

MONTEZUMA COUNTY COMMISSION 5/22/17

Here is a few notes from the last County Commission meeting. Sorry I am a little late, oh well.

NEW COURT HOUSE is on schedule with no problems. Still looking at mid to late August for completion.



Then will come public viewing, then later furniture move in, then operational by October, hopefully. Here is an outside view of the building from the street toward the Sheriff office.

PUBLIC ADDRESS TIME It was reported that Mancos school Dist. received a BEST grant of \$19.77 million to renovate the K-12 facilities.

ROAD X CLOSURE, This has been a concern for equestrians due to the Sage Hen Trail head was potentially behind a proposed closure to prevent the lake from becoming infected by the invasive mussel. Road X has been used as a boat launching site by many locals as the Road is the old access to the town of McPhee, now non-existent in the bottom of the reservoir. The BOCC worked with the Bureau of Reclamation and Dolores Water Conservancy to come up with closure means to satisfy all parties. They worked out a temporary arrangement which leaves the equestrian corrals and trail head open. There will be a hearing on June 19th regarding the road closure. Here are a couple of pictures depicting the closure. The picture on the left is the Corrals and the picture on the right is looking on



down the road to the closure barrier toward the lake, leaving equestrian and trail access available..
LANDFILL operations indicated that their “Retail Recycling” operation is doing well. Even sold some

pianos, washer and dryers. Some construction supplies are even available from time to time. Call the Landfill for information.

MAINTENANCE indicated the parking lot at the Annex will get new pavement top coat. I noticed this week it had been done. Looks nice.

WEED program gave a good overview on some of the more obvious noxious weeds in the county and the need to get them under control. One very obvious one right now is the "Hoary Cress" or White Top as some call it. It is very invasive and crowds out all other vegetation. Call the Extension office for the weed program to get advice etc. Also they noted that there is a natural Rust that kills Canada thistle, If you see the thistle that is looking sickly, call the Extension/weed office to check it out, it can be used to spread into other thistle areas.

ROADS will finish up mag-chloride areas and the Road 25 has new pavement overlay. Really nice now. Stripping will need to be done later. You need to be aware that CDOT is redoing hwy 491 from above 'M' up to above "U". Two things to note, first you can anticipate a 10+ minute wait in both directions for travel , so plan your time accordingly. Second, for those that choose to avoid the construction, there are some that exceed speed limits on the alternate county roads such as 22 and 25 resulting in the highway patrol and sheriffs being on the alert for you, so drive safely .