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HUERFANO COUNTY GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Date: May 14, 2024
To: Huerfano County Board of County Commissioners
From: Carl Young, County Administrator
Re: Report for the May 14th Regular BOCC Meeting

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

Thorne Ranch Sale

On Tuesday, April 30th the Huerfano County Asset Management Corporation completed the first half of the sale of the Thorne Ranch to Macho Bravo, LLC. The portions that have now been sold include tracks 1 and 2, totaling 603.94+/- acres at a sale price of \$800K. The Asset Management Corporation and Macho Bravo are working on resolving an access issue before completing the remainder of the transaction.

2023 Audit

The County's auditor conducted a site visit last week, May 6 – 10, a major milestone in completing the audit. Members of the County's Finance team from Administration, the County Treasurer's Office and DHS continue to work with the Auditor to complete this work on time.

Gardner Loop and Cuchara Trail Projects

Later this month or early June, we expect to begin public comment on both the Gardner and Cuchara multi-use path projects. County staff reviewed the initial drafts and asked for some changes in the alternatives before the projects go out for public comment.

Planning Commission Meeting Schedule

Regular meetings of the Huerfano County Planning Commission will be held the 2nd Thursday of the month at 1:30PM. Special meetings will be held as needed on the 4th Thursday of the month. Workshops will follow or replace meetings.

Judicial Center Security Project

County Staff met with Judge McKisson and staff from the Huerfano Combined Courts to discuss our 2024 Underfunded Courthouse Project. We have made some tweaks to the project to be more cost effective, ensure the Court's needs are met, and provide for increased safety and security for staff and visitors at the Huerfano County Judicial Center.

Gardner Sewer Replacement Project

On May 2nd, I met with the EPA Community Grants team and the County's water and sewer engineers at GMS to discuss our Sewer Project. We discussed the County's congressionally directed spending award and the steps to receive that funding. Expect future updates in the coming weeks.

Gardner WaterSmart Grant

GMS is working to update the County's Application for a water telemetry system and remote reading system for GPID. The next application round is due in July.

Workforce Resiliency Grant

On Tuesday April 30th I met with Courtney Morris, the Southeast Workforce Resilience Regional Coordinator about the Workforce Resilience Grant. While we made it past the first round of review the State requested a number of changes including removing recruitment from the budget. I asked Courtney to withdraw our application because recruitment and training those recruits was a major driver of our application. She will continue to work with us on other projects and opportunities as they arise.