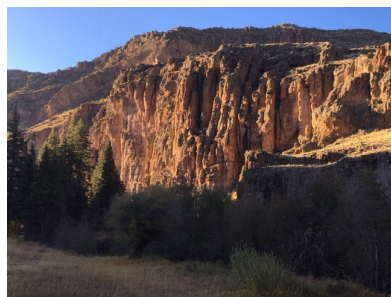


State of the County

February 10, 2020



Today we celebrate 146 years of Hinsdale County. John F. Kennedy said that “leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.” We learned much during a challenging 2019. We want to share with you our first State of the County snapshot of accomplishments and our goals for the upcoming year. Respectfully, Commissioner Susan Thompson, Commissioner Kristie Borchers, and Commissioner Sara Gutterman

MISSION Hinsdale County works to preserve the past while developing future opportunities.

VALUES Hinsdale County will promote citizen confidence through community engagement, transparency, accountability, strategic planning, collaboration, stewardship, and fiscal responsibility.

2019 Accomplishments

- Welcomed new Road & Bridge Supervisor, Commissioner, Emergency Medical Services Director, Emergency Manager, Marketing Consultant, EMS Physician Advisor, and Sheriff.
- Declared two local emergencies; participated in Unified Coordination Group (UCG) state and federal assistance that included avalanche response, potential flooding, partial deconstruction of Hidden Treasure dam, temporary berm construction, sandbagging, evacuation of historic records, water monitoring, economic recovery, and emergency communication (estimated value to Hinsdale County \$5,446,207).
- Commemorated Veteran’s Day and 25th Anniversary of Sheriff Roger Coursey’s Death in the Line of Duty.
- Partnering with Archuleta County and Visionary for cell towers near Pagosa Springs and Southend, Dpt of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) grant (\$466,015).
- Updated Agenda Policy, Purchasing Policy & Procedures Manual, Investment Policy, County Credit Card Policy, Personnel Policy & Organization Chart, Disaster (Finance) Policy, and increased rates for Emergency Medical Services and Road & Bridge. Reiterated opposition to Wolf Reintroduction and expressed opposition to Red Flag Bill.
- Implementing 2020-2022 Grants Path. Submitted grant requests for EPA Brownfields at the Ute Ulay, State Internet Portal Authority for online transparency, and Emergency Medical & Trauma Services for a backcountry ambulance.
- Received Geologic Information Services (GIS) grant (\$10,000), Edmund T and Eleanor Quick Foundation grant (\$5,000 for Capitol City PO roof); Lake Fork Community Foundation grant (\$1,500 for Coroner’s Cot); funding from Pagosa Area Tourism Board (\$500) for Southend OHV signs; assist with Upper Rio Grande historic sign project funded by State Historic Fund (with Creede Historical Society, \$24,075); Court Security grant (\$1,944); planning for Upper Rio Grande water plan grant implementation (\$55,000); Electronic Recording Technology Board grant (\$60,510); Colorado Parks & Wildlife grant (\$7,625); WRETAC grant (\$15,000); EMPG Special grant for booklet (\$1,150); Resource Advisory Council (RAC) for Deer Lakes Road (\$12,309); Colorado Tourism Office (CTO) grant (\$10,000 for lakecity.com website); partner Dark Skies & CRAFT bicycling planning.
- Approved Intergovernmental Agreement for Snowplowing & the Sheriff’s Office; Debris Management Plan, Alert & Warning Plan, Local Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), All-Hazards Mitigation Plan completed (grant \$34,978).
- Auctioned \$200,000 surplus equipment; purchased skidsteer, refurbished dozer, F350, bear-proof dumpsters for public areas; mudslide response; repurposed dedicated Coroner’s Vehicle; and MSHA permit process for Clawson Mesa.
- Updated fees & leases at Hill 71 as well as addressed electrical concerns from thunder snow event; approved Concessionaire Contract, electrical work, and HistoriCorps historic assessment (funded by the USDA Forest Service) at 30-Mile Resort.
- Participated with public lands in forest planning, road contracts, & other projects.



WORKING DRAFT Department & Commission Goals and Strategic Actions 2020

ECONOMIC FOUNDATIONS

Partner to create a vibrant, business-friendly climate that enables citizens, entrepreneurs, taxpayers, & businesses opportunity to prosper. Promote marketing & economic development by supporting local organizations & events. Research opportunities for workforce housing.

HISTORIC & NATURAL RESOURCES Promote responsible stewardship of historic & natural resources.

Planning and Land-Use

- Monitor water -related issues relevant to the County.
- Identify opportunities and priorities including funding sources to address issues regarding the Community Plan and Zoning and Development Regulations.
- Coordinate at least two joint Planning Commissioner/BOCC meetings.
- Work with building official to streamline planning & zoning review procedures.

Local Sites and Amenities

- Further develop Ute Ulay into a heritage tourism destination.
- Support development of trails by the Trails Commission.

Noxious Weed Control

- Provide appropriate notice to responsible landowners for control of noxious weeds.
- Seek additional funding and partnership where possible.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Provide a safe and secure community that protects life and property.

Sheriff's Office

Ensure a safe and secure environment for all persons by providing professional law enforcement through responsive, caring, and dedicated service.

- Continue Advanced Officer Training (AOT) for all deputies.
- Provide timely and professional response and stewardship of public funds.
- Develop a transition plan for office personnel & hire vacant Deputy positions.
- Evaluate and improve Sheriff's Office policies.

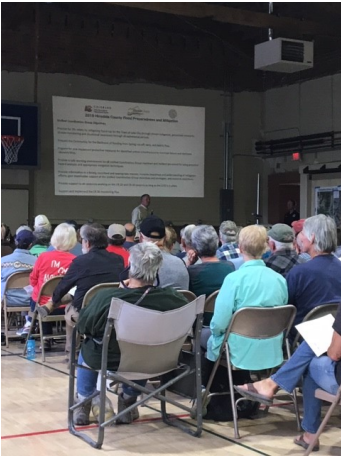
Emergency Management (EM)

- Develop and support an Emergency Management Program that includes preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation through implementation of plans and exercises.
- Support existing efforts for multi-agency coordination (MAC), training and exercises.
- Upgrade radio communications in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
- Utilize regional partners for assistance.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

- Be well-versed in the Emergency Operations Plan. Utilize regional partners for assistance.
- Develop written guidelines, policies, and procedures for Hinsdale EMS.
- Implement Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Program.
- Improve electronic patient care reporting and billing practices.
- Introduce backcountry patient transport vehicle into the fleet.
- Foster an environment for individual growth opportunities that will enhance the service and community.





COUNTY SERVICES Provide resources to Elected Officials/Depts for efficient high-quality services.

Hinsdale County is committed to being good public servants by respecting the community and providing quality services with integrity and excellence. We work to be courteous and treat all equally with professionalism and efficiency.

Administration

- Identify and establish processes for greater efficiency and consistency. Support positive and professional culture and work environment.
- Review budget, expenditures, & grant management regularly for fiscal responsibility. Implement Grants Path to supplement County budgets.
- Provide access & services to community/visitors according to ADA regulations.
- Train all administrative staff as Public Information Officers (PIOs). Participate in NACOs (National Association of Counties) leadership training.



Assessor's Office

- Implement GIS mapping project. Complete the Assessor's parcel layer for 2014.
- Verify first responder information, new zoning maps, and digitization of Flood Zone Mapping.

Building Official and Enforcement Department

- Provide building and enforcement services for contractors, including public education.
- Enforce OWTS (on-site wastewater treatment systems) regulation 43.
- Implement new digital FEMA Flood Maps (RISK Map Project). Update building codes.
- Complete Small Water Quality Systems certification prior to campground opening (May 1, 2020).
- Oversee facilities and grounds maintenance and compliance issues.



Clerk's Office

- Digitize current plats and increase storage for historic records.

Treasurer's Office

- Use & maintain a comprehensive accounting system within the Treasurer's office. This has been accomplished by the implementation of the Eagle Treasurer system & a more in-depth use of Incode, an evolving process in which the Treasurer's Office/Administration work together.

Veteran's Office

- Continue to utilize social media & Silver World for veteran's outreach. Work with real estate companies to identify veterans.
- Host quarterly meetings with veterans and spouses to maintain contact.
- Encourage completion of Colorado Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs (CDMVA) customer surveys and submit data collected.



PUBLIC HEALTH Protects vulnerable individuals and promotes self-sufficiency.

- Continue working on goals and objectives for the Silver Thread Public Health District (STPHD) identified in strategic plan, such as increasing internal organizational development, commitment to health equity, evaluate effectiveness of shared services approach, & focus on staff retention.
- Continue hosting all staff equity lab series as in-house professional development time together.
- Support anchor institutions locally and among neighboring communities in building capacity around equity literacy.
- Work with Hinsdale community partners to identify and implement opportunities for increased behavioral/mental health and crisis response resources within the county.
- Expand senior resources through the development of more respite care options and caregiver support groups.



- TRANSPORTATION** Develop and maintain a safe road system.
- Continue sustainable snow-grooming partnership with Continental Divide Snowmobile Club.
 - Complete underground storage tank certifications for “AB” level operator.
 - Complete MSHA (Mining Safety & Health Administration) training for Road & Bridge crew members and additional training as identified by Supervisor.
 - Further facilitate relationships with local, regional, state, and federal partners.
 - Continue to investigate gravel resources for all County roads.
 - Pursue resurfacing options for the first four miles of County Road 30, as funds available. Widen the County Road at the Ute Ulay Mine Portal.
 - Complete Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for equipment and infrastructure.
 - Improve Transfer Station facilities and oversight of county-owned dumpsters.



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