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HUERFANO COUNTY GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Date: September 12, 2023
To: Huerfano County Board of County Commissioners
From: Carl Young, County Administrator
Re: Report for the September 12 Regular BOCC Meeting

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

Badito Ranch on the River Community Meeting

On September 23 at 11AM, the County will be hosting a Community Meeting and Tour of Badito Ranch on the River. Interested parties should meet us near the intersection of CR 616 and Highway 69. We will be set up near the river for the first part of the event. Electra Johnson will give an overview of the Master Plan and will, along with County staff, listen to public feedback to 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. There is still a high likelihood that this project gets postponed until the Spring, but the contractor has offered assurances that the project can be completed this year without risk to the Theatre. The planned construction window is Mid-October to Early November.

Cuchara and Gardner Multi-Use Path Projects

KLJ Engineering has completed the survey portion of the Cuchara and Gardner Multi-Use Path Design/Engineering projects. They expect to be working on alignments in the next two to three weeks and aim to be ready for public input in October/November.

Gardner Plaza Project

We have made significant progress on the Gardner Plaza Project at the Raymond Aguirre Community Center. Last week, County staff prepared the grounds of the Community Center for a new vault toilet, which should be installed today. We have also received the pavilion, which will be installed later this Fall. An information kiosk and other amenities still need to be installed to complete the project.

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.

DOLA Energy Impact Grants

Last week, County Staff met with Tara Marshall, our Regional Manager from the Department of Local Affairs to receive feedback on our Energy Impact Grants for the EOC/Dispatch Renovation and the Fox Theatre Walsenburg Phase 2 Renovation. We discussed the goals of set aside programs for which we have applied and how our projects fit within those programs.

Procurement Update

We currently have two open solicitations. RFQ 2023-05 is for Engineering related to our Airfield Electrical Rehab Project, closes on September 18th. RFP 2023-06 for business training consultants for the Wheelhouse Retail Business Incubator Program. I expect to release an RFQ for a housing developer in the next week or so.