## MONTEZUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING 11/7/16

Following are notes by one member of the public attending the meeting. These notes are not "minutes" and contain personal views regarding the subjects. They are presented as general information and encourage readers to access the Commissions webpage for official minutes for items of specific interest.

**SHERIFFS** office was seeking approval/support to apply for a GOCO Grant (Great Outdoors Colorado) from the state for additional projects for the "mounted patrol". In addition to the already approved Corrals and tack barn, additional interest is for an arena, turn-out area, bleachers which could be used for educational outreach for public. Question was asked why not use the Posse Grounds? The matter was tabled for more information to come next week.

**JUSTICE** building is moving along well with the good weather, the footing s all poured, and the stem walls are ¾ poured. Sanitation line will be extended to hook up to the new facility.

**PUBLIC INPUT** time had one County resident concerned with the addressing system changing his and two others addresses that were inconsistent with the system on a new "N.5" road. Staff will be working out the issue. Addressing is a continuing problem when changes need to be made.

ARRIOLA Community Center requested help with gravel to expand the parking lot further to the south. The County Roads can donate the ¾" road base, with Community Center volunteers/donations to haul and spread the gravel. That was approved for 20 tons of road base material.

**ROADS** report indicated the upgrading and chip sealing of the Goodman Point road is complete. Paint stripping will be done next year. Replacement of several culverts have and are being done on road CC. Paint stripping will be done, hopefully this week, on pavement overlays and chip seals on 22, 25, N & U. Below is a picture looking north at the intersection of U & 20, showing the nice chip sealing. Road 25



had a new pavement overlay between M & P, that will be paint stripped soon. The County worked with Bauer Lake to place rip rap where the lake had been starting to cut into the County Road. CDOT is about finished with the bridge replacement on the Narraguinnep canal crossing. We saw pictures of the new structure which is composed of precast concrete box culvert sections 8'X20' connected to extend the full 60' R/W.

Pretty slick and will be MUCH nicer than the 24' rotting wood bridge. This new method may well be used for some old wood bridges on County Roads in the future. It was also noted that CDOT is planning to re-do the hazard intersection of S&491 next year. This would also include resurfacing the hwy up to RoundUp. It was mentioned at the last meeting that Roads Dept. was going to gravel County Road X from the Great Cut Dike up to the old Sage Hen Camp Ground, making for a better access for equestrian

trail access to the Sage Hen trail. I checked it today and it has been done and MUCH nicer to drag your horse trailer over..

**TECHNICAL SUPPORT** reported that they have worked with the City of Cortez to establish what they call a "wireless redundancy" on the fiber cable system connecting to Denver to ensure emergency contacts can still continue in case of a cable cut, like what happened earlier this fall.

**FAIRGROUNDS** reported on a good year with higher usage and income than previous. They are really fixing up the facility. They will be installing new LED lighting in the Sheep, Rabbit and Hog barns. That will really be nice. The BOCC approved Resolution 15-2016 to support the Fair to submit a GOCO grant request for 2 really nice portable trailer toilets. These will be MUCH nicer than the porta potties. They even have "baby changing" facilities In them. The health dept. has given their blessing on them as well. Couple of up coming events are Teen Maze November 16-17 and 4 States Jr. Rodeo. 19-20<sup>th</sup>.

**KIVA-MONTESSORI** School will be holding their Stone Soup Public Dinner in the County Annex on December 1<sup>st</sup>.. As a non-profit, they were asking for fee waiver, which was approved.

**HEALTH DEPT.** stated there have been 4 cases of flu reported so far. They have vaccination clinic open Tuesdays 9:30-11:30. The WIC program is now using "E-WIC" cards, which seems to be working better. The "Nurse Family Partnership Program" is serving 50 families and they said that Rep. Scott Tipton and his local rep. Darlene went out with them on family visits last week. They have been operating the "Young Parents Plys" parenting classes this fall, which will end Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, helping 7 young families.

WE encourage you to check in to the County Website where you can obtain a host of information on what is happening in the County. Here are a couple more pictures on road improvements

Below is showing new pavement overlay, looking north on 25 at M. Second picture is the new gravel on Road X looking East near the old Camp Ground.



