ward. (See attached)				
MOTION TO ADJOURN: was made by Commissioner Lindsay, seconded by Commissioner Koppenhafer and carried. MEETING ADJOURNED: 1:02 p.m.				
Clerk	July 19, 2022	Chairman		