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HUERFANO COUNTY GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Date: September 10, 2024
To: Huerfano County Board of County Commissioners
From: Carl Young, County Administrator
Re: Report for the September 10th Regular BOCC Meeting

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

Open Positions

- 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

- At 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2024, Huerfano County staff became aware of an issue with the Gardner Public Improvement District (GPID) water system. The entire system was without water until a leak on an unmapped service line was found and repaired late Friday. Water pressure returned to normal levels by Saturday Afternoon. The Boil Water advisory was lifted on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 3PM after test results cleared the system for normal operation. The bulk water service was reopened at 5PM the same day.

Our efforts to diagnose the issue and repair the system were led by System Operator Chris Behaver and Interim Public Works Director Lester Berry, both of whom demonstrated their professional skill and work ethic in their efforts to resolve this issue. County Staff from Road and Bridge, Emergency Management, Public Works, Admin/Finance, and IT among others supported their efforts.

Special thanks to the Upper Huerfano Fire Protection District for leading water distribution efforts; Barnett Pump Service and Andreatta Well Service for their assistance diagnosing the system; Arrowhead, Safeway, Sam’s Club, Lowe’s, and Home Depot for water donations and the residents of the Gardner Public Improvement District for their understanding, support, and patience.

The County will conduct an after action review to discuss the repair operation and related efforts and identify strengths and weaknesses to improve County Operations, particularly around future incidents and emergencies.

- ITB 2024-03 for replacement of the County Road 543 Bridge over the Huerfano River is currently open and will close on September 20, 2024 at 1PM MT

- We are currently accepting Letters of Interest for the following Boards and Commissions:
 - Raymond Aguirre Community Center Advisory Board
 - Huerfano County Tourism Board
 - Planning Commission
 - Board of Adjustment
 - Huerfano County Building Authority
 - Board of Review

Letters of interest should be mailed to Huerfano County Board of County Commissioners, 401 Main St., Suite 201, Walsenburg, CO 81089 or emailed to hwelsh@huerfano.us - if emailing, please attach letter of interest as a document. Interested parties are also able to apply via the County website at

<https://huerfanocounty-co.municodemeetings.com/bc/application>

Activities

- Wednesday, August 14, 2024 – Attended meeting with new HCED Bookkeeping/Accounting Firm to discuss invoicing of Incubator EDA Grant Documents
- Wednesday, August 14, 2024 – Met with Baker Tilly regarding Strong Communities and Local Planning Capacity Grant project
- Friday, August 16, 2024 – Met with KLJ along with Anthony Luginbill to kickoff GIS Support Services
- Friday, August 16, 2024 – Attended meeting with South Central COG to interview potential policy and grant writing consultant
- Friday, August 16, 2024 – Met with Louis Lukondi regarding Local Planning Capacity Grant project
- Wednesday, August 21, 2024 – Attended Wheelhouse Management Meeting
- Wednesday, August 21, 2024 – Attended CCI Tax and Finance Steering Committee
- Wednesday, August 21, 2024 – Met with Lola Spradley and Carlton Croft from HCED along with Robert Gilbert to discuss housing project coordination, Local Planning Capacity Grant, and tourism
- Wednesday, August 21, 2024 – Attended Harassment Training
- Thursday, August 22, 2024 – Attended ACCA Forum on Strengthening Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Prevention

- Friday, August 23, 2024 – Met with County Coroner Vonnie Valdez about the need for a vehicle for her office
- Friday, August 23, 2024 – Had a quick touchbase call with Aaron Skorch regarding the Fox Theatre Walsenburg Phase 2 project
- Monday, August 26, 2024 – Attended CCI Tax and Finance Steering Committee
- Monday, August 26, 2024 – Met with Joe Sherrell from the FAA as well as Jake Hoban and Roy Daniels from Garver regarding FAA Funding for the Spanish Peaks Airfield Electrical Rehab Project
- Monday, August 26, 2024 – Met with Scott Florence from Verkada and Justin Land from Convergint along with Brittney Ciarlo and Anthony Luginbill to discuss access control and other physical security projects
- Wednesday, August 28, 2024 – Attended Wheelhouse Management Meeting
- Wednesday, August 28, 2024 – Attended Spanish Peaks Outdoor Coalition Meeting on Partnership Structure. Next Meeting is Monday, September 16 at 1PM at the Trinidad Community Center
- Wednesday, August 28, 2024 – Attended HCED Board Meeting
- Wednesday, August 28, 2024 – Attended Raymond Aguirre Community Center Advisory Board Meeting
- Thursday, August 29, 2024 – Attended Pre-Bid Conference for the project to replace the CR 543 Bridge over the Huerfano River.
- Thursday, August 29, 2024 – Met with Ray Bongiovanni about next steps on his Wood Burial CUP. Once CDPHE completes their review and issues a recommendation, we will have a public comment period and then a hearing to accept or reject the recommendation.
- Friday, August 30, 2024 – Held Interviews for Admin Assistant position
- Monday, September 2, 2024 – Met with Brittney Ciarlo, Raquel Rodriguez, and Darren Sanchez for their regular Dispatch Coordination Meeting
- Wednesday, September 4, 2024 – Had a quick touchbase meeting with Sheriff Newman and Krissie Aldretti on Equipment, Vehicles, and general coordination with the SO
- Thursday, September 5, 2024 – Spoke with Katherine Correll about strategic planning for development of a County Revitalization Authority
- Friday, September 6, 2024 – Held second round interviews for Admin Assistant Position

- Friday, September 6, 2024 – Met with McKinstry along with Brittney Ciarlo regarding the Jail Kitchen, Law Enforcement Center HVAC, Fox Theatre Walsenburg Phase 2, and 129 Kansas Projects
- Monday, September 9, 2024 – Held follow up meeting with McKinstry along with Brittney Ciarlo on 129 Kansas Project
- Monday, September 9, 2024 – Met with Tyler Technologies to discuss County processes to prepare for an Onsite Visit in October