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HUERFANO COUNTY GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Date: June 11, 2024
To: Huerfano County Board of County Commissioners
From: Carl Young, County Administrator
Re: Report for the June 11th Regular BOCC Meeting

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

Open Positions

- Child Welfare Caseworker 1 and Foster Home Worker – Closes 06/14/2024
- Communications Officer/Dispatch – Closes 6/14/2024
- Sheriff's Office Secretary – Closed 6/14/2024
- 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

- On June 5, 2024 GMS Engineering submitted the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Loan Application for the County on behalf of the Gardner Public Improvement District for the Collection System project.
- On June 5, 2024 Road and Bridge Superintendent Dustin Hribar and his team began removing the Hesco bags around the Huerfano County Community Center. He expects to complete this work before the end of June.
- The first Spanish Peaks Outdoor Coalition Meeting will be held on June 13, 2024. The Spanish Peaks Outdoor Coalition (SPOC) is a new partnership designated as one of Colorado's Regional Partnership Initiatives. The partnership is in its formative stages and the goals of the partnership are to develop a regional approach to all things outdoors in the area, and to coordinate across groups and efforts in Las Animas and Huerfano Counties.
- The Huerfano County Building Authority reported that one of their members, Lynnette Bushaw, has not attended a meeting since January 18, 2024. Land Use and Building Staff will reach out to her again, if we do not hear back a request to remove her from the Board will be presented to you.

Activities

- May 29, 2024 – Met with DOLA on Energy Resilience Funding for a microgrid project involving County facilities.
- May 29, 2024 – Attended Wheelhouse Management Meeting
- May 29, 2024 – Received Updates from McKinstry on Energy Performance Contracting Project. We only have a few more items still open and anticipate substantially completing the project in June.
- May 29, 2024 – Met with a Cuchara Cabin Owner regarding addressing on Staples Lane and damage from snowplowing. I'm working with Road and Bridge to resolve the snowplowing concerns and Land Use and Building to resolve addressing issues on Staples Lane.
- May 29, 2024 – Attended Huerfano County Economic Development Inc. board meeting and ribbon cutting for new industrial Park
- May 31, 2024 – Met with Jan Vail, Ann Caffey, Mary Ball, and County Staff on the future of the Community Garden, plans for the Health Campus, and a current grant project at the Community Garden.
- June 3, 2024 – Met with DOLA and Ryan Elarton of San Isabel Electric to discuss options for microgrid feasibility and design around County facilities in Walsenburg. This would be a backup power microgrid, so our critical facilities can share backup power generation. We decided to explore US Department of Energy Technical Assistance, a no cost option.
- June 3, 2024 – Met with AdPro, McKinstry, and County Staff to begin planning a ribbon cutting for the Energy Performance Contracting Project scheduled for July 15th. SIEA is also working with us to plan the event.
- June 5, 2024 – Met with South Central Council of Governments Executive Director Brian Blasi and Housing Director Brenda Poe on the CDBG Housing Revolving Loan Fund Grant and ways the County can help SCCOG improve services. We also discussed our housing plans and ways SCCOG and the County can collaborate on housing projects.
- June 5, 2024 – Met with the State Internet Portal Authority on their GovGrants program and how we can use that program to upgrade technology to improve services the County provides to residents. We discussed a phased approach and the goal of getting the entire County onto an interconnected program.
- June 6, 2024 – Participated in Workshop with AG Weiser
- June 6, 2024 – Met with GMS on Gardner Sewer Rehabilitation project.
- June 6, 2024 – Attended Huerfano County Building Authority meeting to hear about progress to clean up the Spanish Peaks Inn. Owner Rajesh Patel met with the HCBA and discussed the struggles they have had getting the project moving as well as an incident where a

transformer was hit by the contractor. He has committed to continue working with Land Use and Building Staff to move the project along as quickly as possible.

- June 7, 2024 – Met with Tyler Technologies and SIPA to review Tyler's AccessGov (aka Engagement Builder) Program, which allows advanced online forms and process management. This system would be helpful on CORA requests and other forms that may be inappropriate in and Land Use and Building system.
- June 7, 2024 – Met with Mindy Baumgardner from the Attorney General's Office about grants for public safety.
- June 7, 2024 – Met with Cascade Energy, DOLA, Ryan Elarton from SIEA, and County Staff about the Department of Energy's Microgrid Technical Assistance Program. We were advised that the microgrid program is more beneficial for larger projects and that we should look into the Clean Energy to Communities (C2C) Expert Match program. This would also be a no cost option. For more information, go to: <https://www.nrel.gov/state-local-tribal/c2c-expert-match.html>