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## HUERFANO COUNTY GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

**Date:** July 9, 2024  
**To:** Huerfano County Board of County Commissioners  
**From:** Carl Young, County Administrator  
**Re:** Report for the July 9<sup>th</sup> Regular BOCC Meeting

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

### Open Positions

- Sheriff's Office Secretary – Closes 7/12/2024
- Deputy Officer – Open Until Filled
- Detention Officer – Open Until Filled

All County Job Openings, including duties, qualifications, and wages are posted on the County Website at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/huerfano>

### Notes to the Board

- My thanks to the team of County Staff and Volunteers, led by Ryan Gies, Lester Berry, and Ryan Sablich, who put on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks show.
- I have a meeting with Parks and Recreation on July 8<sup>th</sup> at 4PM in the Huerfano County Community Center. This is a follow up meeting regarding further collaboration between the District and the County. We also have a meeting with GoCo and Huerfano Parks and Rec scheduled for Friday July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Reminder that July is County Board of Equalization Month. I have reserved time on your calendars in the afternoons for these meetings. I do not expect that we will have many appeals to review as the number of reviews tends to fall in non-reassessment years.
- In their meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Walsenburg City Council voted to reopen negotiations on the Law Enforcement Agreement with the assistance of a mediator. To my understanding the City negotiation team will be Mayor Vezzani, Council Member Maes, and the City Administrator. I request guidance given the current lapse in an agreement and on an approach to these negotiations.
- Commissioner Galusha asked that I bring to the Boards attention a County Ethics Policy. That policy is attached. From what I can tell this was never adopted by resolution, but I do remember it was posted on the old County Website. Would you like this put into resolution form or do you want to otherwise adopt this policy or something similar?

- I like to provide new Commissioners with a copy of my contract, I have attached such a copy to this report for your review. It does expire July 31, 2025.

### Activities

- June 26, 2024 – Met with McKinstry on the Energy Performance Contracting Project. The project is nearing completion with the Testing and Balancing and last punch list items are still remaining to be completed.
- June 26, 2024 – Attended Raymond Aguirre Community Center Advisory Board Meeting. The ground around the vault toilet is settling and Public Works and Road and Bridge are going to backfill the area. We expect this settling to occur a couple of times before the process is complete.
- June 27, 2024 – Met with Conor Orr and Keri Powers from Huerfano Parks and Recreation District about the Riverwalk Planning Grant. The District is interested in working with us on this planning project. We expect to hear more from them after their next meetings. I have asked County Attorney Nathan Shultz to draft an IGA between the County and the District to begin working on this project. Under such an agreement, the District would lead consultant procurement, public engagement, and consultant management while the County would manage the Grant, supply the match, and provide guidance on desired amenities.
- June 28, 2024 – Met with staff from the US Bureau of Water Reclamation (“USBR”) regarding the County’s WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Project grant application. USBR gave feedback on the County’s application, generally requesting more data to substantiate both the current situation and proposed project benefits. In discussion with GMS, the County will seek to reapply in 2025.
- July 1, 2024 – Met with Employers Council regarding a potential employee advisory committee and potential legal concerns as well as practical issues.
- July 1, 2024 – Met with Ken Clayton and Sal Pace representing the Panadero Ski Corporation and Chris Aaby and Tilah Larson from GoCo to discuss the potential of emergency GoCo funds to support the rehabilitation of Lift 4 before the upcoming season. GoCo reported that they see it unlikely that their process would lead to funding of Lift 4, but expressed desire to make an investment in Cuchara Mountain Park generally. We expect to meet with DOLA in the coming weeks about funding for Lift 4.
- July 3, 2024 – Met with Garver and FAA regarding the Airfield Lighting and Signage Improvements project to review 75% design. We expect the 90% design and to put the project out to bid in the coming weeks.
- July 3, 2024 – Met with Brittney Ciarlo and Anthony Luginbill to review the Business Continuity Plan. The initial draft was in decent shape and Brittney is taking the lead on revisions. A table top exercise is scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup>.

- July 3, 2024 – Had a call with Katherine Correll of Downtown Colorado Inc. regarding the newly enacted County Revitalization Authority legislation and potential for Huerfano County to be an early adopter of this tool for use in Gardner and perhaps other areas of the County. She is going to develop a proposal for a team led by Downtown Colorado Inc. to assist with standing up a Huerfano County Revitalization Authority.