

Montezuma County BOCC 6-29-21

A few notes here on the recent meeting

PLANNING brought up the Solar Farm proposal. It turned out that the two sides on the proposal have been getting together discussing possible mediation methods to establish a community good will for the future. Finalization is in the works, so the Proposers have requested a "Continuance" for the approval to be July 27th at 9 a.m.

CITY OF CORTEZ, Linda Smith, together with Kim Percell and staff, together explained how the County and City have been working together in all elections within the County. This has become an example that other County/Cities can copy. What has been developed is an Election Coordinating effort between the three municipalities and the County, that really WORKS for the benefit of all entities AND the People! Building Bridges Can be Done. Good Job!

CLERKS OFFICE reported on the MVD Kiosks are available statewide for renewing licenses, etc. Basically the same as doing it "On Line", but these work for people not having computers necessary. Our nearest Kiosk is in Durango, as they are limited to counties of over 50,000 population. Local residents here can use the Kiosks in Durango. ALSO reported that El Paso and Elbert Counties did detailed election audits that turned out 99.9% no issue. A new "Signature Verification" machine will be secured to speed up the process with even more accuracy.

COUNTY ATTORNEY John Baxter will be leaving July 6th, for family concerns. Assistant Attorney Ian Maclaren has been selected to step up to fill the County Attorney position to keep all actions moving smoothly ahead. Ian is a local man that knows the County and people well.

HOSPITAL, Southwest Health System introduced the new interim CEO and new interim head of Nursing. It was reported that there will be new Family Physicians, Surgeon, Obgyn coming soon. It was mentioned that the sleep study lab here is one of the best for high elevation studies. On questions regarding Covid 19, the Hospital will continue to follow CDC guidelines. It was noted that the First Covid 19 Variant (the DELTA) was detected in Montezuma County via a Tourist on June

9th, just recently got the test confirmed. It seems the testing still has to use the old slow method. It was brought out that Country Stampede was just held and a lot of our people were there, so watch for a jump in the DELTA, maybe??? It seems that the Hospital is gradually doing better with the finances, however it was mentioned that we have a high "indigent care" that costs \$6-7 million a year.

We encourage you to log onto the County website and watch/listen to the proceedings. The Hospital report will provide much more information than we can list here.

REPORTS from Commissioners and staff brought out a couple of good Reminders.

1. Please show respect for the HANDICAP PARKING spots. If you are not handicapped don't park in the spots. Be considerate as we don't know what issues others may be dealing with.
- 2 Be responsible with fires . Please don't ruin Independence Day .