

MONTEZUMA COUNTY BOCC 11-6-17

Not a lot of activity this morning, but some very interesting items that you might be interested in.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY met with the BOCC and seeks to lease what is now the Social Services offices, to rebuild a local museum. A lease agreement will be drafted up and potentially the building area could be available by first of the Year, when Social Services is relocated to the old Court House offices.

VETERANS OFFICE reported that they assisted 226 clients in October, with 16 of them being new ones. Even had one from Aztec, NM who found out that our office gets things done for the veterans. It is noted that there will be the Veterans Day Parade on the 11th, Saturday at 1 p.m., with staging at the County Annex. As a side note, the Parking lot at the Annex has just received a new top coat paving. The painting is yet to be done.

HEALTH DEPT. noted that there will be a special presentation on "Suicide Prevention" November 15th, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the High School. Definitely a growing concern for several at risk groups. They have new information promoting that you check for mold in your house as it's presence can have serious health issues. The Dept. is seeking to find where they should best focus their efforts, by seeking YOUR information and concerns. There is a Survey that you can fill out on the County website, right on the front top of the first page. The survey will end Nov. 15th, so fill it out now, so it can be a real help to them to know what is important to you. They mentioned that there is a FREE childrens book "library" in the entry front of their office, which is an

old newspaper sales box (but you don't pay) it just has books for children to take and pass along, or return for someone else to use.

RESOLUTION 11-2017 was passed, Establishing Montezuma County Extension Advisory Committee. This committee will be composed of members seeking to advance all the extension programs and how the County can better coordinate with CSU. Several persons have already expressed interest in serving and appointments of the committee is expected next Monday afternoon meeting.

NATURAL RESOURCES office reported that the Dolores watershed and Fire Prevention group was expanding and now including timber industries, since timber management is the management tool that can best provide for a healthier watershed. SAGE HEN campground and access concerns will be discussed Nov. 15th, 6-8 p.m. at the Destination Grill conference room. How can access be available while protecting the lake from the invasive mussels? PHIL'S WORLD expansion is still being held at the mercy of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) who apparently is trying to prevent any and all public use and access of the Public lands. BLM is working to get the SHPO to wake up. If unsuccessful then County will step in at the State level.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT meeting was attended by Commissioner Ertel, who reported that here in Montezuma County, while there can be natural disasters, such as flooding, fires, etc. the Worst possible disaster in this county would be the loss of electric power for an extended period of time. So there is a need to ensure critical facilities have self contained back up electrical equipment.

BUDGET workshop information indicated that insurance costs will be going up again this year by another \$700 per employee. Currently it is

\$9,107 per employee. Also noted that anticipated revenues are down from from 2 major tax sources, with Kinder Morgan production being a major one. (*people that don't like drilling and Kinder Morgan may begin to realize how much those affect our local economy and entire county*). The departments budget requests are more than the anticipated revenue, so much work will need to be done.