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TO: Board of County Commissioners
Scott Vargo
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FROM: Sara R. Lopez
RE: Work Session Meeting of September 03, 2019
DATE: September 03, 2019

Attendees:

Elected Officials: Thomas C. Davidson, Karn Stiegelmeier and Elisabeth Lawrence – Commissioners and Ryne Scholl, Treasurer/Public Trustee

Staff: Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Julie Sutor, Director of Communications; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Bruce Camping, Summit Stage/Transit Planner, Curtis Garner, Summit Stage Transit Director; Andy Atencio, Information Systems Director and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Jim Lochhead

I. Transit Route Discussion

Bentley Henderson, Curtis Garner and Bruce Camping gave a digital presentation and brief overview including but not limited to:

- The challenges of hiring and retaining drivers
- Review of changes being considered to reduce overtime demands on current drivers

Commissioners and staff discussed different options to attract new employees and alleviate overtime burden and in their capacity agreed to move forward with the revised winter routes.

II. Information Systems (IS) Update

Andy Atencio gave an update and brief overview including but not limited to:

- Update on Project Thor:
 - The project goal is to create redundancy to alleviate internet outages caused by cut lines, and to provide customers with pricing and provider options like in the Front Range
 - The expense has been higher than expected so far. The benefits won't be obvious until the project is up and running. At this point, we expect to start providing services in October or November of this year.
 - The cost to provide internet service to all areas is prohibitive. Towns and other areas may need to implement Land Improvement Development (LID) Plans in order to afford it, and this project does not include unincorporated areas

- The Peak 7 LID project should consider laying out conduit cables when digging the road during paving project to avoid having to dig again in the future.
- There were questions on grants available to help with the expense, but because of the way the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) currently evaluates serviced areas Summit County does not qualify for broadband grants.
- PlanIT!
 - How does IS determine which projects tackle, and whether they need to be built or purchased from outside vendor.
 - When a department needs a new system, the county conducts studies to see if a product already exists that meet the needs of the department, otherwise, they are custom built by IS.

The Commissioners and staff discussed the project in detail and gave their comments, inquired about wetland construction, expectations for 2019 and the timeline for the project.

III. **County Financial 2018 Audit Report (Eide Bailly and Finance)**

Kimberley Higgins and Brent Millspaugh provided an in depth review of the 2018 Financial and Compliance audit for Summit County's grant programs.

The Commissioners gave comments and inquired about specific details of the reports.

IV. **Managers' and Commissioners' Issues**

Senior Management and the Commissioners gave various updates on topics including but not limited to:

- Bentley Henderson
 - CHAFFA building code, our staff is going to participate in person/phone. We may ask HC3 to participate.
 - Update on shooting range noise concerns. Bentley will look into Basalt's construction of shooting range and whether it lessened noise levels.
- Sarah Vaine
 - Census Grant: a draft will be ready for the Consent Agenda at the next BOCC Regular Meeting.

Commissioners also reviewed schedules and upcoming calendar events.

Extended Afternoon Work Session

A recess was taken at 12:00 p.m. for lunch and reconvened into Work Session at 1:30 p.m.

I. **Denver Water Update**

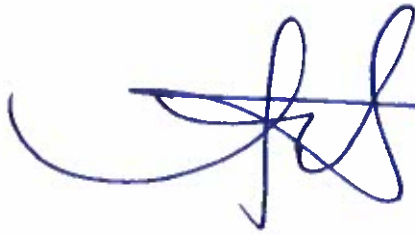
Jim Lochhead, Denver Water CEO, gave a brief overview and update regarding Denver Water including but not limited to:

- **Denver Water Properties:** Acquisition for Workforce Housing & Open Space
 - Summit County will collaborate with Denver Water if they decide to sell any surplus properties
- **Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) New Local Representative**

- **Dillon Reservoir Recreation Committee (DRReC) Capacity Analysis**
 - Review of fireworks rules and feedback from this summer's fireworks cancellation. Discussion on public safety issues that arise when fireworks are allowed: road gridlock obstructs emergency services' ability to get from point A to point B in an emergency.
- **Colorado River Cooperative Agreement (CRCA) Update**
 - Update on Western Slope's interest in Shoshone Hydro Plant's water rights
- **Dillon Reservoir Operations**
 - Working to examine snowpack and reduce flooding threat to Silverthorne during peak levels
 - Communication was excellent between Denver Water and the county
 - Current reservoirs levels in Denver are really good right now
 - The upgrades at the Frisco Marina have been successful, and numbers have increased dramatically. Parking is an issue and other food options are needed.
- **Forests to Faucets Partnership (F2F)**
 - Continue commitment to F2F and are looking to expand it to landscape level. Working with other companies.
 - Have successfully treated about 1600 acres in SC - goal is to treat 1,300 acres in 2019.
 - A 5 year commitment with Forest Service to invest 33 million dollars. Currently on 2nd year.
 - Summit County put \$1 million into fire prevention/mitigation
 - Watershed health is a major goal
 - Citizens are becoming more acceptable of fire mitigation due to recent fires.
- **Weed Management on Denver Water Properties**
 - Treated 825 acres and it's gone really well.
- **County Recycling Center**
 - Below dam – Softball field – Recycling Center. Residents have asked for a recycling site on the north end of the county, specifically that area below the dam.
 - Have to examine all issues and if it affects the dam, such as water quality, the deal goes away.
 - Discussed parking
 - Town of Dillon's Recycling Center has been overrun since the county's recycling center has closed.
 - Request for Proposal (RFP) put out to subcontract the management.
 - We are hoping to move forward quickly on this

Commissioners and Senior Staff discussed details on the Recycling Center and how the Town of Silverthorne is very much in favor of the project.

Respectfully submitted:



Sara Lopez, Deputy Clerk



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Approved by:



Thomas C. Davidson, Chair