# SAN JUAN COUNTY, COLORADO

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA

June 9, 2021

Due to the continuing COVID-19 emergency, San Juan County meetings will be conducted in a hybrid virtual/in-person format. All persons with appointments scheduled on the agenda may meet in person or via zoom. If you have been vaccinated, you are not required to wear a mask. If you have not been vaccinated, we strongly recommend that you wear a mask. We encourage community members to continue to participate via zoom. The information necessary to connect to the public meeting is listed below.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 8:30 A.M.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Consider Bills and Authorize Warrants
BOCC Regular Meeting Minutes for May 26, 2021

**APPOINTMENTS:**

8:40 A.M. - Jim Donovan, DeAnne Gallegos COVID-19 and OEM Updates
9:00 A.M - Martha Johnson, Social Services
9:30 A.M. - Kerry Guy EPA – CR 25 Closure
9:45 A.M. - Gravel/Dust Control
10:00 A.M. - OHV Discussion

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**
Rescind Board of Public Health Declaration of Local Epidemic
Tourism Board Vacancy
Courthouse Clock Chimes
Sales Tax Reports
Commissioner and Staff Reports

**OTHER:**

**ADJOURN: Next Regular Meeting – 6:30 PM, Wednesday June 23, 2021**
Join Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 921 3647 3203

SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021
AT 6:30 P.M.

Call to Order: The regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Scott Fetchenhier. Present were Commissioner Ernest Kuhlman, Commissioner Austin Lashley, County Attorney Dennis Golbricht and Administrator William Tookey. The general public attended via Zoom.

Commissioner Kuhlman moved to approve the minutes of May 12, 2021 with the corrections of a typo in the 4th paragraph and a change in the last paragraph to reflect that it was a majority of the commissioners that agreed to send a letter to the BLM State Director. Commissioner Lashley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimous.

Veteran's Officer Tommy Wipf was present to talk about his position and request a raise for the position. Commissioner Lashley moved to increase the payment for the Veteran's Officer to $400 per month. Commissioner Kuhlman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimous.

The Commissioners received an update from the EPA concerning chemicals found at the Pride of the West Mill in Howardsville.

Marcel Gaztambida was present to provide the Commissioners with an update on the Outstanding Water Designations for Bear Creek and Boulder Creek.

CDPHE STEPP Contract 2019*131 AMD #1 was presented to the Commissioners for their consideration. This contract amendment has the same terms and conditions as the current contract. Commissioner Kuhlman moved to approve the STEPP Contract Amendment as submitted. Commissioner Lashley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimous.

Marc Kloster was present to request that the Commissioner turn off the Courthouse Clock bell during the late night and early morning hours. Kenny Safranski was also present to voice his objections to the bells. Administrator Tookey noted that he had contacted Dennis Kurtz, Loren Lew and Bob Scott of Clock Repair and Restoration to see if it was possible to operate the bell during the day and shut them down at night. They all agreed that the current mechanism would not allow for the bell to be operated during the day and shut off at night.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to turn off the bell while the neighbors within a 300' radius of the Courthouse are polled to determine the impact of the bell on the neighbors.

Charlie Smith was present to provide the Commissioners with an update on the Southwest Water Conservation District. He noted that the County's water rights had been approved by the water court and that the District has hired a new general manager. He suggested that a meter be installed on the water pump that is being installed at the Eureka Campground to help document water consumption.

The Commissioners discussed the impact that the Town's decision to ban OHVs from town streets might have upon the County. The discussion included staging areas, the truck bypass

road, the use of emergency OHVs on town streets and the permitting process for Rock Pirates to relocate to the county. The discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Planning Director Lisa Adair presented her staff report for review.

Commissioner Lashley informed the Board that the BLM will be replacing the COVID-19 signs with similar caution signs.

Commissioner Kuhlman moved to go into Executive Session to receive privileged attorney-client communications. In addition to the Commissioners the Executive Session will include Attorney Dennis Golbricht and Administrator William Tookey. Commissioner Lashley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimous.

The Commissioners began the Executive Session at 9:57 P.M.

The Commissioners reconvened their regular meeting at 10:07 P.M. No action or decisions were made during the executive session.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:08 P.M.

Scott Fetchenhier, Chairman

Ladonna L. Jaramillo, County Clerk

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Willy Tookey <admin@sanjuancolorado.us>

# First local Covid Positive case for the summer season

2 messages

**SJC CO Office of Emergency Managment** <pio@sanjuancolorado.us> Fri, Jun 4, 2021 at 4:23 PM
Reply-To: pio@sanjuancolorado.us
To: administrator@sanjuancolorado.us

**San Juan County, Colorado 6/4/2021**

## San Juan County Colorado sees its first COVID positive for the summer season and encourages non vaccinated individuals to wear a mask.

## The State of Colorado will enter you in a weekly raffle for a chance to win $1million dollars if you get vaccinated!

**Silverton CO: San Juan County Public Health (SJCPH) has been informed about a positive COVID-19 case of a local community member and reminds everyone if they are unvaccinated to please wear a mask indoors to help stop the spread.**

**SJCPH encourages anyone to get tested if you have the following symptoms of fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting or diarrhea.**

*"You do not need to have all of these symptoms to be positive for COVID-19" says Becky Joyce, Director of San Juan County Public Health. "Many people experience just a runny nose, diarrhea or nausea for example. If you are experiencing ANY symptoms, do not go to work and get tested to help protect people less fortunate experiencing this illness. Our community is thriving and doing well but we need to be cautious to avoid further cases and outbreaks."*

**Call 970-387-0242 Monday-Thursday to schedule a COVID test, or to receive a Moderna COVID vaccine on Tuesday if you have not already.**

**Mask Guidelines:**

- If you are fully vaccinated, you can resume activities that you did prior to the pandemic.
- Fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing themselves, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.

**If You are NOT vaccinated:**

- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect yourself and others.
- Stay 6 feet apart from others who don't live with you.
- Get a COVID-19 vaccine when it is available to you.
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.

## If you haven't been vaccinated yet, find a vaccine. You are automatically entered into a lottery to win $1 million!

The first pool of eligible winners is set for the weekly Colorado Comeback Cash drawings, which offer vaccinated Coloradans the first of five chances to win $1 million.
Colorado Comeback Cash is a drawing in Colorado intended to promote and incentivize COVID-19 vaccination. It consists of weekly drawings that eligible Colorado residents will automatically be entered into if they have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.
Entries are automatic upon an individual receiving at least the first shot of the COVID-19 vaccination and the individual's vaccination information being received and accepted as valid by the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS) by 11:59:59 p.m. the night before the drawing. The entries for the first drawing have closed, and assuming an eligible winner can be verified this week, the Governor will announce the winner to the public this Friday, June 4.

CDPHE provided the Colorado Lottery with the number of eligible Coloradans, including those vaccinated at U.S. Department of Veterans Administration (VA) facilities, and the Colorado Lottery selects a winner using a random number generator. No personally identifying information is shared during this process.

CDPHE is contacting the winners of the Colorado Comeback Cash drawing by phone or email. CDPHE will not request any personally identifiable information from the winner via phone, e-mail, or text. After the initial contact with the eligible winner, the winner will need to come in person to sign and submit all required documentation -- a photo ID and two pieces of mail addressed to the winner -- and releases as part of the claims process by the required deadline.

The four remaining drawings will be held on June 9, June 16, June 23, and July 2 with announcements happening the Friday after the drawing and the last announcement taking place on July 7. We encourage Coloradans to get vaccinated as soon as possible to protect themselves from COVID-19 and become eligible for the Colorado Comeback Cash drawings.

Please call 387-0242 or call/text 970-919-0130 to schedule an appointment or online: San Juan County website.
You may also call or text if you need COVID-19 testing, Monday-Thursday mornings.

**SAN JUAN COUNTY**
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Department of Social Services**
**Phone 970-387-5631 * Fax 970-387-5326**
**Martha Johnson, Director**
**3/31/2021**

**Date** 5/13/2021
**Transmittal No.** 3

| Vendor | Type | Date | Num | Memo | Split | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **La Plata County** | | | | | | |
| | Check | 03/31/2021 | 11565 | | -SPLIT- | 3,425.77 |
| **Rhoades, Krissy** | | | | | | |
| | Check | 03/24/2021 | 11563 | | 500.100 EXPENSE-Administration | 123.20 |
| **San Juan Cty** | | | | | | |
| | Check | 03/31/2021 | 11564 | | -SPLIT- | 4,357.18 |
| **TOTAL** | | | | | | **$ 7,906.15** |

I, MARTHA JOHNSON, Director of Social Services of San Juan County of Colorado, hereby certify that the payments listed above are available for inspection and have been paid to the payees listed.

Martha Johnson 5-17-2021
MARTHA JOHNSON

I, Scott Fetchenhier, Chairman of the San Juan County Board of Commissioners, hereby certify that the payments as set forth above have this date been approved and warrants in payment thereof issued upon the Social Services Fund.

Scott Fetchenhier

4:55 PM
05/13/21
Cash Basis

# San Juan County Social Services
## Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
### January through December 2021

| | Jan 21 | Feb 21 | Mar 21 | TOTAL Jan - Dec 21 | TOTAL Budget |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | | | | |
| Income | | | | | |
| 400.010 Property Tax Current | 1,827.60 | 1,827.60 | 1,827.60 | 5,482.80 | 12,900.00 |
| 400.020 Specific Ownership tax | 105.58 | 105.58 | 105.58 | 316.74 | 850.00 |
| 400.030 Delinquent Property Tax | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 24.00 |
| 400.040 Penalties/Int on Tax | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.09 | 24.00 |
| 400.100 REVENUE-Administration | 3,377.38 | 3,171.40 | 3,670.39 | 10,219.17 | 70,000.00 |
| 400.110 REVENUE-Adult Protectio | 0.00 | 33.42 | 0.00 | 33.42 | 3,202.00 |
| 400.120 REVENUE-Child Care | 5,975.17 | 267.90 | 162.34 | 6,405.41 | 8,390.00 |
| 400.130 REVENUE-Child Support | 0.00 | 0.00 | 109.44 | 109.44 | 990.00 |
| 400.140 REVENUE-Child Welfare | 850.52 | 379.41 | 309.11 | 1,539.04 | 23,506.00 |
| 400.145 REVENUE-CSGB Grant | 0.00 | 0.00 | 539.37 | 539.37 | 1,000.00 |
| 400.150 REVENUE-Colorado Works | 10,865.94 | 284.08 | 267.52 | 11,417.54 | 52,093.00 |
| 400.160 REVENUE-Core Services | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 6,000.00 | 23,254.00 |
| 400.180 REVENUE-EOC | 0.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | |
| 400.200 REVENUE-LEAP | 122.47 | 166.34 | 78.36 | 367.17 | 1,500.00 |
| 400.210 REVENUE-OAP | 77.24 | 73.10 | 158.62 | 308.96 | 1,700.00 |
| 400.220 REVENUE-Program Refunds | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 550.00 |
| Total Income | 25,201.93 | 8,308.86 | 9,428.36 | 42,939.15 | 199,983.00 |
| Expense | | | | | |
| 500.100 EXPENSE-Administration | 4,824.23 | 5,161.11 | 5,273.67 | 15,259.01 | 82,000.00 |
| 500.110 EXPENSE-Adult Protectio | 75.00 | 0.00 | 31.10 | 106.10 | 4,000.00 |
| 500.120 EXPENSE-Child Care | 79.75 | 79.75 | 0.00 | 159.50 | 9,300.00 |
| 500.130 EXPENSE-Child Support | 1.36 | 0.00 | 165.82 | 167.18 | 1,500.00 |
| 500.140 EXPENSE-Child Welfare | 188.58 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 188.58 | 26,000.00 |
| 500.145 EXPENSE-CSGB Grant | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 500.150 EXPENSE-Colorado Works | 16,727.72 | 482.72 | 486.30 | 17,696.74 | 58,000.00 |
| 500.160 EXPENSE-Core Services | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 6,000.00 | 24,000.00 |
| 500.180 EXPENSE-Income Maint | 0.00 | 119.38 | 302.95 | 422.33 | |
| 500.200 EXPENSE-LEAP | 122.50 | 166.34 | 78.37 | 367.21 | 1,500.00 |
| 500.210 EXPENSE-OAP | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Total Expense | 24,019.14 | 8,009.30 | 8,338.21 | 40,366.65 | 209,300.00 |
| Net Income | **1,182.79** | **299.56** | **1,090.15** | **2,572.50** | **-9,317.00** |

# CDHS Allocation and Expenditures

**For State Fiscal Year 2021**

| Program | Allocation | Expenditures | Remaining | % Remaining | % of Fiscal Year Remaining | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| APS Admin | 2,003 | 3 | 2,000 | 100% | 25% | |
| APS Client | 2,000 | 0 | 2,000 | 100% | 25% | |
| CDHS County Admin | 80,762 | 19,330 | 61,433 | 76% | 25% | |
| Child Care | 9,347 | 2,527 | 6,820 | 73% | 25% | |
| Child Welfare 100% | 2,432 | 124 | 2,308 | 95% | 25% | |
| Child Welfare 80/20 | 26,003 | 4,856 | 21,147 | 81% | 25% | |
| Child Welfare PRTF | 1,171 | 0 | 1,171 | 100% | 25% | |
| Colorado Works | 44,697 | 20,250 | 24,447 | 55% | 25% | |
| CORE 100% | 16,276 | 18,000 | -1,724 | -11% | 25% | Trending High |
| CORE 80/20 | 8,724 | 0 | 8,724 | 100% | 25% | |
| CW Educational Stability | 193 | 0 | 193 | 100% | 25% | |
| HCPF Enhanced | 37,799 | 12,360 | 25,439 | 67% | 25% | |
| HCPF Regular | 20,532 | 2,859 | 17,673 | 86% | 25% | |
| LEAP Outreach | 337 | 550 | -213 | -63% | 25% | Trending High |
| SEAP | 374 | 0 | 374 | 100% | 25% | |
| **Grand Total** | **252,651** | **80,858** | **171,793** | | | |

COLORADO
Department of Human Services

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The State of Colorado Department of Human Services and the Board of County Commissioners or other elected governing body of San Juan County, Colorado.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made this 1st day of July, 2021 between the State of Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) and the Board of the County Commissioners or other elected governing body of San Juan County, Colorado (the "County").

CDHS is the sole state agency with the responsibility to administer or supervise the administration of the human services programs listed in CRS 26-1-201.

The Colorado General Assembly enacted Senate Bill 97-120 in response to the passage of the federal "Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996" thereby adopting the Colorado Works Program ("Works Program") and the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program ("Child Care Program"); collectively referred to as the "Programs" for the purposes of this MOU.

CRS 26-2-715 requires CDHS and the County to enter into an annual performance contract that explains the County's duties and responsibilities in implementing the Works Program and the Child Care Program.

CDHS and the County understand and agree that the services and assistance outlined in this MOU are subject to available appropriations by the General Assembly, and the County, and neither party will be obligated to provide services or assistance if adequate appropriations have not been made.

The following terms are agreed to by CDHS and the County:

## 1. MOU MEETS PERFORMANCE CONTRACT REQUIREMENT

The parties agree that the provisions of this MOU constitute compliance with CRS 26-2- 715

## 2. TERM

The term of this MOU will be from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. This MOU shall be reaffirmed annually through an amendment that shall be signed by both parties. This MOU is being signed based on the rules and understanding as of the signing of the MOU. Programs are subject to new State and federal rules and regulations. Those rules will be conveyed to counties as they evolve, and counties will operate under those rules and regulations as upon their legal adoption.

## 3. REQUIRED DUTIES OF THE COUNTY

a. The County will administer and implement the Works Program and the Child Care Program using fair and objective criteria, and in compliance with federal law, enacted in State Statute, and applicable program policy codified and published in 9 CCR 2503-6 (Works Program) and 9 CCR 2503-8 and 9 CCR 2503-9 (Child Care Program) and 9 CCR 2501-1.

b. The County will not reduce the basic assistance grant administered according to CRS 26-2-709, except as otherwise outlined in 9 CCR 2503-6.

c. The County will not restrict eligibility or the provisions of services, nor will it impose sanctions that are inconsistent with State Statute or Federal law and applicable program policy, including the process and sanctions outlined in 9 CCR 2503-6, 9 CCR 2503-8, and 9 CCR 2503-9.

d. For the term of this MOU, the County's negotiated Work Participation Rate (WPR) will be held accountable only to the adjusted WPR, after the caseload reduction credit is applied, with the elimination and removal of the Two-Parent rate. The County's agreement to meet the federally required participation rate is relevant to CDHS's anticipation that CDHS will, in turn, be able to meet any work participation rates imposed by the federal government.

e. The parties acknowledge that the WPR is, as of the signing of this MOU, the only federally mandated performance goal identified specifically in CRS 26-2- 712 (4). The parties also acknowledge that in an effort to help individuals prepare for and enter the workforce, they are encouraged to adopt employment focused measures, as outlined under "OPTIONAL OUTCOME MEASURES" below.

f. The County will maintain sufficient records, and will permit CDHS or its duly designated agents and/or representatives of the federal government, to inspect the records and make such records available to CDHS, as specified in CRS 26-2-717 and CRS 26-2-809. The County must also continue to report to CDHS, as currently required by CRS 26-2-716, 717, and must report to CDHS in the future, as required by law. In addition, Counties or county departments that are covered entities, or contracting parties to a Business Associate Agreement, pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), must comply with HIPAA, as required by law.

g. As specified by rule and state statute, counties shall have flexibility in determining the approaches needed to achieve federal and State requirements. The County agrees to provide CDHS with its policies and any updated written information when, or if, changes to these policies are made in these Programs. The County agrees to provide the information and policies specified in paragraph (h) herein, to CDHS, before adopting aforementioned policies and to update their Child Care Program County Plan when changes impact the administration of such program.

h. Outside of what is required by statute or rule, the parties agree that information and policies provided by the County to CDHS, as described in paragraph (g) herein, are for informational purposes and are provided to assist CDHS in meeting its responsibilities, with respect to these Programs. Nothing in this MOU gives CDHS the authority to approve, deny or require any County policies beyond what is required by statute or rule. The County acknowledges CDHS's right to review, comment upon or request reasonable additional information or clarification of any County policies or records. Such requests will be made in writing and directed to the County Department of Human/Social Services Director. The County maintains that it will consider such comments in its implementation of these Programs, but is not obligated to incorporate them.

i. The County will utilize the technical assistance, training and reporting or tracking resources offered by CDHS in order to administer the Programs, including those that support the four purposes of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and will meet the WPR.

j. The County will participate in formal expeditious vetting processes with CDHS to review, draft and recommend policies or rule changes that would have a positive impact on WPR and meet federal guidelines.

k. In order to maximize the caseload reduction credit for the State, the County will actively identify and report third party Maintenance of Effort (MOE) contributions, in accordance with the timelines and guidelines established by CDHS.

## 4. OPTIONAL OUTCOME MEASURES

a. Counties may submit a proposal as an attachment to this MOU, describing additional employment focused performance measures, specific to employment. Such proposals may be submitted either at the time of execution or at any time during the period of this MOU. The proposal is limited to issues regarding the pursuit of programs, strategies, and associated evaluation plans that focus on improving employment outcomes and contribute to the evidence base for effective programs. In addition, terms and conditions will require either interim targets for each performance measure or a framework for how interim goals will be set after the baseline measures are established. The terms and conditions will establish a review process for programs, strategies and metrics designed to achieve optimal outcomes.

b. Upon approval of the proposal by CDHS, the County or region will be subject to the performance measures, interim goals, and other conditions set forth in the MOU addendum, and negotiated WPR that consider employment focused outcome measures and anticipated statewide case-load credit reductions.

## 5. DUTIES OF CDHS

a. In consultation with the Counties, CDHS will oversee the implementation of the Works Program and the Child Care Program, statewide, and will develop standardized forms that streamline the application process, the delivery of services and the tracking of participants.

b. CDHS will monitor the County's provision of basic assistance grants and, if necessary, perform the duties outlined in CRS 26-2-712 (5).

c. CDHS exercises oversight of and responsibility for the development, implementation, maintenance, and enhancement of the State Benefit System and its application relative to the Works Program. Because the State Benefit System is a system that utilizes decision tables run by a rules engine for determining eligibility and amount of benefits to the extent allowed by law, the County will not be sanctioned or required to follow a remediation plan for erroneous decisions made by the State Benefit System. Without limitation, this applies to erroneous eligibility decisions, erroneous determination of amount of benefits, erroneous decisions resulting in overpayments and subsequent claims, and erroneous decisions resulting in underpayments and subsequent supplemental payments of restorative benefits.

   The State acknowledges that liability to third parties resulting from erroneous, inaccurate or inadequate State Benefits System notices to Works Program households, is properly the State's liability. CDHS will not take recovery action against the County for any claim, including a legal claim, that is defined in this paragraph as a State Benefit System caused error. This provision does not apply to any errors, claims or issues caused by the County's inaccurate data entry in the system, the County's failure to follow clear, reasonable, and lawful instruction, or failure to follow program rules formally adopted by the State Board of Human Services. This provision does apply to the State Benefit System training and data entry rules and/or any rules that are part of the State Benefit System rule engine.

d. CDHS will develop and provide training for Works Program staff, as required by CRS 26-2-712 (7).

e. CDHS will hold Contracted Agencies with cooperative agreements with the State Department responsible for providing reception and placement services for refugees, accountable to its own WPR and must not include refugees receiving Contracted Agency's services in the County's calculation of the WPR. The Contracted Agency's negotiated WPR will be held accountable only to the adjusted WPR after the case-load reduction credit is applied with the elimination and removal of the Two-Parent rate.

f. CDHS will use valid data from the State Benefit System and other sources, as necessary, to accurately

calculate the County's WPR. Prior to submitting its calculation to the federal government, CDHS will provide the County the individual data variables and supporting information used in the calculations, so that the County may review the data to ensure the accuracy, validity and proper calculation of the WPR.

g. CDHS will provide technical assistance and available resources to the Counties to help Counties meet WPR and Payment Accuracy Goals.

h. CDHS will provide ongoing technical assistance, training, and reporting for tracking resources to help the County administer the program, in support of the four purposes of TANF and to meet WPR.

i. CDHS will conduct formal expeditious collaborative processes with the County to review, draft and recommend policies or rule changes that would have a positive impact on work participation rate and meet federal guidelines.

j. In order to maximize the caseload reduction credit for the State, CDHS agrees to actively identify and report third party Maintenance of Effort (MOE) contributions.

k. CDHS exercises the oversight of, and the responsibility for, the development, implementation, maintenance, and enhancement of the State Child Care Automated Tracking System and its application relative to the Child Care Program. The State Child Care Automated Tracking System is a system that utilizes decision tables run by a rules engine for determining eligibility, to the extent allowed by law. Counties will not be sanctioned or required to follow a remediation plan for erroneous decisions made by the State System. Without limitation, this applies to erroneous eligibility decisions, erroneous decisions resulting in overpayments and subsequent claims, or erroneous decisions resulting in underpayments and subsequent supplemental payments.

   The State acknowledges that liability to third parties resulting from erroneous, inaccurate, or inadequate State Benefits System notices to Child Care Program households is properly the State's liability. The State will not take recovery action against the County for any claim, including a legal claim, that is defined in this paragraph, as a State Benefit System caused error. This provision does not apply to any errors caused by the County's inaccurate data entry into the system, the County's failure to follow clear, reasonable, and lawful instructions, or failure to follow program rules formally adopted by the State Board of Human Services. This provision does apply to the State Benefit System training and data entry rules and/or any rules that are part of the State Benefit System rules engine.

l. CDHS will develop and provide training for Child Care Program staff and provide timely and accurate reports on County performance.

m. The amount identified for a County's level of spending shall be identified annually in the Allocation Agency Letter as required by CRS 26-2-712, et seq.

## 6. JOINT STATE AND COUNTY DUTIES

a. The State and Counties will work together in partnership to communicate performance expectations and results to jointly achieve federally required performance outcome measures related to the WPR and Federal Improper Payment Error Rate.

b. As needed, the State and Counties will convene meetings, workshops, focus groups, or other forums to share information, best process, or targeted strategies to achieve the spirit and intent of this MOU document and related federally required performance requirements.

c. The State and the Counties will work together to ensure that the information entered and reported in the

State Child Care Automated Tracking System and the Colorado Benefits Management System are as accurate as possible. The State shall work to address any system issues in a timely manner, and Counties will enter accurate client and provider (for CHATS) information in the systems.

## 7. REMEDIATION PLANS

a. The County, in consultation with CDHS, may develop a remediation plan if, during the term of this MOU, the County engages in any of the following actions:

   i. Spending federal or state Works Program or Child Care Program funds in a manner disallowed by Federal or State law, which could include receipts or recoveries that are not reported;

   ii. Failing to meet the WPR, after the caseload reduction credit is applied, as contained in this MOU and/or failing to meet the negotiated performance measures;

   iii. Reducing the basic assistance grant, restricting eligibility or the provision of services, or imposing sanctions in a manner inconsistent with a federally compliant state law and state plan, and applicable program policy;

   iv. Failing to meet Child Care Program federal improper payment error rate guidelines, in accordance with the federal fiscal year.

## 8. SANCTIONS

a. Subject to the limitations set forth herein, if CDHS is subject to a federal sanction, and the County's remediation plan was insufficient, CDHS may impose sanctions on the County pursuant to this MOU only if during the term of this MOU, the County engages in any of the following actions:

   i. Failing to meet the WPR, after the caseload reduction credit is applied, as contained in this MOU and/or not meeting negotiated performance measures;

   ii. Reducing the basic assistance grant, restricting eligibility or the provision of services, or imposing sanctions in a manner inconsistent with a federally compliant state law and state plan and applicable program policy;

   iii. Failing to meet Child Care Program federal improper payment error rate guidelines, in accordance with the federal fiscal year.

b. A sanction should not be imposed on the County for failing to adhere to a state regulation that conflicts with federal law.

c. The county will not be sanctioned or required to follow a remediation plan if:

   i. the County can demonstrate by a preponderance of evidence that CDHS provided inaccurate guidance, training or data with regards to performance under this MOU; and,

   ii. that the County's reliance on this information is the proximate cause for the imposed sanctions. If the County can only demonstrate that it is the proximate cause for part of the sanction, the County will not be liable for that portion of the sanction.

## 9. PROCEDURES FOR IMPOSING REMEDIATION PLAN OR SANCTIONS

a. The process for a sanction or remediation plan against the County by CDHS will be as follows:

   i. CDHS will provide the County with written notice of the County's failure to meet the performance measures outlined in this MOU. This notification will include all associated documentation that supports CDHS's determination of the performance failure. Upon receiving such notice, the County has sixty (60) days to contest, explain, offer evidence of mitigating factors, and/or submit a remediation plan to correct the alleged performance problem.

   ii. If the County's remediation plan does not rectify the performance problem, CDHS may determine the appropriate level of sanction. CDHS shall take into consideration as a mitigating factor any violation of a state regulation that exceeds or conflicts the requirements of the federal law. CDHS will provide the County one hundred eighty (180) days written notice of the proposed sanction before imposing any sanction. This notification will include the rationale of imposing the sanction, as well as, all associated documentation, a calculation of the proposed sanction, and an indication of what constitutes a remedy or correction that will allow the County to avert the sanction, if any remedy or correction is possible. Upon receiving such notice, the County has sixty (60) days to contest, explain or offer evidence of mitigating factors, before CDHS imposes the sanction.

   iii. If a sanction is imposed, the amount cannot be greater than that imposed by the federal government. If CDHS has incurred a sanction due to the failure of more than one County to meet its obligations under the terms of this MOU, the County will only be sanctioned for its share of the sanction.

b. CDHS will provide the County with all documents received from the federal government related to any proposed or imposed federal sanction within twenty (20) days of receipt, together with all CDHS documents related to the actions giving rise to that federal sanction, or that related to the sanction process. If CDHS fails to provide the required documentation within the twenty (20) days, CDHS may not hold the County liable for that sanction.

## 10. CIRCUMSTANCES FOR CDHS ASSUMING ADMINISTRATION

a. If the County continues to knowingly or consistently fail to meet its obligation specified in this MOU, CDHS, at its sole discretion, may assume the County's administration and implementation of the Works Program and/or Child Care Program.

   In that event, CDHS will provide the County ninety (90) days written notice before assuming these duties. Upon receipt of such notice, the County shall have the opportunity to contest, explain, offer evidence of mitigating factors, or to correct the failure before CDHS assumes the duties.

b. If the County continues to consistently fail to meet its obligation specified in this MOU, the County at its sole discretion, may ask CDHS to assume the County's administration and implementation of the Works Program and/or Child Care Program. CDHS is under no obligation to accept or assume the administration of the Works Program and/or Child Care Program.

   If CDHS assumes the County's administration and implementation of the Works or Child Care Program, it may retain the unused portion of the allocation that was provided to the County, as part of the County's block grant for its administration and implementation of the Programs, in accordance with the formulas described in CRS 26-2-714. CDHS will, in consultation and in conjunction with the County, develop or modify automated systems to meet the reporting requirements of CRS 26-2-717.

## 11. DISCRETIONARY MATTERS

The parties agree that all portions of Part 7 or Article 2 of Title 26, C.R.S., and Part 8 of Article 2 of Title 26, C.R.S. that grant discretion to either party regarding the administration of the Works or Child

Care Programs in the County, will not be affected by the execution of this MOU except as explicitly stated herein.

## 12. SEVERABILITY

To the extent that this MOU is executed, and the performance of the obligations of the parties may be accomplished within the intent of the MOU, the terms of the MOU are severable. Thus, should any term or provision herein be declared invalid or become inoperative for any reason, such invalidity or failure shall not affect the validity of any other term or provision herein. The waiver of any break of term, herein shall not be construed as a waiver of any other term, or of the same term upon subsequent breach.

## 13. INTEGRATION OF UNDERSTANDING

This MOU is intended as the complete integration of the understanding between the parties concerning the matters negotiated between them and incorporated in this MOU. No prior or contemporaneous addition, deletion, or other amendment hereto shall have any force or effect whatsoever, unless embodied in writing. No subsequent notation, renewal, addition, deletion, or other amendment hereto shall have any force or effect unless embodied in a written amendment executed by the parties.

The parties recognize the nature of the relationship between the County and State. This relationship is governed more broadly by pertinent provisions of the Colorado Constitution and of State statutes and rules, including lawful rules promulgated by the State Board of Human Services. The parties further recognize that this MOU is not intended to supersede or change the relationship between the County and the State as established by any legal authority.

## 14. NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARY

This MOU is binding on CDHS and the County, as well as their respective successors and assigns. It is agreed that the enforcement of the terms and conditions of the MOU are reserved for CDHS and the County, to the extent permitted by law. Nothing contained in this MOU allows a claim or right of action by a third party. Any third party receiving services or benefits under the provisions of this MOU is deemed an incidental beneficiary.

## 15. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

a. Prior to the execution of this document, if the parties are unable to reach agreement concerning the inclusion of, or wording of, provisions of the MOU, either party may refer the dispute to the State Board of Human Services for resolution pursuant to the provisions of CRS 26-2-715 (3).

b. Subsequent to the execution of this document, both parties will work in good faith to resolve a dispute arising from any provision of this executed MOU. If the parties are unable to resolve such dispute, any of the following non-binding mediation options are available by agreement of the parties;

   i. Mediation by the Governor or a third party of the Governor's choosing. Such review must be initiated by notice provided to the Governor and other party, by certified mail. Decision by the Governor, or his appointed third-party, in non-binding.

   ii. Mediation by a dispute resolution panel, to consist of one County designated member, one CDHS designated member, and one member selected by the other two panelists. Each party must pay for its own costs and attorney fees, and must share equally in any fees paid to panel members. The panel's decision shall be made by a majority vote of its members, and is non-binding.

   iii. Mediation by the State Board of Human Services. If the State Board is requested to mediate, the

provisions of CRS 26-2-715 concerning time limits and final effect of the State Board's decision will not apply. The State Board of Human Services' decision is non-binding.

c. None of these options will be a jurisdictional prerequisite to legal action by either party.

MICHELLE BARNES

STATE OF COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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Executive Director or Designee

COUNTY OF SAN JUAN COLORADO,

by and through the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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County Clerk to the Board

Date: _____

**THE BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF SAN JUAN COUNTY, COLORADO**
**DECLARATION OF LOCAL EPIDEMIC**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus that originated in China and has spread to numerous countries around the world, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the virus may cause serious illness or death in certain cases, particularly in cases involving the elderly and immune-compromised persons; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, the Governor of the State of Colorado declared a state of emergency in response to the presence of COVID-19 in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) classified the COVID-19 disease as a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a state of emergency related to the COVID-19 epidemic; and

WHEREAS, cases of COVID-19 are rapidly increasing in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, public health experts anticipate that due to the highly contagious nature of the virus, and because numerous visitors from around the world visit and travel through San Juan County on a daily basis, San Juan County has potential to see cases of the virus; and

WHEREAS, San Juan County Public Health has the authority to control the causes of epidemic or communicable diseases and conditions affecting public health and to advise local officials regarding policies related to public health, pursuant to C.R.S. 25-1-506(3); and

WHEREAS, the San Juan County Director of Public Health has advised the Board of Health of the continued concerns and advice of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regarding COVID-19,

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE DECLARED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF SAN JUAN COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

1. San Juan County is anticipating the spread into San Juan County of an epidemic illness; and

2. San Juan County Board of Public Health recommends that local officials follow all medical advice and best practice guidelines to alleviate the spread and severity of COVID-19 provided by the CDC and CDPHE.

3. San Juan County buildings and facilities are operating out of normal business hours to the public until further notice. Buildings and facilities shall remain open to county officials and employees as necessary to continue the operation of county business. At the discretion of the County Administrator or elected officials, limited public hours may

be established by appointment or on an as needed basis to facilitate continued operations.

4. San Juan County employees are encouraged to work remotely to the greatest extent possible and to avoid congregating in groups or facilities unless such gatherings are necessary for the continuance of county operations.

**READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 25th day of March 2020 by the Board of Commissioners of San Juan County, Colorado.

Peter C. McKay, Chair

Scott Fetchenhier

Ernest F. Kuhlman

Attest:

Ladonna L. Jaramillo
Clerk and Recorder

# LISA K. BRANNER

1521 Cement Street · PO Box 547 · Silverton CO 81433
970-749-3244 · lisakbranner@gmail.com

May 31, 2021

Willy Tookey
Administrator
San Juan County
PO Box 466
Silverton, CO 81433

Dear Mr. Tookey,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the San Juan County Tourism Fund Board.

I have more than two decades of marketing experience in the non-profit, public and private sectors, and have served as a board member of various local organizations including San Juan Development Association, Silverton Area Chamber of Commerce and Silverton Creative District. Recently, as an employee of the Town of Silverton, I successfully applied for and utilized Tourism Fund allocations to promote tourism in Silverton and San Juan County. Through this combination of experiences, I have developed an in-depth understanding of Silverton and San Juan County's unique challenges and opportunities, and I am confident that I can contribute expertise, insight and strategic thinking that will prove beneficial to the San Juan County Tourism Fund Board and greater community.

Thank you for your kind consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

Lisa K. Branner

Gmail

Willy Tookey <admin@sanjuancolorado.us>

# San Juan County Tourism Board:

1 message

**James Harper** <jimharper@grandimperialhotel.com> Wed, Jun 2, 2021 at 8:13 AM
To: Willy Tookey <admin@sanjuancolorado.us>, Willy Tookey <sanjuancounty@frontier.net>
Cc: sfetchenhier@aol.com, commissioner.lashley@sanjuancolorado.us

Administrator Tookey,

Hello and good morning. I would like to be considered for the San Juan County Tourism Board seat that is currently open.

As one of the larger lodging tax collectors in San Juan County; I would bring a hotelier / lodger's perspective on how to potentially increase and grow the tax fund as well as add valuable input to the tourism board proposals submitted annually. I believe that the tourism tax is an essential part of our communities continued success in our general marketing and event support.

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity of having a seat at the table, and to bring my positive outlook, and frame of reference.

I currently manage a generous marketing budget in house for the Grand Imperial Hotel and have ample experience on what works to get heads in beds here in San Juan County. I also believe there are some new ideas I would like to explore as a potential tourism tax board member to increase and grow the tourism tax fund.

I sincerely appreciate and thank you for the opportunity to submit this email.
Please let me know the next steps in this process, I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,
Jim Harper

James W. Harper

The World Famous
Grand Imperial Hotel & Saloon
Silverton, Colorado
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(C) 305-710-1546

Samsung Galaxy Note 10+

# SAN JUAN COUNTY
## COLORADO

1557 GREENE STREET
P.O. BOX 466
SILVERTON, COLORADO 81433
PHONE/FAX 970-387-5766 sanjuancounty@frontier.net


May 27, 2021

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Your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Scott Fetchenhier, Chairman
San Juan County Commissioners

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_____ Please stop ringing the Courthouse Clock Bell

Comments: I love the bell, but if it is bothering some people, turn it off.

Name (optional) Beverly Rich

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✓ Please continue ringing the Courthouse Clock Bell - yes! please

_____ Please stop ringing the Courthouse Clock Bell

Comments: _____

Name (optional) _____

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✓ Please stop ringing the Courthouse Clock Bell

Comments: _____

Name (optional) GARY RICHARDSON 1457 GREENEST

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✓ Please stop ringing the Courthouse Clock Bell

Comments: KEEPS ME AWAKE AT NIGHT

Name (optional) ROBERT RICHARDSON

1469 GREENE ST.

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X Please continue ringing the Courthouse Clock Bell maybe ~~lower~~ ~~volume~~ lower the volume.

_____ Please stop ringing the Courthouse Clock Bell

Comments: It's historic so leave it ringing, but if there is a way to lower/dampen the volume that may appease the neighbors who want it silenced.

Name (optional) Smith & Grogan

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✓ Please stop ringing the Courthouse Clock Bell

Comments: IF YOU COULD JUST TURN IT OFF AT NIGHT THAT'D BE FINE.

Name (optional) Mike Sighman

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X Please stop ringing the Courthouse Clock Bell

Comments: THE CLOCK BELLS ARE LOUD ENOUGH AT OUR HOUSE TO WAKE US, BETTER IF THEY COULD BE OPERATED IN THE DAYTIME. THE STREETLIGHT ON 15TH + REESE IS A GREATER CONCERN. IT SHINES LIKE A SPOTLIGHT INTO OUR UPSTAIRS BEDROOM. THE COUNTY ENFORCES DARK SKY REGULATIONS FOR OTHERS. HOW ABOUT A DIFFUSER OR DOWN LIGHTING. WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE WHATEVER YOU CAN DO.

Name (optional) KENT + KARLA SAFRANSKI

Gmail

**Willy Tookey <admin@sanjuancolorado.us>**

# Courthouse clock chimes

1 message

**Charla Andreatta** <mandcandreatta@gmail.com> Fri, Jun 4, 2021 at 9:47 AM
To: admin@sanjuancolorado.us

Dear Administrator and commissioners,

We would like to address the issue of the chimes on the courthouse clock. First of all we would like to thank you for getting them fixed. We were so happy to hear the chimes again after all these years. We loved hearing them as we grew up here and missed hearing them. We live just outside the 300 ft radius for comment, but we can hear them in our neighborhood and love it.

Sincerely,

Mike & Charla Andreatta

## County Sales Tax

| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | % Change | 5yr. Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 5,959.36 | 6,799.02 | 4,970.71 | 7,799.87 | 6,854.79 | 16,712.63 | 143.81% | 8,627.40 |
| February | 14,491.56 | 15,080.08 | 13,859.09 | 12,885.86 | 22,860.78 | 19,999.27 | -12.52% | 16,937.02 |
| March | 8,627.43 | 10,000.08 | 11,861.72 | 11,246.33 | 14,595.18 | 16,419.27 | 12.50% | 12,824.52 |
| April | 9,804.86 | 11,323.27 | 10,399.61 | 8,857.05 | 15,280.29 | 15,820.09 | 3.53% | 12,336.06 |
| May | 13,024.22 | 13,990.92 | 16,321.32 | 19,708.91 | 12,778.47 | 24,773.54 | 93.87% | 17,514.63 |
| June | 5,819.62 | 7,552.19 | 4,601.13 | 5,827.74 | 9,946.40 | 17,549.36 | 76.44% | 9,095.36 |
| July | 22,946.78 | 7,682.30 | 5,985.49 | 6,206.92 | 17,737.22 | | 185.77% | 12,111.74 |
| August | 11,781.46 | 13,949.50 | 6,568.03 | 13,486.95 | 10,921.79 | | -19.02% | 11,341.55 |
| September | 15,042.34 | 21,634.93 | 9,579.78 | 22,429.05 | 21,745.79 | | -3.05% | 18,086.38 |
| October | 12,955.34 | 16,769.39 | 11,057.45 | 13,774.16 | 18,726.14 | | 35.95% | 14,656.50 |
| November | 13,548.66 | -4,182.80 | 11,187.78 | 15,070.58 | 17,785.19 | | 18.01% | 9,822.54 |
| December | 6,497.13 | 4,750.60 | 5,273.24 | 7,547.72 | 17,476.46 | | -5.00% | 5,888.17 |
| **Total** | 140,498.76 | 125,349.48 | 111,665.35 | 144,841.14 | 186,708.50 | 111,274.16 | 28.91% | 128,151.67 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Year to Date | 57,727.05 | 64,745.57 | 62,013.58 | 66,325.76 | 82,315.91 | 111,274.16 | 35.18% | |

## Town Sales Tax

| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | % Change | 5-Year Ave. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 15,412.76 | 15,692.10 | 17,803.62 | 17,777.51 | 28,417.92 | 40,332.32 | 41.93% | 24,004.69 |
| February | 22,982.62 | 27,691.72 | 24,144.03 | 26,379.98 | 39,259.76 | 45,122.36 | 14.93% | 32,519.57 |
| March | 19,463.45 | 18,150.71 | 23,836.90 | 33,717.73 | 34,763.49 | 46,171.74 | 32.82% | 31,328.12 |
| April | 26,152.34 | 21,740.67 | 24,868.07 | 75,356.86 | 37,422.14 | 46,581.33 | 24.48% | 41,193.82 |
| May | 31,726.42 | 31,728.94 | 21,945.84 | 32,071.64 | 24,839.85 | 60,352.89 | 142.97% | 34,187.83 |
| June | 22,188.51 | 17,898.60 | 17,527.63 | 21,650.46 | 22,518.84 | 43,489.40 | 93.12% | 24,616.99 |
| July | 42,456.28 | 44,161.00 | 53,182.66 | 50,243.72 | 29,239.56 | | -41.80% | 43,856.64 |
| August | 101,398.06 | 105,922.79 | 80,166.62 | 105,875.94 | 90,106.11 | | -14.89% | 96,693.90 |
| September | 153,191.88 | 160,276.49 | 151,431.83 | 179,274.96 | 170,982.30 | | -4.63% | 157,480.82 |
| October | 112,835.51 | 116,768.86 | 121,288.07 | 151,774.01 | 155,155.28 | | 2.23% | 123,618.60 |
| November | 120,093.55 | 163,456.93 | 130,755.88 | 146,395.83 | 153,802.89 | | 5.06% | 134,981.62 |
| December | 78,913.11 | 52,770.79 | 50,151.94 | 64,974.75 | 83,368.79 | | -5.00% | 58,196.60 |
| TOTAL | 746,814.49 | 776,259.60 | 717,103.10 | 905,493.39 | 869,876.93 | 282,050.04 | -3.93% | 670,005.77 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Year to Date | 137,926.10 | 132,902.74 | 130,126.10 | 206,954.18 | 187,222.00 | 282,050.04 | 50.65% | |

## Lodging Tax

| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | % Change | 5 yr. Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 1,083.78 | 35.05 | 126.80 | 885.93 | 3,729.44 | 543.94 | -85.41% | 1,064.23 |
| February | 7,581.19 | 10,406.98 | 8,318.23 | 10,816.00 | 14,088.47 | 20,282.97 | 43.97% | 12,782.53 |
| March | 1,544.89 | 786.00 | 3,097.25 | 145.07 | 454.00 | 660.00 | 45.37% | 1,028.46 |
| April | 195.49 | 1,543.39 | 2,002.98 | 33.00 | - | 1,489.56 | 0.00% | 1,013.79 |
| May | 7,263.06 | 13,776.57 | 11,375.54 | 17,612.98 | 14,069.00 | 30,651.70 | 117.87% | 17,497.16 |
| June | 4,849.00 | 1,094.30 | 1,356.34 | 952.07 | 300.40 | 1,007.32 | 235.33% | 942.09 |
| July | 1,394.08 | 309.00 | 2,702.84 | 170.21 | 573.00 | | 236.64% | 1,029.83 |
| August | 9,590.21 | 10,799.07 | 11,477.00 | 14,372.43 | 13,978.56 | | -2.74% | 10,758.36 |
| September | 1,354.94 | 5,661.40 | 7,956.78 | 2,738.12 | 139.00 | | -94.92% | 3,770.81 |
| October | 3,733.58 | 2,632.10 | 666.79 | 2,848.73 | 780.48 | | -72.60% | 2,167.27 |
| November | 39,304.00 | 38,017.00 | 43,574.04 | 47,263.00 | 58,396.70 | | 23.56% | 39,678.68 |
| December | 1,011.00 | 2,839.96 | 2,029.95 | 1,790.37 | 1,918.52 | | -5.00% | 1,995.60 |
| **Total** | **78,905.22** | **87,900.82** | **94,684.54** | **99,627.91** | **108,427.57** | **54,635.49** | **8.83%** | **89,055.27** |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Year to Date | 22,517.41 | 27,642.29 | 26,277.14 | 30,445.05 | 32,641.31 | 54,635.49 | | |

Town of Silverton
PO Box 250
Silverton, CO 81433
970-387-5522

SAN JUAN COUNTY
PO Box 466
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970-387-5766

Date: June 4, 2021.
For: June 9 Board of County Commissioners Meeting.
From: Town/County Planning Director.
Regarding: Some of the Planning Department Work During the Past Two Weeks.

Recent County Projects

- Review of County Land Use Permit Application, Proposed Residence, Shrine Road.
- Review of County Marijuana Facility Permit Annual Renewal Application.
- Review of County Special Events Permit Application for August Poker Run.
- Pre-Application Assistance to Many Applicants for Proposed Development At/Near: Cascade Village, Twilight Meadows, Durango Mountain Resort, Howardsville, Powerhouse, Chattanooga, Know Your Neighbor, Blair Gulch, Minnesota Gulch, Cunningham Gulch, Idaho Gulch, Ophir Pass, Middleton, Gladstone, etc.

Recent Town Projects

- Review of Vacation Rental Application on Reese Street.
- Review of Vacation Rental Application on Cement Street.
- Review of Application for Proposed Condo Structure on Cement Street.
- Review of an Application for an ADU on Reese Street.
- Review of two adjacent Proposed Infrastructure Projects at 8th/Snowden.
- Review of an Application for proposed airstream suites at a Lodging Establishment.
- Pre-Application Assistance to Applicants for Proposed Development on Many Lots in Town.
- Review of Existing Ordinance Regarding Seasonal Employee Housing RVs.

County Commissioners/citizens can contact me with questions about the Town/County Planning Department at "ladair@silverton.co.us" or (970) 946-9408.

# SAN JUAN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT

## Monthly Road Maintenance Report

## MAY 2021

County road #2 Eureka, grading, pulling ditches, hauling gravel and culvert cleaning etc. Haul the rest of the gravel from Jack Clark's pit about 600 tons. Start to prep road for mag-chloride in mid June!

#1-772G grader, 3 hours.

#2-772G grader, 42 hours.

936E loader, 6 hours.

Int. Dump truck, 13 hours.

Pickup trucks, 8 hours.

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County road #110 to Gladstone, grading, clean ditches, rock removal and road repairs. Road patrol and rock removal check culverts as runoff begins.

#1-772G grader, 26 hours.

936 loader, 4 hours.

Pickup trucks, 12 hours.

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County road #4-4A Cunningham Gulch, grading, rock removal and ditches. Opened road from Pride Mine to the second creek crossing on 5-11-21. Grade to Mine tour. Checked the new driveway on lower road and changed the access no culvert was required in the ditch it was to shallow and would be better for road and ditch maintenance!

D6N tractor, 7 hours.

#1-772G grader, 6 hours.

936 loader, 2 hours.

Pickups, 3 hours.

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County road #3 Stony Pass, snow, avalanche and rock and tree removal. Road and ditch repairs. Lots of trees down on the Rio Grande side it was dry as I have ever seen it in May on the Rio side!! Opened the road to Pole Creek on 5-19-21 and had to reopen on the 20th from drifting snow. Was closed again the next week from the last storm.

D6N tractor, 23 hours.

Pickups, 6 hours.

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County road #5 Cinnamon Pass. Snow removal had to reopen on 5/27/21 drifting.

D6T tractor, 6 hours.

Pickup 1 hour.

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County Road #2 Engineer Pass, snow removal, opened to county line on 5-5-21. Open to top from county line to Hinsdale County line on 5-12-21. Drifted in maybe Hinsdale County will reopen Ouray portion?

D6T tractor, 30 hours.

D6T tractor, 24 hours in Ouray County Cost us $2,600 to open Ouray portion of Engineer Pass if paid by the hour!

Pickups, 16 hours travel.

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County road #17 Lower Engineer/ Mineral Creek to county line. Snow removal and tree and rock removal. Opened on 5-19-21

D6T tractor, 8 hours.

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County road #18 Mineral Point, snow removal.

D6T tractor, 1 hour.

County road #10-#11 Corkscrew Pass, snow and tree removal. Opened to the top 5-6-21. About average snow plowed Ouray side of the top. Grade off rocks and slough on lower end above Gladstone.

D6N tractor, 21 hours.

#1-772G grader, 2 hours.

Pickups, 4 hours.

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County road #51-51A Minnehaha and Blackhawk Basins. Snow and tree removal. Opened 5-3-21. Road was very icy!

D6N tractor, 10 hours.

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County road #7 South Mineral, grading to gate closure. Remove old rotted culvert and installed 40' of 6' plastic pipe on the first part of the road. Old culvert had been there for 50 years! Drove in past the gate and inspected the road and Clear Like road as far as we could get. The main road is in good shape and Clear Lake has lots of trees down and is burned heavy.

#1-772G grader, 9 hours.

936 loader, 5 hours.

Pickups, 3 hours.

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County road #23 Maggie Gulch, Snow, rock and tree removal up to the Ruby road.

936 loader, 3 hours.

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County road #24 Minnie Gulch, snow, rock and slough and tree removal. Road was sloughed in heavy this spring. Opened to the Caladonia Mill.

936 loader, 4 hours.

Pickup, 1 hour.

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County road #25 Eureka Gulch, snow. rock and tree removal. Opened to almost Parsons Creek.

936 loader, 3 hours.

County road #9 Picayune/Placer Gulch Loop, Snow removal and tree removal. Opened to the top 5-22-21.

D6T tractor, 21 hours.

Pickup, 3 hours.

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County road #35 Prospect Gulch, snow, rocks and tree removal. Open tot the Joe and John building.

#1-772G grader, 2 hours.

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County road #22, Move boulders back and hauled in a couple more to close road until we can do something different. When time allows!

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Equipment Maintenance and Repairs, 40 hours. The MARRMOTS had lunch on the County they chewed up the wiring harness on the New D6N tractor it is over $1,000 for the harness plus the Cat mechanic! Down for over a week. Ordered cutting edges for grader they almost doubled in price. Changed oil in grader, tractors and pickups.

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County road #21 Arrastra Gulch, Had to fill hole washing in culvert across Arrastra creek. We may have to replace this culvert it has been there for 35 years.

936 loader, 3 hours.

**San Juan Development Association**
**Economic Diversification & Resiliency Coordinator Report**
**May 1st – 31st, 2021**

This report covers activities and project updates done by the SJDA Economic Coordinator during the time period above.

Participated Meetings

- Community Builders Project Management Team
  - Weekly update meetings
  - Logistic and organization support for CMs team in preparation for their visit
- Silverton Economic Recovery Team
  - Had SWCODA team join to talk about resource page and get feedback from ERT members
  - Talked about future scheduling of meetings and creating mission exercise
- SJDA Board Meeting
  - Project updates: Fiber, Workforce Housing, Sustainability, Website & Prospectus
- Silverton Creative District Meeting
  - Attended meeting on mural grant project
- Heather Otter at Region 9
  - First meeting talked about local ED projects and CEEDS
  - Second meeting talked about OEDIT Co-Invest Site & Prospectus upload
- EPA Bonita Peak Citizens Advocacy Group
  - Attended quarterly meeting to understand the group's scope, responsibilities and what they are focusing on
- Regional connections
  - Patrick Rondinelli – DOLA
  - Kat Papenbrock– OEDIT
  - Becky Joyce – San Juan County Public Health
  - Chris Lopez – CHFA
  - Kathi Meyer – Steamboat Springs City Councilor & Housing Authority Chair
  - Diedra Silbert – Ridgway Creative Innovator Director (Space to Create project manager)

Activities

- MSI Science & Innovation Center Design Thinking Workshop
  - Participated in a 4-hour workshop exploring the mission and programs for MSI's REDI grant
- 2021 Colorado Economic Week
  - Wrote newspaper article and participated in the state's week program by attending webinars, networking, and posting on social media
- SBDC Non-Profit Consultation
  - Met with Sandhya Tillotson (nonprofit consultant) where we discussed running nonprofit, funding, and different strategies for setting a vision and goals
- Town of Silverton Administrator Interviews – Community Panel

    - Invited to be part of the community panel for the ToS Administrator interviews and sat through 4 candidates. Gave feedback on candidates to Trustees afterwards
- Microsoft 365 Office Suit for Non-Profit set up – pending final verification

Projects

- Prospectus
    - Uploaded final prospectus to OEDIT's Co-Invest Site
- Website
    - Pending final updates from Milo Media
- Grants
    - Reviewed Ballentine & SMPA grants with Kim White
        - Ballentine Family Fund for advertisement and communications
        - San Miguel Focus Fund for SJDA operational expenses
    - Wrote letters of support for 2 organizations applying for grants
        - ToS Revitalizing Main St to support the Blair St Improvement Project
        - Region 9 Recovery Roadmap to support the High Alpine project
- Fiber
    - Outreach to Clearnetworx – meeting set up in June
    - Outreach to Forethought – pending replies
    - Distributed the emergency broadband benefit grant on social media and town and county clerks for community communication
- Workforce Housing
    - Created presentation and white paper to give to Town Trustees on June 14th. This will be an overview of strategies that can assist or support workforce housing such as policies, development, funding
    - Met with Willy Tookey on housing project information that they County has done
    - Met with Laura Lewis Marchino on regional housing policies and feedback for Town Trustee presentation
    - Connected Root Policy to key business owners for an in depth interview to understand housing challenges as it applies to their employees
    - Distributed similar survey as above through Google Forms to larger community to voice their opinion
- SJDA Sustainability
    - Assembling membership details from different ED organizations to understand different options for funding and how they can be incorporated for SJDA
    - Stakeholders meeting sponsorship program

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May 27, 2021

Town of Silverton
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Dear Mayor Fuhrman and Board of Trustees:

The San Juan County Commissioners would like to keep you informed of our discussions concerning the use of OHVs. We currently have one staging area available at the Eureka Townsite. We will continue to explore other possibilities. We have contacted the BLM to see if they have any public lands available for the development of a staging area between Silverton and Eureka or between Silverton and Gladstone. Unfortunately, even if a site is located it is unlikely that it would be available for this season. Before a staging area could be developed the BLM would have to have their archeologist inspect the site and at this time the BLM Field Office in Gunnison does not have an archeologist on staff. We have also looked at the possibility of private property owners developing pay staging areas.

The Commissioners reviewed Resolution 2012-04 A Resolution Allowing the Use of Off-Highway Vehicles on Certain Roads Within the Boundaries of San Juan County, which states: *OHVs shall be allowed to operate on County Road 110A provided that the Town of Silverton also allows for OHV use on the portion of CR 110A that travels through their jurisdiction.* As per Resolution 2012-04 the Commissioners will defer to the Town's decision to ban OHV use in your jurisdiction and prohibit OHV use on CR 110A even though it is a County maintained road.

The County is attempting to work with Rock Pirates to help them transition their operations to the county. However, the restraints of our Land Use Regulations will make it unlikely that they will be able to relocate their business prior to June 20th.

Also discussed was the emergency response and law enforcement OHVs currently housed in the Carriage House, Fire Station and County Barn. It is the opinion of the County Attorney that as emergency vehicles, they should be allowed to travel the Town's streets to access unincorporated San Juan County for official business.

The County will continue to discuss OHV issues during their next meeting on June 9th. We would encourage members of the Town Board to join in the discussion. We would also like to invite your OHV Committee to participate in the discussion as well.

Sincerely,

Scott Fetchenhier, Chairman
San Juan County Commissioners

# Radical ideas emerge to address Colorado's high-country housing crisis

## Crested Butte workers ponder midsummer strike, Frisco an emergency declaration

By Jason Blevins, The Colorado Sun

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Jill Voyles and her husband, Brendan McClarney, pack up their family's belongings at their rental home in Crested Butte South in preparation to move. Voyles, a wellness professional, and McClarney, who manages a local restaurant, lost the lease on their rental home when the owner decided to retire to it. They have been searching for a place to live and may have to resort to camping out with their three daughters. (Dean Krakel, Special to The Colorado Sun)

Dean Krakel

Jill Voyles knew the first year would not be easy. But it would be worth it for her and husband, Brendan McClarney, to move their three daughters to Crested Butte from St. Louis.

his family money to pay rent in the Gunnison County resort town. Then their landlord told them he was moving into the home they were renting.

They found a temporary place for a few weeks, but Voyles and McClarney are making backup plans to move their family into tents.

"I would never have thought this could happen," Voyles said. "Right before the pandemic I was planning to open a studio and my business was thriving. We came here to protect our kids from what was going on in the big city, where we had gunshots just a couple blocks from our house. I knew it would be hard to make it work here, but I never imagined it would be this hard."

About 70% of their earnings go toward rent right now. Maybe if they move into tents for the summer they can save enough to pay the security deposit, first and last month's rent on a place for the fall and winter.

"Maybe. We are competing with people who can buy anything," Voyles said. "How can you support the foundation of the town if workers are leaving because they can't afford to be here? There's a growing separation right now. Homeowners need us for all their services, and we need a decent quality of life with places to live."

As buyers continue to snatch up homes across Colorado, an unprecedented housing crisis is unfolding. Workers are losing their rental homes as new owners or investors pay record prices to move in or convert them to their work-from-anywhere homes or short-term vacation investment homes. At least two communities are pondering radical strategies to slow the rapid shifts in housing that many see threatening the vitality and even existence of communities that rely on armies of workers.

In Frisco, leaders are pondering a first-ever official emergency declaration as they liken the unfolding housing crisis to a devastating flood or wildfire. In Crested Butte, workers are whispering about a strike in the middle of the busy summer season.

## 'An emergency that is threatening our lifestyles'

Brianne Snow provided groceries to 65 families who visited her Family and Intercultural Resource Center's food pantry in Silverthorne on a recent day. Many of them asked for supplies that could last the week in their car.

"They were there for food, but they were desperate for housing," said the executive director of the Summit County center. "There is nowhere for them to go. They are living with their families in their cars at trailheads and they are really scared. It is just so devastating."

The resource center has given local families more than $2.5 million in rent assistance in the last year and another $500,000 for food. It's not enough.

"This is a bigger problem than just affordability. We do have enough homes to put people in," Snow said. "We wanted a diverse economy with these wealthier, work-from-anywhere residents. Well, now we have one. And now we can't support it."

The lack of attainable housing has reached crisis levels in Colorado's high country.

"It is an emergency that is threatening our lifestyles, our local businesses and our economy," said Frisco Mayor Hunter Mortensen. "It's the same as if we are threatened by flood or fire."

Frisco Mayor Hunter Mortenson walks with his dog, Huckleberry, in a workforce housing neighborhood May 24 in Frisco. Mortensen is pushing the town council to approve Colorado's first official emergency declaration around housing. (Hugh Carey, The Colorado Sun)

Hugh Carey

Mortensen is pushing the town council to approve Colorado's first official emergency declaration around housing. The formal declaration – a mechanism typically used for natural disasters, or, more recently, a pandemic – could possibly open avenues for federal funding as well as streamline Frisco's budget policies to allow for speedy reallocations of money toward housing.

Colorado's Democratic lawmakers have ranked affordable housing among the top three priorities in their plan for spending $3.8 billion in federal coronavirus stimulus money given to the state, with as much as $150 million heading toward housing projects in the next month.)

"Everyone in Colorado is complaining about this problem. Business owners. Employers. Employees. Visitors. Local governments. Everyone. And they all put it back on the government to find a way to fix it," Mortsensen said. "It's time to fill the sandbags for the coming flood and the government cannot do that alone. We need a communitywide effort and an emergency declaration is the first step in getting everyone we can to help."

## Occupy Crested Butte?

Will Dujardin moved to Crested Butte in 2008 to be a ski coach. He found a house in town to rent and 3½ years ago won a seat on the Crested Butte Town Council, promising to advocate for affordable housing.

His landlord wants to move back into the house to renovate it for a sale.

Dujardin is looking for a temporary place to rent with his girlfriend somewhere in town, but he's unsure about his long-term viability in a community where home prices have set records every month so far this year, reaching an average price of $1.4 million.

"It just doesn't seem financially responsible for me to even try to stay here long term," he said, as he prepped a house for a paint job. "I can't afford to put myself at that kind of risk."

Crested Butte Town Councilman Will Dujardin finishes a painting job on the outskirts of town on May 22. Dujardin is an outspoken advocate about the need for affordable housing in this ski resort and tourist town. (Dean Krakel, Special to The Colorado Sun)

Dean Krakel

Dujardin's work on the council includes helping create a short-term rental tax to support more affordable housing. He supports plans for a 156-unit affordable housing complex – whittled down from 240 units after years of negotiations between the developer and the town – that is mired in contention over the size of the project's parking lot.

That high-density apartment project wasn't ideal, he said, but it's something. He sees a big gap in options for renters who fall pretty close to the region's median income but are far away from being able to afford market prices in a town where the median price for a home is more than $1.4 million and climbing rapidly.

But the problem, he said, is more about availability than affordability. People of just about all incomes are fighting for spots to live in the East River Valley.

Dujardin supports some radical moves. He advocates for a tax on vacation homes that are left empty for most of the year. Maybe that additional tax revenue could help local workers cover skyrocketing rents or pay a down payment on a home, he said. Whatever the plan, it needs to happen fast, he said, noting that since he joined the Town Council, the price for a typical home in the town has more than doubled.

He supports the idea of a local strike – which would involve workers walking out of local businesses for a day or even longer at the height of the busy summer season in July – but he worries about impacts on small business owners.

"These are our neighbors and friends and people in similar boats and they are feeling this struggle too," he said. "But I don't know how to scream louder to local leaders here that we are not doing enough about this crisis."

"We don't want people to not be able to work and we don't want our fellow citizens to suffer anymore," he said. "We need to do something. We need to do something right now."

## A fee on vacant homes

Housing doesn't just require government help. Communities need to come together and champion housing as an existential issue, said Eric Rankin, the co-owner of Butte Bagels in Crested Butte.

Rankin last week hosted a gathering of local workers and business owners like himself to stir a rallying cry around the lack of housing. One idea being kicked around in Crested Butte is a worker strike. Maybe for a day. Maybe even for a week.

Rankin said a strike will only work if 80% of businesses are on board and willing to lose revenue. Most employers and business owners in town are not willing to close their shops, he said. There seems to be more local support for an "empty home fee," which would tax second homeowners who leave their mansions in town unoccupied except for a few weeks a year.

"It's sad because the only thing they are building in this town right now are mega-mansions. We don't want to alienate those owners, but if they want to be a bigger part of this community, we need their help to create a housing fund," Rankin said, as he prepared lunches for waiting customers at Butte Bagels.

Rankin has lost employees because of a lack of housing. A worker strike could show visitors, second-homeowners and local leaders what Crested Butte could look like in five years when workers can't live in the town, he said.

"I wonder if people really are grasping that," Rankin said. "We need our community – really every community across Colorado – to rise up and gather together and take care of this. This isn't a fight for my business, or my town. Colorado as a state could be in trouble here."

## Hope in new legislation

The housing crisis in Colorado's mountain communities is not new. But the last year's real estate frenzy has decimated an already meager supply of homes traditionally occupied by working locals.

The decadeslong lack of affordable housing became a critical issue as early as 1994, when Telluride town leaders passed a law that required developers to build affordable housing for some of the new workers their projects would create. After a developer sued, the Colorado Supreme Court ruled in 2000 that forcing developers to build units for renting below market rates was a form of rent control prohibited by state law in 1981.

Kevin Bommer, the executive director of the Colorado Municipal League, said that the 2000 Colorado Supreme Court decision set the stage for today's housing crisis in small towns.

"It has allowed a dearth of new construction with municipalities virtually powerless to ensure people who work in the community had a place to live without a long commute," said Bommer, who hopes the passage of legislation that reverses that decision and allows local government more voice in developing affordable homes can ease the current crisis.

Bommer said the new legislation, House Bill 1117, which the Colorado Municipal League helped draft and lawmakers approved last week, "will effectively wipe out that awful court decision ... and we should start seeing more new affordable rental units in places where developers have not wanted to build them."

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## RECENT LOCAL NEWS

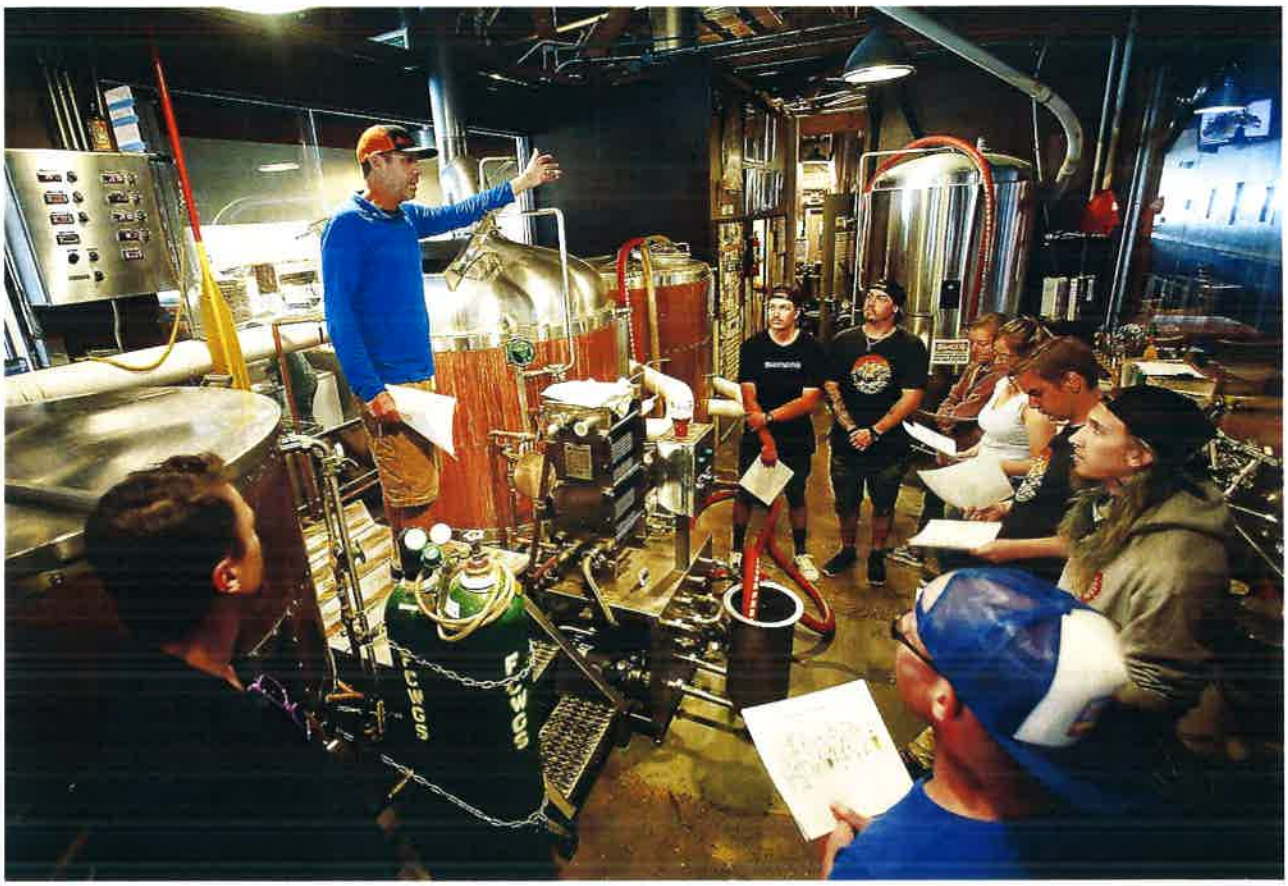
## Business

# Help wanted, really, in wake of COVID-19

### In Durango, some short-staffed restaurants go dark a couple of days a week

By Patrick Armijo

Tuesday, Jun. 1, 2021 5:00



Ken Martin, head brewer at Steamworks Brewing Co., talks about its craft beers during a Wednesday training session. Currently, Peak Food & Beverage has about 15 open positions among its three restaurants. (Jerry McBride/Durango Herald)

Jerry McBride

The Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad has at least 20 openings, the Strater Hotel and Peak Food & Beverage Co. both have 15 openings. Carver Brewing Co. has been closed for weeks on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

An inability to fill jobs – a problem that emerged during the COVID-19 pandemic when the federal government began offering enhanced unemployment, first an extra $600 a week, now reduced to $300 a week– has hit nationwide and it's been felt in Durango, too.

"A lot of seasonal positions are coming up, and we are really struggling right now," said Jeff Johnson, D&SNG's general manager. "We're seeing a lot more overtime hours for everybody to cover the positions as well."

The $1,200 bonus is down from a $1,600 bonus that was offered until Saturday.

Johnson said he hopes the state program boosts job applicants as the train begins its daily summer runs to Silverton.

D&SNG executives are also discussing offering their own bonuses to fill positions, but haven't decided if they will go forward with that yet.

Jim Carver, co-owner of Carver Brewing Co., said his brewpub is now offering all its employees, new or veterans, a $250 signing bonus as well as an additional $500 if they guarantee they will stay through Nov. 1.


Carver Brewing Co. plans to reopen seven days a week on June 8. For the past couple of months, the brewpub has been closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays as it struggles to hire enough employees to fill shifts. (Patrick Armijo/Durango Herald)

Patrick Armijo

Carver's has been closed for the past couple of months on Tuesdays and Wednesdays because it has not been able to fill all its shifts. Carver's is planning to go seven days a week beginning June 8.

The bonuses not only help attract workers, but they also help keep them, Carver said. A lot of college students leave in August, but Carver said the brewpub stays busy through October.

"We've never had a problem getting help before," he said. "This all started with COVID. Things have changed quite a bit. The question that's on everybody's mind is: Is this a permanent thing? Are people leaving the restaurant industry to go someplace else? The marketplace always kind of evolves."

Oyler shares concerns with Carver that many people who worked in the restaurant industry might be looking to move to different fields.

"COVID-19 has been tough on workers in the hospitality industry," he said. "We've had a lot of issues both from people who are overly paranoid about COVID, all the way to anti-maskers. They've really kind of mistreated our staff over the last year. And I think a lot of people – they don't like that kind of mistreatment – and they're asking themselves: Do I want to be in the hospitality industry?"

Peak Food & Beverage used money from the Paycheck Protection Program to keep employees on the payroll throughout the pandemic, and Oyler believes that has left its operations better-staffed now than many other restaurants.

"We pay people a good wage, and that's helped with retention, but it's been challenging to get people to come back in the restaurant industry," he said.

The reluctance of restaurant workers to return, Oyler said, comes not only from enhanced unemployment but also a concern about working with the public during the pandemic.

Oyler is optimistic that a combination of increased vaccinations among the public, the state's Jumpstart program and the eventual end to enhanced unemployment on Sept. 6 will all work to improve the labor situation for restaurants.

"We've actually had more applicants recently hired than we really need to keep our operations open seven days a week," he said.

Tori Ossola, general manager at the Strater Hotel, said indications point to a strong summer tourism season, and the biggest challenge for the next few months is likely to be finding the staff to keep operations humming.

Like Carver's, the restaurants at the Strater are currently closed two days a week, Mondays and Tuesdays, to deal with staff shortages.

"Everybody's going through the same thing," she said. "We can't really refer people downstream to too many places."

Enhanced unemployment is set to end Sept. 6, but that will be after the thick part of the summer tourism season is over, she said.

In the short term, Ossola said the Strater is offering plenty of hours to its current staff, with the inn booked at 90% occupancy for the next three weeks.

More applications have been coming in since Polis' unveiling of the Jumpstart program, Ossola said, and next week she expects the Strater's restaurants to be operating seven days a week.

Workers who wait until Sept. 6 before beginning their job search might want to reassess their plans, she said.

"Will the jobs be around? We may have adapted all summer long to work without them. And at that point, we might be so in our groove that we might not actually need to bring people back," she said.

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## RECENT LOCAL NEWS

Radical ideas emerge to address Colorado's high-country housing crisis

# Visitation spikes at national forests, and Southwest Colorado is no exception

## Higher-than-average use has raised concerns in San Juan Mountains

By Shannon Mullane

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Nationals forests saw a surge in visitation last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, motivating recreation groups and the U.S. Forest Service to focus on responsible outdoor recreation. (Courtesy of San Juan Mountains Association)

The public escaped to the outdoors during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, so much so that the U.S. Forest Service recorded 18 million additional visits in national forests and grasslands last year.

The Forest Service released new survey data in May, which showed 168 million visits to national forests between 2016 and 2020, compared with 150 million from 2015 to 2019. While visitors found opportunities for mental and physical self-care in the outdoors, the increase also caused more wear and tear on landscapes.

"With the significant increase in public land use – there is more of a need for all visitors to take great care in being stewards of the land," said Esther Godson, Forest Service spokeswoman. "Reminders like, 'pack it in, pack it out' and 'leave no trace' are building blocks in maintaining our shared national forest values."

The San Juan National Forest did not contribute data to the 2020 report. Its visitor use survey results will be included in the 2021 report, Godson said.

Overall, about 95% of recreators nationwide were happy with their experience. Most visitors said they recreate outdoors to improve their physical, psychological and/or spiritual well-being, the national report said.

Visitors also spent about $10 billion in fiscal year 2019 and helped sustain about 154,000 jobs.

The higher-than-average use also raised some concerns locally. In the San Juan Mountains, people drove illegally off-road and damaged the fragile alpine tundra. Visitors disregarded road closures, camped in off-limit areas and left trash and human waste.

"(The survey) helps us really understand the trends we're seeing in recreation and the dramatic increases in use, like what this report identified," Godson said. "And importantly how we adapt to those."

The Forest Service uses the survey data and on-the-ground observations to make decisions about which grants to seek, how to change staffing and which management practices to use.

For example, the Forest Service extended the closure at Ice Lakes to protect public safety as the landscape heals after a 2020 fire. Visitors can help by following fire restrictions – more than 90% of all wildfires on public lands are started by humans, Godson said.

All types of recreators – hikers, hunters, water recreators, off-roaders – are motivated to protect public lands. The Forest Service wants to harness that motivation to spread the word about responsible recreation outdoors, Godson said.

"It's a great chance to connect to all of our shared values," said Godson. "We can really focus on awareness programs, how to recreate responsibly."

The visitation trend appears to be holding true in 2021, she said. Reservation-only campsites are fully booked for the season, which validates on-the-ground reports of high use. More information about visitation in the San Juan Mountains will be available after October, she said.

"What really stood out is that it's both our local community and our visitors," Godson said. "Spending time outdoors enhances our days and makes our quality of life better. I think this last year was a testament to that."

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## County Sales Tax

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| | | | | Local | Remote | Total | Local | Remote | Total | Local | Remote | Total |
| January | 8,627.43 | 10,000.08 | 11,861.72 | 11,205.30 | 41.21 | 11,246.51 | 10,788.33 | 3,806.85 | 14,595.18 | 12,766.17 | 3,626.04 | 16,392.21 |
| February | 9,804.86 | 11,323.27 | 10,399.61 | 8,772.61 | 84.44 | 8,857.05 | 10,870.13 | 4,410.17 | 15,280.30 | 12,935.30 | 2,874.51 | 15,809.81 |
| March | 13,024.22 | 13,990.92 | 16,321.32 | 19,310.39 | 398.52 | 19,708.91 | 9,542.34 | 3,236.13 | 12,778.47 | 20,077.43 | 4,696.12 | 24,773.55 |
| April | 5,819.62 | 7,552.19 | 4,601.13 | 5,675.84 | 151.91 | 5,827.75 | 6,642.00 | 3,304.40 | 9,946.40 | 19,662.00 | 8,855.00 | 28,517.00 |
| May | 22,946.78 | 7,682.30 | 5,985.49 | 5,876.94 | 325.95 | 6,202.89 | 14,961.72 | 2,775.50 | 17,737.22 | | | |
| June | 11,781.46 | 13,949.50 | 6,568.03 | 12,825.21 | 661.74 | 13,486.95 | 8,411.36 | 2,510.43 | 10,921.79 | | | |
| July | 15,042.34 | 21,634.93 | 9,579.78 | 21,568.05 | 861.00 | 22,429.05 | 17,395.28 | 4,350.51 | 21,745.79 | | | |
| August | 12,955.34 | 16,769.39 | 11,057.45 | 12,723.74 | 1,050.42 | 13,774.16 | 14,702.81 | 4,023.33 | 18,726.14 | | | |
| September | 13,548.66 | -4,182.80 | 11,187.78 | 14,041.68 | 1,028.90 | 15,070.58 | 13,563.83 | 4,221.36 | 17,785.19 | | | |
| October | 6,497.13 | 4,750.60 | 5,273.24 | 6,721.34 | 825.95 | 7,547.29 | 13,816.59 | 3,659.87 | 17,476.46 | | | |
| November | 6,799.02 | 4,970.71 | 7,799.87 | 5,930.45 | 924.35 | 6,854.80 | 13,781.54 | 2,931.09 | 16,712.63 | | | |
| December | 15,080.08 | 13,859.09 | 12,885.86 | 13,632.71 | 9,228.08 | 22,860.79 | 15,672.05 | 4,315.23 | 19,987.28 | | | |
| **Total** | 141,926.95 | 122,300.18 | 113,521.28 | 138,284.26 | 15,582.47 | 153,866.73 | 150,147.98 | 43,544.87 | 193,692.85 | 65,440.90 | 20,051.67 | 85,492.57 |

## Town Sales Tax

| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | | | 2020 | | | 2021 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Local | Remote | Total | Local | Remote | Total | Local | Remote | Total |
| January | 19,463.45 | 18,150.71 | 23,836.90 | 33,491.06 | 226.94 | 33,718.00 | 32,098.08 | 2,665.41 | 34,763.49 | 39,066.03 | 7,132.77 | 46,198.80 |
| February | 26,152.34 | 21,740.67 | 24,868.07 | 25,970.59 | 49,386.28 | 75,356.87 | 32,169.42 | 5,252.72 | 37,422.14 | 39,840.93 | 6,740.40 | 46,581.33 |
| March | 31,726.42 | 31,728.94 | 21,945.84 | 31,177.43 | 894.21 | 32,071.64 | 20,790.69 | 4,049.16 | 24,839.85 | 50,131.71 | 11,440.90 | 61,572.61 |
| April | 22,188.51 | 17,898.60 | 17,527.63 | 20,798.07 | 852.39 | 21,650.46 | 17,127.14 | 5,391.71 | 22,518.85 | 59,667.00 | 11,164.00 | 70,831.00 |
| May | 42,456.28 | 44,161.00 | 53,182.66 | 47,514.29 | 2,696.78 | 50,211.07 | 24,256.22 | 4,983.35 | 29,239.57 | | | |
| June | 101,398.06 | 105,922.79 | 80,166.62 | 102,431.94 | 3,444.00 | 105,875.94 | 82,279.01 | 7,827.11 | 90,106.12 | | | |
| July | 153,191.88 | 160,276.49 | 151,431.83 | 176,293.44 | 2,981.52 | 179,274.96 | 159,181.07 | 11,801.24 | 170,982.31 | | | |
| August | 112,835.51 | 116,768.86 | 121,288.07 | 149,121.51 | 2,652.50 | 151,774.01 | 142,713.83 | 12,441.45 | 155,155.28 | | | |
| September | 120,093.55 | 163,456.93 | 130,755.88 | 144,109.26 | 2,286.57 | 146,395.83 | 143,258.72 | 10,544.18 | 153,802.90 | | | |
| October | 78,913.11 | 52,770.79 | 50,151.94 | 62,956.32 | 2,018.43 | 64,974.75 | 74,881.79 | 8,487.00 | 83,368.79 | | | |
| November | 15,692.10 | 17,803.62 | 17,777.51 | 25,590.15 | 2,827.77 | 28,417.92 | 34,341.60 | 5,990.72 | 40,332.32 | | | |
| December | 27,691.72 | 24,144.03 | 26,379.98 | 34,571.00 | 4,688.76 | 39,259.76 | 37,786.83 | 7,306.20 | 45,093.03 | | | |
| TOTAL | 751,802.93 | 774,823.44 | 719,312.94 | 854,025.06 | 74,956.15 | 928,981.21 | 800,884.40 | 86,740.25 | 887,624.65 | 188,705.67 | 36,478.07 | 225,183.74 |

**Emergency Services Sales Tax**

| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | | | 2020 | | | 2021 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Local | Remote | Total | Local | Remote | Total | Local | Remote | Total |
| January | 7,022.72 | 7,037.70 | 8,924.66 | 27,980.65 | 167.86 | 28,148.51 | 26,847.59 | 4,051.74 | 30,899.33 | 32,447.80 | 6,735.19 | 39,182.99 |
| February | 8,989.30 | 8,265.99 | 22,040.87 | 21,749.81 | 30,969.48 | 52,719.29 | 26,943.46 | 6,049.12 | 32,992.58 | 33,038.78 | 6,019.09 | 39,057.87 |
| March | 11,187.66 | 11,429.96 | 23,915.42 | 31,606.19 | 809.27 | 32,415.46 | 18,988.97 | 4,560.71 | 23,549.68 | 43,877.86 | 9,322.30 | 53,200.16 |
| April | 7,002.03 | 6,362.70 | 58,262.95 | 16,573.10 | 628.71 | 17,201.81 | 14,879.87 | 5,443.90 | 20,323.77 | 30,509.93 | 7,699.31 | 38,209.24 |
| May | 16,350.76 | 12,960.82 | 36,977.68 | 33,423.78 | 1,892.28 | 35,316.06 | 24,551.07 | 4,857.16 | 29,408.23 | | | |
| June | 28,294.88 | 29,968.07 | 54,297.30 | 72,152.85 | 2,570.26 | 74,723.11 | 56,773.64 | 6,471.47 | 63,245.11 | | | |
| July | 42,058.55 | 45,477.85 | 100,795.88 | 123,864.51 | 2,405.48 | 126,269.99 | 110,539.66 | 10,111.26 | 120,650.92 | | | |
| August | 31,447.71 | 33,384.56 | 82,850.46 | 101,317.76 | 3,702.92 | 105,020.68 | 98,545.37 | 10,307.22 | 108,852.59 | | | |
| September | 33,410.55 | 39,818.53 | 88,859.04 | 99,005.06 | 2,075.54 | 101,080.60 | 98,173.46 | 9,243.47 | 107,416.93 | | | |
| October | 21,352.56 | 14,380.35 | 34,697.06 | 43,619.35 | 1,780.63 | 45,399.98 | 55,526.63 | 7,604.14 | 63,130.77 | | | |
| November | 5,622.78 | 5,693.58 | 22,652.17 | 19,732.41 | 2,348.89 | 22,081.30 | 30,125.87 | 5,585.20 | 35,711.07 | | | |
| December | 10,692.95 | 9,500.78 | 30,306.85 | 30,176.30 | 8,712.17 | 38,888.47 | 33,466.13 | 7,274.58 | 40,740.71 | | | |
| **Total** | **223,432.46** | **224,280.90** | **564,580.34** | **621,201.77** | **58,063.49** | **679,265.26** | **595,361.72** | **81,559.97** | **676,921.69** | **139,874.37** | **29,775.89** | **169,650.26** |