



# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

April 16, 2024 at 10:00 AM

Commissioners Meeting Room - 401 Main Street, Suite 309, Walsenburg, CO 81089

Office: 719-738-3000 ex 200 | Fax: 719-738-3996

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**9:00 AM - ROAD AND BRIDGE WORKSHOP**

**10:00 AM - PUBLIC MEETING**

Join via Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/pfy-merc-xoc> | Meeting ID: pfy-merc-xoc

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. AGENDA APPROVAL**

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a.** Laurie Terry Resignation
- b.** Taylor Wheeler Resignation
- c.** Mathius De La Torre New Hire
- d.** Jessica Espinoza New Hire

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

- a.** Dispatch Week 2024 Proclamation
- b.** Courthouse East Front Masonry Project Railing Change Order
- c.** San Isabel Electric Grid Resilience Letter of Support
- d.** Huerfano Community Corporation CDS Letter of Support
- e.** Sheriff's Office One Month Overtime Request


**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**7. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- a.** 10:15AM - Administration and IT Workshop
- b.** 11:00AM - Board of Human Services
- c.** 1:00PM - Public Works Workshop
- d.** 2:00PM - Emergency Management Workshop

- e. 3:00PM - Land Use and Building Workshop
- f. Next Board of County Commissioners Meeting: May 7, 2024

HUERFANO COUNTY		EFFECTIVE DATE
<b>PAYROLL STATUS CHANGE</b>		<b>4/17/2024</b>
NAME: <b>Laurie Terry</b>	PAYROLL :	<b>4/26/2024</b>
<b>CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE</b>	<small>STREET</small>	
	<small>CITY, STATE, ZIP</small>	
	<small>TELEPHONE</small>	
<b>CHANGE</b>	<b>FROM</b> <small>(DOES NOT APPLY TO NEW EMPLOYEE)</small>	<b>TO</b>
JOB TITLE	<b>Detention Officer</b>	
DEPARTMENT	<b>Jail</b>	
HOURS		
ANNUAL SALARY	<b>\$35,000.00</b>	
SEMI-MONTHLY SALARY		
HOURLY SALARY		
OTHER SALARY	<b>Non-Exempt</b>	
<b>REASON FOR CHANGE</b>		
NEW HIRE REHIRED PROMOTION DEMOTION TRANSFER	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">RESIGNATION</div> RETIREMENT LAYOFF ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE UN-PAID <b>TERMINATION</b>	LENGTH OF SERVICE INCREASE REEVALUATION OF CURRENT JOB INTRODUCTORY PERIOD COMPLETED OTHER
COMMENTS, IF NECESSARY		
<b>Motion to accept the resignation of Laurie Terry effective 04/17/2024.</b>		
		
_____ Elected Official/Department Manager	_____ Chairman	
<b>04/12/24</b> _____ Date	_____ Date	
Date to Finance Office: _____		

HUERFANO COUNTY

<b>PAYROLL STATUS CHANGE</b>	EFFECTIVE DATE
	4/3/2024

NAME: <b>Taylor Wheeler</b>	PAYROLL :	4/12/2024
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<b>CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE</b>	STREET
	CITY, STATE, ZIP
	TELEPHONE

CHANGE	FROM <small>(DOES NOT APPLY TO NEW EMPLOYEE)</small>	TO
JOB TITLE	<b>Detention Officer</b>	
DEPARTMENT	<b>Jail</b>	
HOURS		
ANNUAL SALARY	<b>\$35,000.00</b>	
SEMI-MONTHLY SALARY		
HOURLY SALARY		
OTHER SALARY	<b>Non-Exempt</b>	

**REASON FOR CHANGE**

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| NEW HIRE  | <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">RESIGNATION</div> | LENGTH OF SERVICE INCREASE    |
| REHIRED   | RETIREMENT   | REEVALUATION OF CURRENT JOB   |
| PROMOTION | LAYOFF   | INTRODUCTORY PERIOD COMPLETED |
| DEMOTION  | ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE PAID  | OTHER                         |
| TRANSFER  | ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE UN-PAID   |                               |
|           | <b>TERMINATION</b>   |                               |

COMMENTS, IF NECESSARY

**Motion to accept the verbal resignation of Taylor Wheeler effective 04/03/2024.**

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Elected Official/Department Manager	Chairman
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Date	Date
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Date to Finance Office: \_\_\_\_\_

HUERFANO COUNTY

<b>GREEN SHEET/STATUS CHANGE</b>	EFFECTIVE DATE
	4/17/2024
NAME: <b>Mathius De La Torre</b>	PAYROLL: <b>4/26/2024</b>

<b>CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE</b>	STREET
	CITY, STATE, ZIP
	TELEPHONE


CHANGE	FROM (DOES NOT APPLY TO NEW EMPLOYEE)	TO
JOB TITLE		<b>Detention Officer</b>
DEPARTMENT		<b>Jail</b>
HOURS		
ANNUAL SALARY		<b>\$34,000.00</b>
SEMI-MONTHLY SALARY		
HOURLY SALARY		
OTHER SALARY		<b>Non-Exempt</b>


**REASON FOR CHANGE**

<p><u>NEW HIRE</u></p> <p>REHIRED</p> <p>PROMOTION</p> <p>DEMOTION</p> <p>TRANSFER</p>	<p>RESIGNATION</p> <p>RETIREMENT</p> <p>LAYOFF</p> <p>ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE PAID</p> <p>ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE UN-PAID</p>	<p>LENGTH OF SERVICE INCREASE</p> <p>REEVALUATION OF CURRENT JOB</p> <p>INTRODUCTORY PERIOD COMPLETED</p> <p>OTHER</p>
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COMMENTS, IF NECESSARY

**Motion to hire Savannah Horton as a Detention Officer within the Jail at an annual salary of \$34,000.00. Contingent upon completion of a CBI background check and Negative Drug test.**

 04/11/2024  
 Elected Official / Department Head Date

 4/11/2024  
 Human Resources Officer Date

John Galusha, Chairman Date

Budget Officer Date



HUERFANO COUNTY

<b>GREEN SHEET/STATUS CHANGE</b>	EFFECTIVE DATE
	5/13/2024
NAME: <b>Jessica Espinoza</b>	PAYROLL: <b>5/24/2024</b>

<b>CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE</b>	STREET
	CITY, STATE, ZIP
	TELEPHONE

CHANGE	FROM (DOES NOT APPLY TO NEW EMPLOYEE)	TO
JOB TITLE		<b>Detention Officer</b>
DEPARTMENT		<b>Jail</b>
HOURS		
ANNUAL SALARY		
SEMI-MONTHLY SALARY		
HOURLY SALARY		<b>\$15.87/HR</b>
OTHER SALARY		<b>Non-Exempt</b>

**REASON FOR CHANGE**

NEW HIRE	RESIGNATION	LENGTH OF SERVICE INCREASE
REHIRED	RETIREMENT	REEVALUATION OF CURRENT JOB
PROMOTION	LAYOFF	INTRODUCTORY PERIOD COMPLETED
DEMOTION	ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE PAID	<b>OTHER</b>
TRANSFER	ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE UN-PAID	<b>Part Time Employment</b>

COMMENTS, IF NECESSARY

**Motion to hire Jessica Espinoza part time for an internship beginning May 13, 2024 and ending August 10, 2024.**

*Bruce Abner* \_\_\_\_\_ 04/12/2024  
 Elected Official / Department Head Date

*Krissie K. Aldrett* \_\_\_\_\_ 4/12/2024  
 Human Resources Officer Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Date  
 John Galusha, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Date  
 Budget Officer

**PROCLAMATION NO. 24-01**

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO**

**NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK  
APRIL 14 – 20, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, emergencies that require police, fire or emergency medical services can occur at any time; and,

**WHEREAS**, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and,

**WHEREAS**, the safety of our Sheriff’s deputies, firefighters and paramedics is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who contact the Huerfano County emergency communications center; and,

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our deputies, firefighters and paramedics by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety; and,

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Huerfano County 911 Dispatch have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and,

**WHEREAS**, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Huerfano County Board of County Commissioners that the week of April 14 through 20, 2024 to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Huerfano County in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe and calls upon the residents of Huerfano County to join in this special observance.

**INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of  
APRIL 2024.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
John Galusha, Chairman

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Arica Andreatta, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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County Clerk and Recorder and  
Ex-Officio Clerk to said Board

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Karl Sporleder, Commissioner



TO CARL YOUNG PROPOSAL DATED 4/12/24 JOB NO. 591330

PROJECT: 3 NEW RAILINGS AT THE ENTRY OF THE HUERFANO COUNTY COURT HOUSE

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK INCLUDED IN BID**

THE PROPOSED WORK IS 3 RAILINGS, THE TWO RAILINGS ARE SHOWN IN ATTACHED DRAWING. THE STAIR RAILING IS TO MATCH THE EXISTING.

THE RAILINGS WILL BE MADE FROM MILD STEEL. ALL WELDS WILL BE SMALL TIG WELDS. WELDS ON THE OUTSIDE SURFACES OF THE 1" SQUARE TUBE FRAME WILL BE SANDED FLAT.

THE RAILINGS WILL BE SANDBLASTED, PRIMED WITH A ZINC-RICH PRIMER, AND POWDER-COATED BLACK.

THE LEGS THAT GO INTO THE LANDING AND STAIRS WILL BE MADE OF STAINLESS STEEL. THEY WILL BE INSTALLED IN CORE HOLES WITH AN EPOXY OR ACRYLIC ADHESIVE THAT IS BUILT UP IN THE CENTER AND SLOPES AWAY FROM THE METAL.

ONE WEEK AFTER INSTALLATION, SILICONE SEALANT WILL BE INSTALLED AT JOINT BETWEEN EPOXY AND METAL AND AT JOINT BETWEEN CONCRETE AND EPOXY.

FIELD DIMENSIONS WILL BE TAKEN BY THE FABRICATOR PRIOR TO BUILDING THE RAILINGS. SHOP DRAWINGS WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.

TOTAL AMOUNT . . . . . \$ \$14,760

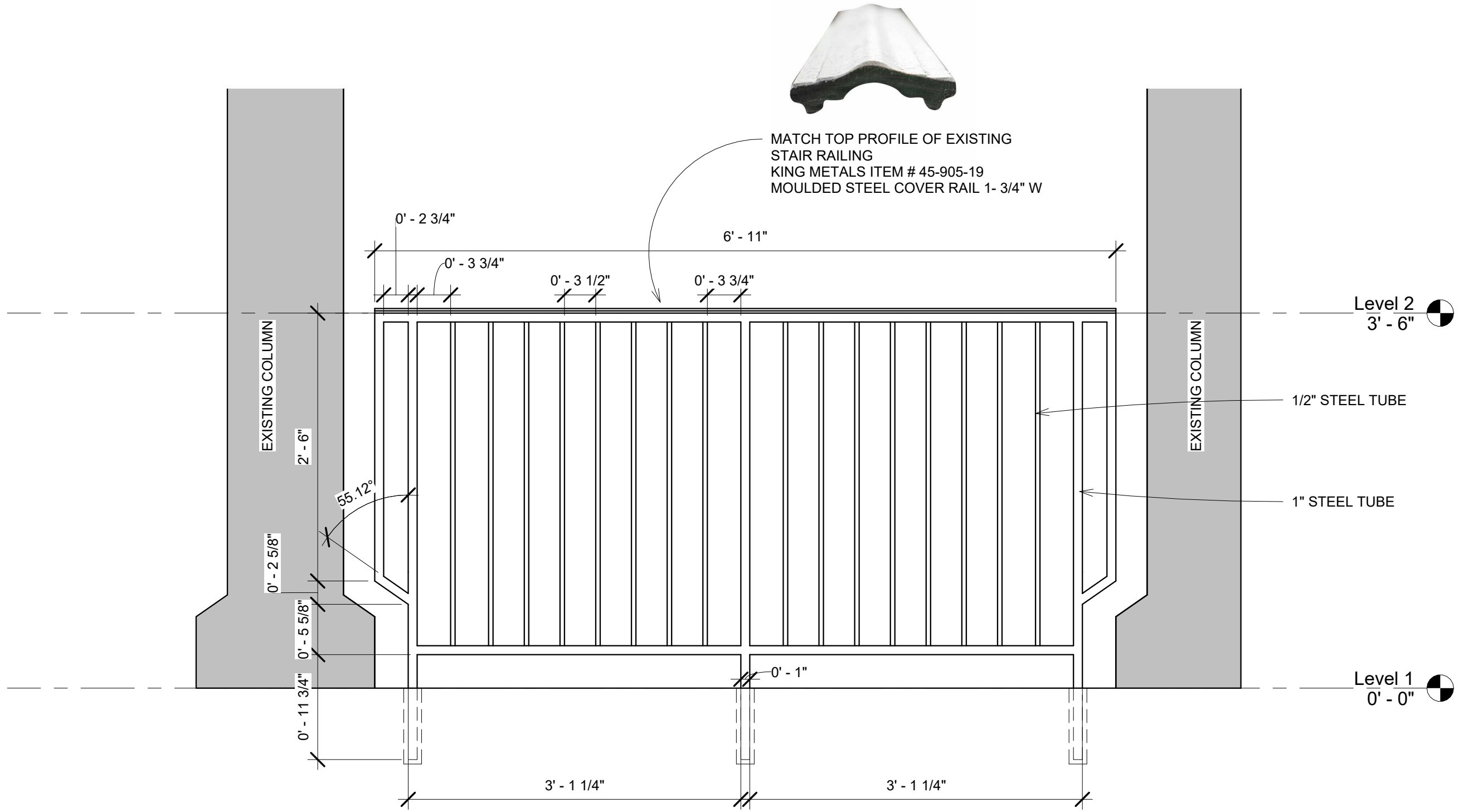
ACCEPTED \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

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 1850 Lucas ST, Canon City, CO 81212  
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 cell: (303) 551-5183  
 mike@mountainmason.com

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Authorized Signature  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title

By:   
 Title: MANAGING PARTNER

Date of Issue: 4/12/24



1 SQUARE ENDS  
1" = 1'-0"



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**HCCH  
RAILING**

No.	Description	Date

SQUARE ENDS		
Project number	Project Number	<b>A102</b>
Date	Issue Date	
Drawn by	Author	
Checked by	Checker	
Scale 1" = 1'-0"		10

John Galusha, Chairman  
Arica Andreatta, Commissioner  
Karl Sporleder, Commissioner



## Board of County Commissioners

U.S. Department of Energy, Grid Deployment Office  
Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations  
1000 Independence Ave SW  
Washington, DC 20585

April 11, 2024

RE: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) - Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) -  
DE-FOA-0003195  
Letter of Support/San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter confirms the Huerfano County’s support for San Isabel Electric Association’s (SIEA) participation in San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative ("Applicant") “Climate Shield Cooperative Network (CSCN)” project (“the Project”). SIEA’s proposed projects, which include enhanced wildfire mitigation efforts to harden our electric grid by deploying reclosers and fuses, undergrounding and rebuilding lines, and implementing robust monitoring and control systems (SCADA) to ensure reliable operation and coordination with existing wildfire mitigation measures and outage management systems for comprehensive risk reduction, will significantly enhance energy resilience and mitigate a significant portion utility-related wildfire risks in this portion of Huerfano County’s jurisdiction.

Huerfano County is pleased to support SIEA in its application under the DOE’s GRIP FOA 0003195 for Topic Area 1: Grid Resilience. The Project will advance DOE’s objectives by increasing the resilience of the electric power system by deploying cost-effective grid upgrades that also improve the local community. Please contact me if you have any questions on the contents of this letter or with respect to Huerfano County’s support of the Project.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:  
*Carl Young*  
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Carl Young  
Huerfano County Administrator

John Galusha, Chairman

**Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners**

March 28, 2024

Vashti Thomas-Wachterman, Chair  
Huerfano Community Corporation  
24840 Highway 69  
Gardner, Colorado 81040



Item 4d.

RE: Letter of Support for Huerfano Community Corporation FY25 Congressionally Directed Spending Request

Dear U.S. Senators Michael Bennet & John Hickenlooper,


I write in firm support of Huerfano Community Corporation’s (HCC) application for FY25 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) funding to pursue Phase 2 of their Co-Op project. The HCC is a vital grassroots organization in our community, dedicated to addressing both the critical needs of our residents and promoting health equity in Huerfano County. Their innovative approach will increase equitable access to resources by breaking down barriers, particularly in rural, underserved Gardner where community members drive an average of 40 miles for basic supplies such as gas, food, and healthcare.

Phase 2 of the Co-Op buildout includes adding a commercial kitchen, a community garden, dedicated space for the community library that is currently housed in a bus, a gear library, accessible outdoor play spaces, and a sports court structure. This project addresses significant health disparities in our community, particularly food insecurity, limited access to nutritious options, transportation, housing, and healthcare. Additionally, establishing a dedicated infrastructure for jobs to support food distribution, access, and educational programming will have a transformative impact on health equity in Huerfano County.

Supporting HCC’s application for FY25 CDS funding bolsters their dedicated community engagement efforts as well as their collaborative partnerships with our local organizations, and helps fulfill the County’s mission to promote the well-being of all residents. Investing in HCC’s Co-Op Project will address long-standing inequities, improve access to essential resources, and help create a healthier, resilient future for Huerfano County. Thank you for considering HCC's application for CDS funding.

Sincerely,

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO

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John Galusha, Chairman



Huerfano County Sheriff's Office  
Sheriff Bruce Newman  
500 South Albert Street, Walsenburg Colorado 81089  
Phone: 719-738-1600

April 12, 2024

Huerfano County Board of County Commissioners  
Carl Young County Administrator  
401 Main Street  
Walsenburg, CO 81089

Dear Sir's and Madam,

I, Sheriff Bruce Newman, am asking for the Deputies to be paid overtime for the period of April 7, 2024 through May 18, 2024. This will be for three pay periods due to an employee being out of the Country and another employee out on Workers Compensation. For the last three weeks we have had Deputies covering the employee out on Workers Compensation, in this last pay period alone the combined hours of Comp equal 195.72. I do not want to burn out any of our Deputies who are just trying to fill holes in our schedule, due to this injured employee. Recently we have hired three employees to bring the Sheriff's Office up to full staff, but unfortunately the new hires cannot start working until May 1<sup>st</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup>, and May 20<sup>th</sup>. I am hoping with the additional staff coming on board that we will not have this problem in the future. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

*Bruce Newman*

Regards,

Bruce Newman, Sheriff