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HUERFANO COUNTY GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Date: September 26, 2023
To: Huerfano County Board of County Commissioners
From: Carl Young, County Administrator
Re: Report for the September 26 Regular BOCC Meeting

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

New Job Portal

We are live with a new County Job Portal on NEOGOV and GovernmentJobs.com. Prospective applicants will soon be able to go to <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/huerfano> to see openings with the County.

Badito Ranch on the River Community Meeting

On September 23 at 11AM, we hosted a Community Meeting for Badito Ranch on the River near the intersection of CR 616 and Highway 69. There were presentations from Commissioner Galusha, Carolyn Newman, and Electra Johnson. The public feedback we gathered will be incorporated into the next version of the Master Plan.

Fox Theater Phase 1 Rehabilitation Project

County Staff have prepared a building permit for the Phase 1 Rehabilitation of the Fox Theatre Walsenburg. Contractors are confident about completing the project this fall and are meeting with the City Building Inspector today. The planned construction window is Mid-October to Early November.

Procurement Update

We currently have three open solicitations. RFP 2023-06 for business training consultants for the Wheelhouse Retail Business Incubator Program, which closed on Friday, September 29th. RFQ 2023-07 for a housing and mixed use developer partner for our affordable and attainable housing projects, which closes October 20th. RFQ 2023-08 for an Operator at Cuchara Mountain Park, which closes October 30th.

RFQ 2023-05 for Engineering related to our Airfield Electrical Rehab Project, closed on September 18th and we received one submission from Garver Engineering.

Spanish Peaks Airfield Master Plan Update

Last week, we met with Armstrong to review the first draft of the recommended development plan for Spanish Peaks Airfield. We gave some staff level feedback on operational needs and asked for clarification on a few items. We expect a revised version along with the second working paper for Advisory Committee Review in the coming weeks.

Spanish Peaks Airfield Capital Improvement Plan Update

Yesterday, County staff and I met with CDOT Aeronautics and the FAA on the Capital Improvement Plan for Spanish Peaks Airfield. The Electrical Rehab Project is on the list for 2024. AWOS replacement and possibly a lighting backup generator are on the list for 2025. The Teacup Taxiway project is on the list for 2026. The 2028 project is resealing the runway and taxiway. The 2029 project is a snow removal building. This Capital Improvement Plan helps CDOT and FAA plan for future grants.

Spanish Peaks Airfield AWOS

We have been working to replace damaged sensors on the Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) at the Spanish Peaks Airfield. After some back and forth with the contracted maintenance company, we expect to have the replacement sensors in 6 to 8 weeks.

Housing Needs Assessment

We have received a draft of our updated Housing Needs Assessment from SE Group. Sky Tallman, Land Use Director, and I have reviewed the document and discussed with SE Group some of the concerns and we had with the last assessment and how to make the study more relevant to local users.