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HUERFANO COUNTY GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Date: December 5, 2023
To: Huerfano County Board of County Commissioners
From: Carl Young, County Administrator
Re: Report for the December 5th Special BOCC Meeting

Commissioners please accept the following report of accomplishments, updates, and upcoming activities.

Budget Update

The Department of Local Affairs has released a new schedule for certification of mill levies and budget adoption. The full revised schedule is attached, but final certifications are due by January 3rd instead of December 10th and mill levies need to be certified by January 10th instead of December 15th.

SRS Title 3 Public Comment Period

The public comment period for our secure rural schools grant closes today at the end of the day. As of the writing of this memo, no comments have been received. We are proposing to add developing community wildfire protection plans to our current uses for Firewise Communities and Search and Rescue.

Procurement Update

Open Solicitations

- Request for Proposals: Badito Ranch on the River Agricultural Operations – Closes December 5, 2023
- Request for Proposals: Waste Transfer Station Operations – Closes January 5, 2024

Closed Solicitations

- Request for Qualifications: Cuchara Mountain Park Operator – Proposals Due December 19, 2023
- Request for Proposals: Retail Business Incubator Consulting Services – Contract and Proposal Revisions – Pending Official Award

Solar Energy Low Income Bonus Application

Working with Ryan, LLC we have submitted an application for the low income bonus to the US Department of Energy and the Internal Revenue Service for Social Services. The Huerfano County Community Center, Law Enforcement Center, and Judicial Building were submitted in previous weeks. We expect to hear

Energy Performance Contracting Change Order 7 – Courthouse Trane Controller

McKinstry has been working with Trane to update and repair the controls at the Courthouse. Trane expected to be able to reprogram the controller, however while preparing for this project they discovered that multiple I/O relay modules on the board have failed. Trane has stated that they no

longer produce the I/O modules for these unit controllers due to their age and that the controller will need to be replaced. The new controller will be \$24,315 with no markup from McKinstry. If we proceed with this route, we will jumpstart the Courthouse for any future controls work as Trane has noted replacing this BCU will be required. This replacement will also allow the County to access the system remotely and provide better trending, monitoring, and alarming ability.

While at CCI's Winter Conference, the Colorado Energy Office mentioned that they have grants for planning and implementing geothermal systems, including district or multi building systems. Since the Board has stated a desire to move along from Trane I asked McKinstry what this option might entail. For just the Courthouse it could take up a year to develop and construction would likely cost in the range of \$1M. Most of the funding could come from tax credits and/or grants from a mix of the CEO and DOLA.

A third option would be to move away from Trane controls and install a new controls system which would in the \$200K to \$300K range.

This is presented for your information and any possible direction you would like us to explore. My plan is to present Change Order 7 to you next week, unless given other direction.

Public Building Electrification Grant

As part of the 129 Kansas project and the Fox Theatre Phase 2 rehabilitation project, the County has been working with McKinstry on a Public Building Electrification Grant for 129 Kansas, the Fox Theatre Walsenburg, and the Raymond Aguirre Community Center in Gardner. Total project cost is approximately \$1,237,000 with \$928K requested and \$309K in matching funds. The majority of these matching funds would come from the DOLA grants for 129 Kansas and the Fox Theatre Walsenburg. We expect to be ready to submit this grant later this week and will present this for your approval at your next meeting.