

BOCC Meeting

October 06, 2026 01:00 pm

Board of County Commissioners of
Rio Blanco County, Colorado
Rio Blanco County Historic Courthouse
555 Main St., 3rd Floor Hearing Room
Meeker, CO 81641

MEETING AGENDA

October 6th, 2026

This meeting will be streamed live on the [Rio Blanco County YouTube Channel](#)

1. Call to Order - 1:00 PM

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Consideration of the approval of the September 15, 2026 agenda, including any changes.
- Public Comments:

2. Public Hearing

- 1. Public Hearing, Second Reading, and Consideration for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-002 – Rio Blanco County Fire Ban Code.**

File: [Public Hearing 1 - 2nd Reading and Public Hearing Fire Ban Ordinance 2026-002](#)

3. Consent Agenda:

- 1. Move to approve the below listed items on the consent agenda.**
- 2. Payroll Management Report for September 11, 2026.**
File: [Consent 2 - 09/11/2026 Payroll Mgt](#)
- 3. Accounts Payable Management Report August 2026.**
File: [Consent 3 - Accounts Payable Mgt 08/2026](#)

4. **DHS Management Report August 2026.**
File: [Consent 4 - DHS Management Report August 2026](#)
5. **Meeting Minutes July 28, 2026**
File: [Consent 5 - Minutes July 28, 2026](#)
6. **Meeting Minutes August 4, 2026**
File: [Consent 6 - BoCC Minutes August 4, 2026](#)
7. **Meeting Minutes August 18, 2026**
File: [Consent 7 - BoCC Minutes August 18, 2026](#)
8. **Meeting Minutes August 20, 2026**
File: [Consent 8 - August 20, 2026 BoCC Meeting Minutes](#)

4. Action Item:

1. **Consideration of a letter to Mountain Valley Bank changing the Point of Contact for Mountain Valley Bank Credit Cards**
File: [Action 1 - MVB Point of Contact Change](#)
2. **Consideration of an Engagement Agreement for Legal Services with Foster Graham Milstein & Calisher LLP for the West Slope O&G Association vs. Colorado Air Quality Control Commission.**
File: [Action 2 - Legal Representation for WSCGOA](#)
3. **Consideration of Ratification of a Notice of Potential Withdrawal from CTSI Workers' Compensation Coverage, effective January 1, 2027.**
File: [Action 3 - Notice of possible nonrenewal of Workers Comp Insurance](#)
4. **Consideration of approval of an Agreement for Professional Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, and AECOM Technical Services, Inc., for the Lake Avery Enlargement Feasibility Study.**
File: [Action 4 - Rio Blanco County AECOM Contract Signed - Final](#)
5. **Consideration of approval of the termination of the Natural Resources Policy Director MOU and transition of the position to Rio Blanco County.**
File: [Action 5 - Acceptance of Conservation Districts DNR Termination Letter](#)
6. **Consideration of Ratification of Rio Blanco County Comment Letter to the Colorado Water Conservation Board Regarding the Near-Term Upper Basin Contribution Program.**
File: [Action 6 - Ratification Near-Term Upper Basin Letter](#)
7. **Ratification of Contract Mod 1 with Bolton Construction for the OML EWP Project.**
File: [Action 7 - Bolton Construction OML Mod](#)
8. **Consideration of Fee Agreement for Legal Services with Chris Mcanany, Attorney**
File: [Action 8 - Attorney Mcanany - Airport Projects](#)
9. **Consideration of Appointment of County Attorney and/or Direction to staff.**

File: [Action 9 - Appointment of County Attorney or Direction to Staff](#)

10. Consideration of County Fair Dates For 2027.

July 15-17 Shooting Sports, July 23 & 24 Horse Show, Indoor & Livestock July 26-31

File: [Action 10 - 2027 Fair Dates](#)

11. Consideration of County Fair Dates For 2028.

July 20-22 Shooting Sports, July 28 & 29 Horse Show, Indoor & Livestock July 31 - Aug 5

File: [Action 11 - 2028 Fair Dates](#)

12. Consideration of the Ratification of the Engagement Letter with Blair and Associates, P.C. for Agreed-Upon Procedures Related to the 2025 Solid Waste Disposal Sites and Facilities Financial Assurance Requirements.

File: [Action 12 - Blair & Assoc SWL Financial Assurances](#)

13. Consideration of Approval of the 2025 Solid Waste Disposal Agreed-Upon Procedures Representation Letter to Blair and Associates, P.C.

File: [Action 13 - AUP Blair & Associates](#)

14. Consideration of Approval of the 2025 Board of County Commissioners Certification to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Regarding Solid Waste Financial Assurance Requirements for 2025.

File: [Action 14 - CDPHE SWL Financial Assurances 2025](#)

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5. Resolutions:

1. Consideration of Resolution 2026-25 Regarding the Right to Hunt Fish and Public Lands

File: [Resolution 1 - Resolution 2026-25 Regarding the Right to Hunt, Fish and Harvest Wildlife](#)

6. Other Business:

1. Staff Updates

2. County Commissioner Updates

7. Executive Sessions:

1. **Consideration of a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(f), for Personnel Matters related to Emergency Manager, Richard Garner**
2. **Consideration of a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b), for the purpose of receiving legal advice regarding specific legal questions.**

8. Adjourn

Public Comment Period:

First Reading Title Only - 10/15/2026

2nd Reading and Public Hearing Scheduled 10/06/2026

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-002

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO
COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, BANNING OPEN FIRES IN
THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY PURSUANT
TO C.R.S. §30-15-401, FINDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
REQUIRING THIS ORDINANCE TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON
ADOPTION, AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS
ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Rio Blanco (Board), adopted Ordinance 2026-3 on June 26, 2006 to ban open fires in the unincorporated areas of Rio Blanco County; and

WHEREAS, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2019-06 on March 25, 2019 concerning bans on open fires in the unincorporated areas of Rio Blanco County; and

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-11-107(1)(a) and C.R.S. § 30-15-401(1)(n.5), has authority and has the general enabling power to adopt ordinances, resolutions, rules and other regulations as may be necessary for the control or licensing of those matters of purely local concern, and to do all acts which may be necessary or expedient to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Rio Blanco County; and to ban open fires to a degree and in a manner the Board deems necessary to reduce the danger of wildfires within those portions of unincorporated Rio Blanco County where forest or grass fires are found to be high, based on competent evidence; and

WHEREAS, the Rio Blanco County Sheriff (Sheriff), as Fire Warden for Rio Blanco County, monitors fire weather conditions and fire danger ratings; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 30-15-401(1)(n.7) authorizes the Board to prohibit the sale, use and possession of fireworks, including permissible fireworks, within those portions of unincorporated Rio Blanco County; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that from time-to-time weather conditions exist in Rio Blanco County which are favorable for rapid fire growth and under such circumstances, open fires and burning threaten the health, safety and wellbeing of citizens and property in Rio Blanco County. During these high fire-danger conditions, the Board recognizes restrictions on Open Fires and use of fireworks are in the best interests of all citizens to preserve the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and protection of property; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 30-15-405, provides that, except for ordinances calling for special elections or necessary to the immediate preservation of the public health or safety and containing the reasons making the same necessary, such ordinances shall not take effect and be in force before thirty (30) days after they have been so published; however, an excepted ordinance shall take effect upon adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that due to the current seasonal drought conditions, critically dry fuels, and the increasing likelihood of extreme fire behavior, delay in implementation of this ordinance would pose an immediate risk to public health, safety, and property; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it to be prudent and necessary to establish a process to ban open fires, under conditions where open burning is dangerous to the health and safety of the community and the danger of forest and/or grass fires is high and to require citizens to notify the Sheriff before initiating an agricultural fire and/or open burning and to provide penalties for initiating such a fire on days when restrictions are in effect, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff is authorized pursuant to sections C.R.S. § 30-10-512 and C.R.S. § 30-10-513, to act as Fire Warden of the County and is responsible for coordination of fire suppression efforts in case of prairie, forest or wildland fires or wildfires occurring in unincorporated areas of the County outside the boundaries of a fire protection district or when a fire exceeds the capabilities of a fire protection district to control; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the Sheriff, as Fire Warden, is the appropriate person, and using their expertise and discretion along with established fire restriction evaluation guidelines and in consultation with Board, the Rio Blanco County Emergency Manager, Rio Blanco County fire districts and representatives of the United States Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to determine whether a restriction of open fires, open burning and use of fireworks should be implemented or elevated in times of extreme fire danger or suspended during times of decreased fire danger; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that wildfire conditions within Rio Blanco County can change quickly due to factors such as weather, fuel conditions, and seasonal dryness, and that the National Weather Service provides timely and reliable information through Fire Weather Watches, Red Flag Warnings, and High Wind Watches and Warnings that are useful indicators of increased fire risk; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges the importance of agricultural burning as a land-management and operational practice within Rio Blanco County, and further finds that requiring advance notice to the Sheriff's Office or designated notification system prior to agricultural burning can improve coordination, situational awareness, and communication among landowners and emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that encouraging individuals to confirm current fire conditions before engaging in fire-related activities.

WHEREAS, upon review of Rio Blanco County Ordinance 2006-3 and Resolution No. 2019-06 and with consultation with the Sheriff, as Fire Warden, the Board deems it is in the best interest of the citizens of Rio Blanco County to REPEAL Rio Blanco County Ordinance 2006-3 and Resolution No. 2019-06 and adopt this Ordinance in its place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY:

I. TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known and referred to as the "**BANNING OPEN FIRES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY ORDINANCE**," and may be cited as such.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to:

- a. Preserve and protect the public health, safety and welfare of citizens in Rio Blanco County by restricting open fires, open burning, and/or the use of fireworks in the unincorporated areas of the County through fire restriction stages when high fire dangers exist to prevent forest and grass fires; and
- b. Establish open/agricultural Burning definitions and allow for the implementation of restrictions on open fires and burning during severe weather conditions to include Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag warnings issued by the National Weather Service.
- c. Appoint the Sheriff with the authority, after consultation with the Board, the Rio Blanco County Emergency Manager, Rio Blanco County fire districts and representatives of the United States Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to enact Stage I, Stage II and Stage III fire restrictions as defined within this Ordinance within all or portions of unincorporated Rio Blanco County when high fire danger conditions exist and rescind those restrictions when appropriate.
- d. Define applicable penalties and fee schedule for violation of the ordinance.

III. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- a. **Fireworks:** As defined in C.R.S. § 24-33.5-2001(5) any composition or device designed to produce a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and that meets the definition of articles pyrotechnics, permissible fireworks or display fireworks pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-2001(11).
- b. **Red Flag/Fire Weather Watch Temporary Fire Ban:** A Red Flag/Fire Weather Watch Temporary Fire Ban is in effect any time the National Weather Service issues any of the following watches/advisories:

1. Red Flag Warning
2. Fire Weather Watch
- c. **Open Fire:** As used in this Ordinance, the term "Open Fire":
 1. **Includes:** Setting fire to any grass, wood or other combustible material outside of an enclosed structure; the use of explosives or fireworks of all kinds and brands; or outdoor welding, cutting/grinding or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame other than in an area cleared of all flammable materials;
 2. **Does NOT include:** Emissions from fireplaces, pellet grills, fire pits, chimeneas or other wood burning containers that have been approved for residential, recreation, or aesthetic purposes at a residence or business; campfire outside a structure or living accommodation contained by a fireplace, pit, or permanent grate used for cooking, personal warmth, personal recreation, ceremonial or aesthetic purposes or a campfire that uses charcoal, natural gas, propane or another fuel or fires within a residential or commercial fireplace.
- d. **Agricultural Open Burning:** Colorado defines Agricultural Open Burning as: open burning of cover vegetation for the purpose of preparing the soil for crop production, weed control, maintenance of water conveyance structures related to agricultural operations, and other agricultural cultivation purposes." [Colorado Air Regulation 9]
- e. **Trash:** Any mixture or quantity of flammable and/or inflammable waste materials, including but not limited to garbage, rubbish, wastepaper, wood fabric, metal, or other materials of a manmade nature which are discarded as waste from any home, institution, or business.
- f. **Slash/Pile Burning:** Burning of vegetative material that has been concentrated by manual or mechanical methods and separated into piles.

IV. APPLICATION

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-15-401(2)(a)(I), this Ordinance shall apply throughout unincorporated areas of Rio Blanco County. This ordinance shall also apply within the corporate limits of any incorporated town or city within Rio Blanco County which elects by appropriate ordinance or resolution to have the provisions of this Ordinance apply therein.

V. UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES

- a. The following activities are unlawful at all times within unincorporated Rio Blanco County:
 1. Engaging in any activity prohibited when Stage I, Stage II or Stage III Fire Restrictions are in effect other than exempted per this Ordinance.
 2. Initiating an agricultural open burn, broadcast burn, or other open burning requiring notification under this Ordinance, without first notifying the Sheriff.
 3. Initiating an Open Fire in unincorporated areas of Rio Blanco

County during a "Red Flag/Fire Weather Watch Temporary Fire Ban."

4. The open burning of any plastics, tires, asphaltic shingles, insulation or similar dense or toxic smoke-producing substances by any person, firm, corporation, cooperative, or any other entity is prohibited.

VI. OPEN BURNS THAT REQUIRE A STATE PERMIT FROM CDPHE

Certain Open Burning is allowed but requires a permit issued through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Air Pollution Control Division. These burns include, but are not limited to, Slash/Pile Burning. *See* Colorado Air Quality Control Commission Regulation No. 9, 5 Code Colorado Regulations § 1001-11 and <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/outdoor-burning> for further information.

VII. REQUIRED NOTICE TO SHERIFF

No person in Rio Blanco County shall initiate an agricultural open burn, broadcast burn or open fire as described in this Ordinance without first notifying the Sheriff at 355 4th Street, Meeker, Colorado as to the location of any fire(s) to be initiated. Failure to notify may result in a penalty of up to \$300 fine, \$10 surcharge, class 2 petty offense.

VIII. REQUIREMENT TO CONFIRM FIRE RESTRICTION STATUS

Prior to engaging in any activity regulated by this Ordinance, a person has an affirmative duty to confirm that Red Flag/Fire Weather Watch or Stage I, Stage II or Stage III Fire Restrictions are not in effect by consulting official National Weather Service Publications, Rio Blanco County and the Sheriff's websites, county emergency notifications or other reliable sources.

IX. DECLARATION OR RESCISSION OF STAGE I OR STAGE II OPEN FIRE RESTRICTION - AUTHORITY DESIGNATED TO THE RIO BLANCO COUNTY SHERIFF

- a. The Board recognizes that when weather conditions bring low relative humidity, dry fuel loads and the potential for extreme fire behavior; local, state and federal fire suppression and land management agencies meet on a regular basis to determine whether fire restrictions are warranted to prevent fires and protect the health, safety and property of citizens across the region. During these discussions there may be an urgent need to implement Stage I or Stage II Open Fire Restrictions without delay.
- b. The Board declares that the Sheriff, in their capacity as Fire Warden, shall have the authority to declare Stage I or Stage II Open Fire Restrictions whenever the danger of forest and/or grass fires is found to be high and without further proceedings or Resolution required by the Board. Any declaration of restrictions made pursuant to this section shall specify the

Stage Level, parameters and duration of the restrictions as deemed necessary and appropriate.

- c. The Board declares that the Sheriff, in their capacity as Fire Warden, shall have the authority to rescind Stage I or Stage II Open Fire Restrictions without further proceedings or Resolution required by the Board.

X. FIRE RESTRICTION STAGES

The following Open Fire Restriction Stages shall be applicable in unincorporated Rio Blanco County:

a. STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS

1. Open burning, excepting fires and campfires within permanently constructed fire grates in developed campgrounds and picnic grounds, charcoal grills and wood burning stoves at private residences in areas cleared of all flammable materials, and those other exceptions/exemptions as noted in Section XI.
2. Agricultural open burning of fields, fence rows, ditches, piles, and slash.
3. Using explosive material: (i.e.: fireworks, blasting caps or any incendiary device which may result in the ignition of flammable material).
4. Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame; except within an area that is barren or cleared of all flammable material at least 10 feet on all sides from the equipment and possess a chemical pressurized five-pound fire extinguisher and one round pointed shovel with an overall length of at least 36 inches. The extinguisher and shovel may be kept with the welding supplies but must be readily available for quick use.
5. Outdoor smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
6. Operating or using any internal combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order.

b. STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS

1. All open burning as defined, other than those exceptions/exemptions as noted in Section XI.
2. Agricultural open burning of fields, fence rows, ditches, piles, Trash and slash
3. Using explosive material: (i.e.: fireworks, blasting caps, exploding targets or any incendiary device which may result in the ignition of flammable material.)
4. Outdoor smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building.
5. Welding, cutting, grinding or operating an acetylene or other similar torch with open flame.
6. Operating or using any internal combustion engine without a spark

arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order.

7. Operating a chainsaw without a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces capacity by weight, and one size 0 or larger round pointed shovel with an overall length of at least 36 inches. The extinguisher shall be with the chainsaw operator. The shovel may be kept with the fueling supplies but readily available.

c. **STAGE III FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

1. If the Sheriff, after consultation with the various local, state and federal fire suppression and land management agencies, receives a recommendation that Rio Blanco County shall impose Stage III Fire Restrictions within Rio Blanco County, the Sheriff shall immediately inform the Board and call for a meeting of the Board. The Sheriff shall then present recommendations to the need for Stage III restrictions.
2. When conditions indicate a reduction or the suspension of Stage III restrictions, the Sheriff shall notify the Board of the recommendations for such reduction or suspension from local, state and federal officials.
3. The Stage III Fire Restrictions shall be implemented or rescinded by Resolution of the Board.
4. Stage III Fire Restrictions are a closure order that includes all orders under Stage I and II, in addition to prohibiting all entry into the affected area of the restrictions except for:
 - A. Persons with a written fire entry and activity permit issued by the Sheriff;
 - B. Any local, state or federal officer or member of an organized rescue, firefighting force, law enforcement or other first responder in the performance of an official duty;
 - C. Resident owners and lessees of private property within the closed area; or
 - D. Other exceptions as designated by the Sheriff or Board.

XI. EXCEPTIONS/EXEMPTIONS

The following persons and events are exempt:

- 1) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission; and
- 2) any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty; and
- 3) open fires in areas designated and signed for allowed open fires; and
- 4) fireworks displays organized or sponsored by a public entity.

XIII. ENFORCEMENT

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Rio Blanco County Sheriff, or their designee.

XIV. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION

1. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-15-402(1), any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a civil infraction, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1000) for each separate violation. Each violation shall be deemed separate and distinct from any other violation and punishable as a separate offense.

VIOLATIONS:

- First Offense: \$500 fine, \$10 surcharge, class 2 petty offense
 - Second Offense: \$750 fine, \$20 surcharge, class 2 misdemeanor offense
 - Third and Subsequent Offenses: \$1,000 fine, \$50 surcharge, class 6 felony offense
2. The penalty assessment procedure provided in C.R.S. § 16-2-201 is authorized to be followed by any law enforcement officer for such violation(s). The notice shall be a summons and complaint, identify the alleged offender, specify the offense and applicable fine, and require that the alleged offender pay the fine or appear to answer the charge at a specified time and place.

XV. ADDITIONAL REMEDIES

The remedies provided in this ordinance shall be cumulative and in addition to any other federal, state or local remedy, criminal or civil which may be available. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to preclude prosecution under any other applicable statute, ordinance, rule, order or regulation including, but not limited to, prosecution under C.R.S. § 18-13-109.

XVI. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, clause, sentence or phrase of this Ordinance is adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other provisions of this ordinance which can be given effect without such invalid provision.

XVII. EMERGENCY

The Board hereby finds, determines and declares that this Ordinance is necessary

for the immediate preservation and protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and shall be effective upon adoption.

XVIII. REPEAL

Upon this Ordinance becoming effective, all ordinances and resolutions previously enacted declaring fire emergencies and/or fire bans, bans on open burning and similar activities are REPEALED, except to the extent that any prosecutions for violations charged under the prior enactments shall proceed under any prior enactment.

XX. CERTIFICATION

The County Clerk shall certify the passage of this Ordinance and make not less than three copies of the adopted Code available for inspection by the public during regular business hours.

INTRODUCED, READ, ADOPTED ON FIRST READING on the 15th day of September, 2026, and ordered published in the RIO BLANCO HERALD TIMES.

PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING will be on the 6th day of October, 2026;
and

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING AND SIGNED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

Callie Scritchfield, Chairman

Doug Overton, Commissioner

Jennifer O'Hearon, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Shawn Luce, Clerk and Recorder

<u>PAYROLL</u>		<u>2026</u>
<u>DATE</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
9/11/2026	General	\$ 124,348.88
9/11/2026	Road & Bridge	58,898.05
9/11/2026	Public Health	5,915.19
9/11/2026	Dept/Human Svcs	20,819.88
9/11/2026	American Rescue Plan	-
9/11/2026	Use Tax	8,814.61
9/11/2026	Solid Waste LF	11,446.28
9/11/2026	Weed & Pest	6,028.45
9/11/2026	Communications	5,385.62
9/11/2026	Fairfield Cmplx	-
9/11/2026	Fleet Mgmt	12,700.25
TOTAL		\$ 254,357.21

PAYROLL BENEFITS & WITHHOLDINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
9/11/2026	General	\$ 71,469.43
9/11/2026	Road & Bridge	32,982.50
9/11/2026	Public Health	3,100.15
9/11/2026	Dept/Human Svcs	9,941.06
9/11/2026	American Rescue Plan	-
9/11/2026	Use Tax	3,953.14
9/11/2026	Solid Waste LF	7,158.85
9/11/2026	Weed & Pest	2,890.11
9/11/2026	Communications	2,959.49
9/11/2026	Fairfield Cmplx	-
9/11/2026	Fleet Mgmt	5,456.01
TOTAL		\$ 139,910.74

**RIO BLANCO COUNTY
PAYROLL WARRANT REGISTER
9/11/2026**

*** Split Employees

FUND	FUND NAME	NAME	CHECK NUMBER	AMOUNT
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Brickey, Steven	168218	1,850.23
52	WEED & PEST CONTROL FUND	Nielsen, Craig D	168219	1,715.15
				\$ 3,565.38

FUND	FUND NAME	NAME	AMOUNT
10	GENERAL FUND	Adkins, David	2,457.66
10	GENERAL FUND	Anderson, Amanda	1,562.43
10	GENERAL FUND	Backes-Kincher, Stacie	1,818.40
10	GENERAL FUND	Bair, Inge	47.21
10	GENERAL FUND	Balboa, Rebecca	1,635.72
10	GENERAL FUND	Brickey, Keaton	1,769.97
10	GENERAL FUND	Buckler, Michelle	1,510.45
10	GENERAL FUND	Carney, Amanda	1,723.43
10	GENERAL FUND	Cohn, Meshell	1,288.05
10	GENERAL FUND	Collins, Dawn	1,285.02
10	GENERAL FUND	Craig, Michael	1,676.85
10	GENERAL FUND	Denomy, Mary Ellen	485.50
10	GENERAL FUND	Dietrich, Karin	13.85
10	GENERAL FUND	Dungan, Joseph	784.90
10	GENERAL FUND	Durfee, Christy	992.06
10	GENERAL FUND	Edwards, Vicky	2,634.27
10	GENERAL FUND	Franks, Charles	2,552.13
10	GENERAL FUND	Franks, Donald	1,563.34
10	GENERAL FUND	Garcia, Elsa	1,355.27
10	GENERAL FUND	Garner, Richard	2,136.23
10	GENERAL FUND	Geist, Amber	2,081.42
10	GENERAL FUND	Gould, Stacey	1,856.39
10	GENERAL FUND	Herrera, Lesli	1,936.40
10	GENERAL FUND	Hilkey, Rhonda	1,515.96
10	GENERAL FUND	Huitt, Ryan	2,515.15
10	GENERAL FUND	Hume, Rebecca	892.54
10	GENERAL FUND	Ivie, Gala	1,549.41
10	GENERAL FUND	Jacquez, Eric	2,527.90
10	GENERAL FUND	Joy Jonathan	3,111.93
10	GENERAL FUND	Keeran, Ryan	1,576.64
10	GENERAL FUND	Klouzek, Mathew	2,516.20
10	GENERAL FUND	Kracht, Ann	1,596.23
10	GENERAL FUND	Litzelman, Mark	2,280.82
10	GENERAL FUND	Lockwood, Lynn	2,388.76
10	GENERAL FUND	Luce, Shawn	2,072.12
10	GENERAL FUND	Maes, Shawnee	1,610.46
10	GENERAL FUND	Mazzola, Anthony	2,874.10
10	GENERAL FUND	McGruder, Rhawnie	2,082.45
10	GENERAL FUND	Melton, Reece	2,099.37

10	GENERAL FUND	Mendenhall, Gardner	740.47
10	GENERAL FUND	Mendenhall, Nicole	1,637.30
10	GENERAL FUND	Merrell, Dylon	2,504.45
10	GENERAL FUND	Meyring, Savannah	1,375.22
10	GENERAL FUND	Miller, Nathan	1,485.61
10	GENERAL FUND	Mobley, Travis R.	2,566.68
10	GENERAL FUND	Muxlow, Jeremy	2,859.81
10	GENERAL FUND	Neilson, Anna	2,180.51
10	GENERAL FUND	Nielsen, Christina	1,240.47
10	GENERAL FUND	Nielsen, Kent A***	367.13
10	GENERAL FUND	Nielsen, Trevor	2,879.99
10	GENERAL FUND	OHearon, Jennifer	2,907.07
10	GENERAL FUND	Otabachian-Brickey, Ja	1,361.99
10	GENERAL FUND	Overton, Douglas	2,670.18
10	GENERAL FUND	Paisley, Meghan	1,757.53
10	GENERAL FUND	Pena, William	3,142.34
10	GENERAL FUND	Raley, Herbert***	22.36
10	GENERAL FUND	Rietzler, Aaron	2,571.02
10	GENERAL FUND	Rowles, Carol	1,325.37
10	GENERAL FUND	Rowley, Roger***	1,269.67
10	GENERAL FUND	Rusher, Justin***	239.72
10	GENERAL FUND	Sandoval, Tamara	1,744.48
10	GENERAL FUND	Schmidt, Bobbie	1,910.05
10	GENERAL FUND	Scritchfield, Callie	1,732.27
10	GENERAL FUND	Smith, Brittany	13.85
10	GENERAL FUND	Smith, Laura L	2,837.48
10	GENERAL FUND	Smith, Nicholas	2,095.60
10	GENERAL FUND	Stewart, Cody***	1,505.79
10	GENERAL FUND	Tate, Kelsey	1,973.38
10	GENERAL FUND	Vieyra-Paniagua, Ma	1,357.40
10	GENERAL FUND	Waldref, Rhonna L	2,170.68
10	GENERAL FUND	Zentmeyer, Lori	1,526.02
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Blankenship, Jerry	1,867.57
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Carsten, Joseph	1,737.65
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Cox, Roy	1,769.77
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Davis, Justin	2,278.09
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	DiBenedetto, Antina	2,118.85
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Files, Dale	1,841.71
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Frantz, Dillon	1,683.24
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Goodwin, Jayna	1,786.98
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Grieser, Scott	1,988.33
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Haggart, James W	1,801.94
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Hall, Christopher	1,875.36
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Hernandez Pena, Pedro	1,780.76
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Hicks, Joshua	1,788.23
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Hossack-Knez, Shawwna***	755.50
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Johnson-Tingley, Rober	1,624.29
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Jones, John	1,834.03
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Kaschke, Thomas	1,184.92
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Kendall, Darrell J	1,782.73

22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Nichols, Tennan	1,971.20
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Peck, Arlan	1,739.54
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Peck, Talyn	1,424.57
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Piper, Tyler	1,991.43
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Raley, Herbert***	1,845.07
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Reinhard, Crystal	1,792.06
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Rhea, Sage	1,680.84
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Roybal, Bernardo	1,473.60
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Scott, Tristan	1,474.57
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Stewart, Jerry	1,811.69
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Tatum, Joseph	1,832.92
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Taylor, Jesse	1,827.40
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Urista, Lauren	1,614.84
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	White, Thaddeus	3,002.12
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	Woodall, James***	66.02
23	PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY	Dinwiddie, Karen	1,779.89
23	PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY	Mantle, Brooke***	38.67
23	PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY	Palmer, Jessica	1,366.71
23	PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY	Sheridan, Makala	2,729.92
24	DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES	Allred, Marcia	1,739.92
24	DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES	Duncan, Daisy	1,402.97
24	DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES	Englsih, Blythe	2,020.50
24	DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES	Geer, Kaelyn	1,270.60
24	DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES	Harvey, Kelsey	2,118.89
24	DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES	Harvey, Natalie	1,592.14
24	DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES	Johnson, Audrey	86.91
24	DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES	Lloyd, Jessica	1,156.11
24	DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES	Mallison, Adrianna	1,983.80
24	DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES	Mantle, Brooke***	1,218.25
24	DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES	McCoy, Maryanne	1,495.10
24	DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES	McKay, Carmen	2,883.24
24	DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES	Pullen, Sarah	1,851.45
27	USE TAX FUND	Bunn, Pamela	111.93
27	USE TAX FUND	Cochrane, Megan	491.62
27	USE TAX FUND	Gutierrez, Alexis	1,857.45
27	USE TAX FUND	Morlan, Debra L	1,815.13
27	USE TAX FUND	Nickson, Annalee	864.73
27	USE TAX FUND	Rich, Kristyn	1,163.13
27	USE TAX FUND	Richardson, Shona	1,147.87
27	USE TAX FUND	Rowley, Roger***	68.58
27	USE TAX FUND	Rusher, Justin***	1,235.50
27	USE TAX FUND	Stewart, Cody***	58.67
51	SOLID WASTE LANDFILL	Hossack-Knez, Shawna***	755.46
51	SOLID WASTE LANDFILL	Impson, Clinton	1,835.61
51	SOLID WASTE LANDFILL	Musser, Jason	1,873.63
51	SOLID WASTE LANDFILL	Tafoya, Brittany	1,659.65
51	SOLID WASTE LANDFILL	Velasco, Nicholas	1,805.87
51	SOLID WASTE LANDFILL	Willey, Allie	1,368.73
51	SOLID WASTE LANDFILL	Willey, Tobey	2,147.33

52	WEED & PEST CONTROL FUND	Rogers, John	1,628.09
52	WEED & PEST CONTROL FUND	Stroud, Dylan	748.25
52	WEED & PEST CONTROL FUND	Turnburke, Jane	1,936.96
53	COMMUNICATIONS	Ahrens, Derek	1,795.69
53	COMMUNICATIONS	Walker, Chance	1,615.99
53	COMMUNICATIONS	Zollie, Maxwell	1,973.94
68	FLEET MANAGEMENT	Hubbard, Ryan	3,012.02
68	FLEET MANAGEMENT	Nielsen, Kent A***	1,590.86
68	FLEET MANAGEMENT	Nye, Kevin	2,157.50
68	FLEET MANAGEMENT	Sherman, Joseph	2,013.03
68	FLEET MANAGEMENT	Squire, James	2,096.87
68	FLEET MANAGEMENT	Woodall, James***	1,829.97

\$	250,791.83
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FUND		CHECKS	DIRECT DEPOSIT	TOTALS
10	GENERAL FUND	\$ -	\$ 124,348.88	\$ 124,348.88
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	1,850.23	57,047.82	58,898.05
23	PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY	-	5,915.19	5,915.19
24	DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES	-	20,819.88	20,819.88
26	AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	-	-	-
27	USE TAX	-	8,814.61	8,814.61
51	SOLID WASTE LANDFILL	-	11,446.28	11,446.28
52	WEED & PEST CONTROL	1,715.15	4,313.30	6,028.45
53	COMMUNICATIONS	-	5,385.62	5,385.62
54	FAIRFIELD COMPLEX	-	-	-
68	FLEET MANAGEMENT	-	12,700.25	12,700.25
TOTALS		\$ 3,565.38	\$ 250,791.83	\$ 254,357.21

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PAYROLL BENEFITS/WITHHOLDING REGISTER
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Mid PY Term

10	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	FEDERAL WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	13,829.23
22	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	FEDERAL WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	5,604.45
22	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	FEDERAL WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	242.01
23	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	FEDERAL WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	451.97
24	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	FEDERAL WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	1,666.04
27	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	FEDERAL WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	639.87
51	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	FEDERAL WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	1,314.11
52	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	FEDERAL WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	674.57
53	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	FEDERAL WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	459.65
68	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	FEDERAL WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	708.68

25,590.58

10	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	FICA WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	22,113.90
22	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	FICA WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	10,041.25
22	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	FICA WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	327.82
23	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	FICA WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	992.54
24	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	FICA WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	3,412.50
27	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	FICA WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	1,412.46
51	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	FICA WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	2,051.13
52	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	FICA WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	992.64
53	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	FICA WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	917.60
68	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	FICA WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	2,098.76

44,360.60

10	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	MEDICARE WITHHOLDING	EFT	5,171.84
22	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	MEDICARE WITHHOLDING	EFT	2,348.29
22	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	MEDICARE WITHHOLDING	EFT	76.66
23	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	MEDICARE WITHHOLDING	EFT	232.12
24	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	MEDICARE WITHHOLDING	EFT	798.08
27	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	MEDICARE WITHHOLDING	EFT	330.34
51	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	MEDICARE WITHHOLDING	EFT	479.71
52	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	MEDICARE WITHHOLDING	EFT	232.16
53	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	MEDICARE WITHHOLDING	EFT	214.62
68	US DEPT. OF THE TREASURY	MEDICARE WITHHOLDING	EFT	490.80

10,374.62

10	CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS	COLORADO STATE WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	6,681.47
22	CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS	COLORADO STATE WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	2,903.01
22	CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS	COLORADO STATE WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	107.00
23	CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS	COLORADO STATE WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	277.48
24	CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS	COLORADO STATE WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	980.52
27	CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS	COLORADO STATE WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	368.79
51	CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS	COLORADO STATE WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	592.00
52	CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS	COLORADO STATE WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	282.00
53	CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS	COLORADO STATE WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	250.00
68	CO STATE WITHHOLDINGS	COLORADO STATE WITHHOLDINGS	EFT	576.73

13,019.00

10	GREAT WEST	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	EFT	20,381.81
22	GREAT WEST	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	EFT	8,837.02
23	GREAT WEST	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	EFT	960.52
24	GREAT WEST	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	EFT	2,714.23
27	GREAT WEST	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	EFT	1,095.80
51	GREAT WEST	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	EFT	2,403.61
52	GREAT WEST	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	EFT	601.92
53	GREAT WEST	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	EFT	987.98
68	GREAT WEST	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	EFT	1,386.99

39,369.88

10	CEBT	INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS	168222	1,125.02
22	CEBT	INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS	168222	473.34
23	CEBT	INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS	168222	50.49
24	CEBT	INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS	168222	201.85
27	CEBT	INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS	168222	53.58
51	CEBT	INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS	168222	84.34
52	CEBT	INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS	168222	8.42
53	CEBT	INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS	168222	77.85
68	CEBT	INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS	168222	105.98

2,180.87

10	AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	168220	416.66
22	AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	168220	154.33
23	AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	168220	133.33
24	AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	168220	16.66
51	AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	168220	71.00

791.98

10	TEXAS LIFE INSURANCE	SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	168224	220.92
22	TEXAS LIFE INSURANCE	SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	168224	12.75
24	TEXAS LIFE INSURANCE	SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	168224	42.10
68	TEXAS LIFE INSURANCE	SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	168224	15.46

291.23

10	AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	168221	1,528.58
22	AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	168221	1,525.04
23	AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	168221	1.70
24	AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	168221	109.08
27	AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	168221	52.30
51	AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	168221	162.95
52	AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	168221	98.40
53	AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	168221	51.79
68	AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	168221	72.61

3,602.45

22	FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY	WAGE ASSIGNMENT	168223	329.53
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329.53

\$ 139,910.74

FUND	TOTALS
10 GENERAL FUND	\$ 71,469.43
22 ROAD & BRIDGE	32,982.50
23 PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY	3,100.15
24 DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES	9,941.06
26 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	-
27 USE TAX	3,953.14
51 SOLID WASTE LANDFILL	7,158.85
52 WEED & PEST CONTROL	2,890.11
53 COMMUNICATIONS	2,959.49
54 FAIRFIELD COMPLEX	-
68 FLEET MANAGEMENT	5,456.01
TOTALS	\$ 139,910.74

**RIO BLANCO COUNTY
PAYROLL OVERTIME REPORT
9/11/2026**

FUND	DEPT	NAME	HOURS	AMOUNT
10	2301	Adkins, David E	13	680.16
10	2303	Geist, Amber N	8.5	374.21
10	2303	Herrera Valenzuela, Leslie	4	185.1
10	2301	Klouzek, Matthew S	13	680.16
10	2301	Pena, William A	15	917.55
10	2301	Rietzler, Aaron J	2	118.76
22	4201	Piper, Tyler D	1.3	65.33

\$ 3,021.27

FUND		TOTALS
10	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,275.78
22	ROAD & BRIDGE	65.33
TOTALS		\$ 2,341.11

SUMMARY REPORT

<u>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</u>		<u>2026</u>
<u>DATE</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
8/31/2026	General	\$ 213,000.84
8/31/2026	Capital Expenditure Fund	4,825.00
8/31/2026	Road & Bridge	910,803.09
8/31/2026	Public Health	149.70
8/31/2026	Dept/Human Svcs	23,009.66
8/31/2026	Capital Improvement	60,259.40
8/31/2026	American Rescue Plan	-
8/31/2026	Use Tax	9,850.37
8/31/2026	Consv. Trust	-
8/31/2026	Solid Waste LF	8,969.09
8/31/2026	Weed & Pest	70,433.77
8/31/2026	Communications	38,071.38
8/31/2026	Fairfield Cmplx	3,905.67
8/31/2026	Central Services	14,036.33
8/31/2026	Fleet Mgmt	162,209.95
TOTAL \$		1,519,524.25

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CHG</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>YTD</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>YTD</u>	<u>CHG</u>	Incode	Diff	
8/31/2026	General	\$ 213,000.84	\$ 215,384.60	-1%	2,375,549.94	2,649,054.55	-10%	\$ 213,000.84	\$	-
8/31/2026	Capital Expenditure Fund	4,825.00	7,056.00	-32%	198,373.74	62,526.00	217%	4,825.00		-
8/31/2026	Road & Bridge	910,803.09	23,759.72	3733%	3,781,968.22	828,147.84	357%	910,803.09		-
8/31/2026	Public Health	149.70	25,828.21	-99%	60,198.54	64,834.55	-7%	149.70		-
8/31/2026	Dept/Human Svcs	23,009.66	36,335.52	-37%	169,815.65	199,356.79	-15%	23,009.66		-
8/31/2026	Capital Improvement Fund	60,259.40	-	0%	597,481.25	379,912.77	57%	60,259.40		-
8/31/2026	American Rescue Plan	-	188,185.72	-100%	66,396.52	1,063,353.15	-94%	-		-
8/31/2026	Use Tax	9,850.37	21,955.09	-55%	73,702.04	137,782.98	-47%	9,850.37		-
8/31/2026	Consv. Trust	-	-	0%	0.00	0.00	0%	-		-
8/31/2026	Solid Waste LF	8,969.09	10,804.18	-17%	158,107.14	102,562.83	54%	8,969.09		-
8/31/2026	Weed & Pest	70,433.77	31,236.35	125%	287,450.51	272,155.58	6%	70,433.77		-
8/31/2026	Communications	38,071.38	22,341.54	70%	717,081.95	495,479.09	45%	38,071.38		-
8/31/2026	Fairfield Cmplx	3,905.67	2,748.20	42%	46,158.75	36,771.59	26%	3,905.67		-
8/31/2026	Central Services	14,036.33	1,573.75	792%	837,000.50	587,936.27	42%	14,036.33		-
8/31/2026	Fleet Mgmt	162,209.95	75,665.25	114%	1,465,791.48	799,162.60	83%	162,209.95		-
TOTAL		\$ 1,519,524.25	\$ 662,874.13	129.23%	\$ 10,835,076.23	\$ 7,679,036.59	41.10%	\$ 1,519,524.25	\$	-

DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>CHG</u>
8/31/2026	EBT Payments	\$ 128,923.64	\$ 158,930.72	-19%	1,167,938.61	1,464,294.58	-20%
TOTAL		\$ 128,923.64	\$ 158,930.72	-18.88%	\$ 1,167,938.61	\$ 1,464,294.58	-20.24%

RIO BLANCO COUNTY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FINAL WARRANT BY CHECK
AUGUST 2026

				MANUAL CHECKS
				VOIDED CHECKS
<u>FUND</u>	<u>VENDOR NAME</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>MULTIPLE FUND CHECK TOTAL</u>
22	SAMUELSON'S	167506	(171.13)	
51	SAMUELSON'S	167506	(40.59)	
68	SAMUELSON'S	167506	(264.55)	(476.27)
10	SAMUELSON'S	167649	(33.68)	
22	SAMUELSON'S	167649	(107.10)	
68	SAMUELSON'S	167649	(34.99)	(175.77)
10	CAA	167732	(1,670.00)	
51	SAMUELSON'S	167812	(80.66)	
68	SAMUELSON'S	167812	(107.67)	(188.33)
10	CAA	167888	(680.00)	
10	RANGELY HOSP DISTRICT	167998	(309.00)	
22	1st RESPOND	168068	123.74	
68	4 RIVERS EQUIP	168069	106.64	
22	A-1 CHIPSEAL	168070	491,063.49	
68	AIRGAS	168071	150.68	
68	ALL STATE COMM	168072	540.26	
27	ALL TEMP SVC	168073	1,328.81	
10	ALSCO	168074	1,289.24	
10	AMAZON	168075	7,642.73	
22	AMAZON	168075	97.63	
24	AMAZON	168075	14.24	
27	AMAZON	168075	226.02	
51	AMAZON	168075	74.28	
53	AMAZON	168075	458.23	
68	AMAZON	168075	254.06	8,767.19
10	AM INCOME LIFE INS	168076	16.00	
53	ASPEN SMART NET	168077	3,350.00	
10	ATMOS ENERGY	168078	444.94	
54	ATMOS ENERGY	168078	107.09	552.03
24	AXIOM	168079	62.70	
60	BLAIR AND ASSC	168080	13,000.00	
22	BOLTON CONST	168081	185,511.68	
27	BOYKO	168082	54.66	
53	CALIX	168083	1,500.67	
51	CAROLINA SOFTWARE	168084	326.70	
22	JOSEPH CARSTEN	168085	75.00	
10	CENTRAL SQUARE	168086	291.70	
10	CENTURYLINK-LD	168087	0.23	
10	CLARK'S MARKET	168088	70.38	
27	CLARK'S MARKET	168088	398.70	
51	CLARK'S MARKET	168088	35.74	504.82
10	CNCC	168089	2,500.00	
10	CAA	168090	680.00	
10	CPW	168091	104.00	

10	CO, STATE OF	168092	769.02	
10	CO-RESPONDER	168093	4,246.38	
68	CO ENERGY SYSTEM	168094	4,406.65	
10	CO MESA UNV	168095	9,317.70	
10	CO WATER CONGRESS	168096	75.00	
10	COLUMN	168097	1,757.33	
22	COLUMN	168097	23.10	1,780.43
68	COMMERCIAL TIRE	168098	12,422.00	
68	CORNWELL TOOLS	168099	1,208.25	
68	CRAIG POWERSPORTS	168100	119.98	
10	MICHAEL CRAIG	168101	787.50	
54	CRITTERS R US	168102	150.00	
10	CROSSCONNECT	168103	5,797.35	
53	CROSSCONNECT	168103	12,140.00	17,937.35
22	CULLIGAN	168104	230.00	
68	CUMMINS SALES	168105	8,308.33	
10	CYBERFOX	168106	6,993.00	
10	MEGHAN DAVIS	168107	64.41	
10	DEPT OF FINANCE	168108	550.00	
10	DA, OFFC	168109	33,625.75	
10	DUNGAN, JOSEPH	168110	333.50	
10	DVL GROUP	168111	4,636.76	
10	EIDE BAILLY	168112	351.00	
68	FARIS MACHINERY	168113	94.27	
10	FEDEX	168114	13.66	
53	FIBERSTORE	168115	3,420.00	
10	FIRST ADVANTAGE	168116	131.61	
10	FIRSTNET	168117	1,327.48	
22	FRONTIER PAVING	168118	2,483.10	
10	GALL'S	168119	211.93	
24	GARFIELD CTY DHS	168120	12,048.13	
25	GARVER	168121	60,259.40	
10	GO SERVICES	168122	4,424.00	
51	GO SERVICES	168122	50.00	
54	GO SERVICES	168122	416.00	4,890.00
53	GRAYBAR ELEC	168123	1,323.62	
22	HAGGART, JAMES	168124	75.00	
51	HAYDEN HOME DESIGNS	168125	960.00	
10	HOME MADE	168126	108.00	
68	RYAN HUBBARD	168127	75.00	
10	IDEMIA IDENTITY	168128	4,216.00	
10	IMAGENET	168129	5,770.00	
60	IMAGENET	168129	1,020.44	6,790.44
68	INTERSTATE BILLING	168130	3,180.20	
22	JEANNA NEWMAN	168131	641.25	
10	JEAN'S PRINTING	168132	575.99	
68	KIMBALL MIDWEST	168133	373.98	
24	KOY/DINGBOOM	168134	7,646.00	
53	KPE LOCATING	168135	2,715.00	
24	LANGUAGE LINE	168136	1.92	

10	LUCE, SHAWN	168137	326.25	
53	MAMMOTH NET	168138	3,240.00	
10	MARSHALL & SWIFT	168139	413.15	
24	CARMEN McKAY	168140	1,636.86	
10	MEEKER 4-H COUNCIL	168141	230.00	
10	MEEKER AIRPORT	168142	3,000.00	
10	MEEKER AUTO	168143	123.75	
51	MEEKER AUTO	168143	39.86	
68	MEEKER AUTO	168143	2,468.04	2,631.65
68	MEEKER COLLISION	168144	60.00	
10	MEEKER PARTS CITY	168145	25.40	
68	MEEKER PARTS CITY	168145	7,163.35	7,188.75
10	MEEKER SANITATION	168146	1,128.00	
54	MEEKER SANITATION	168146	40.00	1,168.00
10	MEEKER, TWN OF	168147	7,207.65	
54	MEEKER, TWN OF	168147	881.00	8,088.65
10	MISSIONWISE	168148	535.00	
10	MOFFAT CTY	168149	21.48	
10	MOFFAT CTY	168150	3,472.20	
10	MOON LAKE	168151	2,919.83	
27	MOON LAKE	168151	309.97	
53	MOON LAKE	168151	931.37	
68	MOON LAKE	168151	62.00	4,223.17
10	MORNING STAR ELEV	168152	670.00	
10	MVB-VISA	168153	13,309.82	
23	MVB-VISA	168153	110.00	
24	MVB-VISA	168153	130.08	
27	MVB-VISA	168153	194.03	
51	MVB-VISA	168153	167.50	
53	MVB-VISA	168153	1,275.52	
68	MVB-VISA	168153	1,373.50	16,560.45
27	PATRICIA A MURPHY	168154	250.00	
68	MURR WELDING	168155	1,118.70	
68	NEXTRAN TRUCK	168156	1,418.42	
22	NICHOLS, T.J.	168157	50.00	
10	NICHOLS STORE	168158	30.00	
68	NICHOLS STORE	168158	61.45	91.45
27	NICKSON, ANNALEE	168159	58.63	
68	NICKSON, ANNALEE	168159	40.86	99.49
10	NW AUTO	168160	365.00	
52	OSBORN INDUSTRIES	168161	11,340.00	
10	OVERHEAD DOOR	168162	738.50	
52	OVERLAND	168163	6,537.00	
68	PARISH OIL	168164	80,514.76	
68	PARKLAND	168165	5.21	
10	PEPPERDINE'S	168166	59.70	
10	PMC	168167	136.00	
10	PITNEY BOWES	168168	549.73	
22	PITNEY BOWES	168168	2.34	
24	PITNEY BOWES	168168	14.73	

52	PITNEY BOWES	168168	1.56	
60	PITNEY BOWES	168168	15.89	584.25
68	POWER EQUIP	168169	1,555.20	
10	QYPSYS	168170	16,648.05	
27	RANGELY AUTO	168171	25.56	
68	RANGELY AUTO	168171	742.07	767.63
68	RANGELY COLLISION	168172	569.85	
10	RANGELY HOSP DIST	168173	309.00	
10	RANGELY TRASH	168174	435.23	
27	RANGELY TRASH	168174	210.00	645.23
10	RANGELY TRUE VALUE	168175	671.03	
22	RANGELY TRUE VALUE	168175	355.90	
27	RANGELY TRUE VALUE	168175	1,091.36	
53	RANGELY TRUE VALUE	168175	6.98	
68	RANGELY TRUE VALUE	168175	200.91	2,326.18
10	REDLANDS ACCT	168176	14,632.32	
24	REDWOOD TOX	168177	369.60	
22	REINHARD, CRYSTAL	168178	75.00	
68	RIFLE TRUCK	168179	4,324.00	
10	RB HERALD TIME	168180	501.55	
27	RB HERALD TIME	168180	100.00	
51	RB HERALD TIME	168180	315.00	916.55
10	ROSE F PUGLIESE	168181	8,000.00	
21	ROSENFELD DESIGN	168182	4,825.00	
10	SAMUELSON'S	168183	110.24	
22	SAMUELSON'S	168183	278.23	
51	SAMUELSON'S	168183	121.25	
68	SAMUELSON'S	168183	416.46	926.18
22	SGM	168184	83,385.59	
10	SHUMS CODA ASSC	168185	1,150.00	
10	SKAGGS	168186	234.00	
53	SONAR SOFTWARE	168187	5,186.96	
51	SMA	168188	6,598.50	
68	SOUTHERN TIRE	168189	6,319.55	
24	JO STRATTON	168190	400.00	
22	STRIPE-A-LOT	168191	57,201.52	
10	SYMBOLARTS	168192	2,524.50	
27	SYSCO	168193	2,227.85	
10	T-MOBILE	168194	158.80	
22	T-MOBILE	168194	158.80	
23	T-MOBILE	168194	39.70	
24	T-MOBILE	168194	277.90	
27	T-MOBILE	168194	39.70	
51	T-MOBILE	168194	39.70	714.60
10	T-ROSE ETC	168195	54.00	
10	THOMSON REUTERS	168196	165.38	
24	TRAILHEAD RV PARK	168197	236.34	
10	TRANE	168198	15,181.87	
68	TRANSWEST TRUCKS	168199	143.16	
10	TRI-TECH FORENSICS	168200	102.24	

22	TRINITY GROUP	168201	4,407.44	
27	U.S. FOODS	168202	3,335.08	
53	UTILITY NOTIFICATION	168203	70.19	
10	VALLEY HARDWARE	168204	1,575.52	
22	VALLEY HARDWARE	168204	222.62	
51	VALLEY HARDWARE	168204	154.91	
52	VALLEY HARDWARE	168204	8.99	
54	VALLEY HARDWARE	168204	31.97	
68	VALLEY HARDWARE	168204	55.64	2,049.65
10	VALUE WEST	168205	6,980.00	
52	VAN DIEST SUPPLY	168206	16,663.16	
10	VITALSHRED	168207	85.57	
24	VITALSHRED	168207	171.16	256.73
10	VOIANCE LANGUAGE	168208	90.75	
68	WAGNER EQUIP	168209	11,523.17	
68	WEAR PARTS	168210	10,909.34	
10	WR DIST	168211	183.75	
54	WR DIST	168211	70.00	253.75
10	WREA	168212	11,515.67	
22	WREA	168212	132.14	
51	WREA	168212	206.90	
53	WREA	168212	1,941.03	
54	WREA	168212	2,209.61	
68	WREA	168212	272.38	16,277.73
53	WR ENERGY	168213	511.81	
22	WHITE'S CONST	168214	84,412.75	
22	THAD WHITE	168215	75.00	
52	WILD VEGETATION	168216	35,883.06	
68	XCEL ENERGY	168217	58.84	

\$ 1,519,524.25

10	GENERAL FUND	\$ 213,000.84
21	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUND	4,825.00
22	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	910,803.09
23	PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY FUND	149.70
24	SOCIAL SERVICES FUND	23,009.66
25	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	60,259.40
26	AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	-
27	USE TAX FUND	9,850.37
29	CONSERVATION TRUST	-
51	SOLID WASTE FUND	8,969.09
52	WEED & PEST FUND	70,433.77
53	COMMUNICATIONS	38,071.38
54	FAIRFIELD FUND	3,905.67
60	CENTRAL SERVICES FUND	14,036.33
68	FLEET FUND	162,209.95
TOTAL		\$ 1,519,524.25

State of Colorado)
 s.s.
County of Rio Blanco)

I, Carmen McKay, Director of Human Services of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, hereby certify that the payments as herein set forth, are the payments made to the respective payees in the amounts set opposite their names, and totaling the sum of \$23,009.66 for the month of August, 2026.

Date

Carmen McKay
Director

State of Colorado)
 s.s.
County of Rio Blanco)

I, Callie Scritchfield, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, hereby certify that the payments as set forth herein have this date been approved, and warrants in payment thereof ordered issued upon the County Social Services Fund as of August 31, 2026 and totaling the sum of \$23,009.66.

Date

Chairman

RIO BLANCO COUNTY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
DHS FINAL WARRANTS
August 2026

		MANUAL CHECKS	
		VOIDED CHECKS	
8/31/2026	24 AMAZON	168075	14.24
8/31/2026	24 AXIOM	168079	62.70
8/31/2026	24 GARFIELD CTY DHS	168120	12,048.13
8/31/2026	24 KOY/DINGBOOM	168134	7,646.00
8/31/2026	24 LANGUAGE LINE	168136	1.92
8/31/2026	24 CARMEN McKAY	168140	1,636.86
8/31/2026	24 MVB-VISA	168153	130.08
8/31/2026	24 PITNEY BOWES	168168	14.73
8/31/2026	24 REDWOOD TOX	168177	369.60
8/31/2026	24 JO STRATTON	168190	400.00
8/31/2026	24 T-MOBILE	168194	277.90
8/31/2026	24 TRAILHEAD RV PARK	168197	236.34
8/31/2026	24 VITALSHRED	168207	171.16
		<u>\$ 23,009.66</u>	

**EBT TRANSACTIONS
JULY 2026**

EBT Date	Payroll Reason	Payroll AMT	CWP Asst Pymts	AND Asst Pymts	OAP Asst Pymt	CHILD CARE	CHILD WELFARE	CORE SERVICES	FOOD STAMPS	LEAP Asst Pymts	CS Enforcement
5/31/2026	COLO Works	6,066.00	6,066.00								
5/31/2026	Child Care	9,754.46				9,754.46					
5/31/2026	Child Welfare	23,346.33					23,346.33				
5/31/2026	Core Services	1,320.00						1,320.00			
5/31/2026	LEAP	138.24								138.24	
5/31/2026	AND	1,488.00		1,488.00							
5/31/2026	OAP	3,398.61			3,398.61						
5/31/2026	Food Assistance	83,412.00							83,412.00		
5/31/2026	CS Enforcement	0.00									0.00
TOTALS		<u>128,923.64</u>	<u>6,066.00</u>	<u>1,488.00</u>	<u>3,398.61</u>	<u>9,754.46</u>	<u>23,346.33</u>	<u>1,320.00</u>	<u>83,412.00</u>	<u>138.24</u>	<u>0.00</u>

STATE OF COLORADO)
S.S.
COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO)

I, Carmen McKay, Director of Human Services of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, hereby certify that the payments as herein set forth are authorized federal assistance payments for the month of August 2026, totaling the sum of \$128,923.64.

Date _____

Carmen McKay, Director

Carmen McKay

Callie Scritchfield, Chairman _____

Date Approved _____

MINUTES
July 28th, 2026

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

This Special meeting will not be live streamed on the RBC YouTube Channel at:
<http://youtube.com/c/RioBlancoCountyColorado>

The Board met at 1:00 p.m. Chairman Callie Scritchfield, Commissioner Jennifer O'Hearon (via phone), Commissioner Doug Overton, Attorney Rose Pugliese (via phone), Administrator Vicky Edwards & Chief Deputy Clerk Shawnee Maes were present.

CALL TO ORDER: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comments: There were no public in the room or on the phone.

AGENDA CHANGES- None

Agenda-

Approval of the July 28th, 2026 Special Meeting Agenda. Commissioner Overton moved to approve the July 28th 2026 Special Meeting Agenda. Commissioner O'Hearon seconded. Roll call vote- 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ACTION ITEMS:

Commissioner Overton moved to consider the Agreement for Professional Services with SGM, Inc. for County Road 17 (CR17-43.50) Bridge Replacement Design and Engineering Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$134,400. Commissioner O'Hearon seconded. Roll call vote- 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

Commissioner moved to adjourn from the special meeting at 1:06 p.m. Commissioner seconded. Roll call vote: O'Hearon-Aye, Scritchfield-Aye, Overton-Aye.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Attest:

Shawnee Maes, Chief Deputy

Callie Scritchfield, Chairman

MINUTES
August 4th, 2026

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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The Board met at 1:04 p.m. in regular session at the Rio Blanco County Historical Courthouse, Meeker, CO. Chairman Callie Scritchfield, Commissioner Douglas Overton, Commissioner Jennifer O'Hearon, County Administrator Vicky Edwards, Lisa and Clerk & Recorder Shawn Luce, were present.

CALL TO ORDER: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

AGENDA CHANGES:

Commissioner Overton moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner O'Hearon seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner O'Hearon moved to approve the below listed consent agenda.

Payroll Management Report for July 17, 2026.

Payroll Management Report for July 31, 2026.

Minutes July 21, 2026.

Commissioner Overton seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Public Hearings:

Commissioner O'Hearon moved to open the public hearing for the Avery Minor Subdivision, PSUB-26-0003. Commissioner Overton seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Public hearing on the application for the Avery Minor Subdivision, PSUB-26-0003. Presented by Leif Joy. Staff recommended approval. Betty Kraft gave a brief presentation, on the phone.

Commissioner O'Hearon moved to close the public hearing for the Avery Minor Subdivision, PSUB-26-0003. Commissioner O'Hearon seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Aye, 0-Nay.

Commissioner Overton moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-22, a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, approving the Avery Minor Subdivision, PSUB-26-0003. Commissioner O'Hearon seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Commissioner Overton moved to open public hearing for the Avery Minor Subdivision Rezoning, PRZ-26-0001. Commissioner O'Hearon seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Public hearing on the application for the Avery Minor Subdivision Rezoning, PRZ-26-0001. Presented by Leif Joy. Staff recommended to move forward as presented today. Betty Kraft gave a brief presentation, on the phone.

Commissioner O'Hearon moved to close the public hearing for the Avery Minor Subdivision Rezoning, PRZ-26-0001. Commissioner O'Hearon seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Aye, 0-Nay.

Commissioner Overton moved to table the approval of Resolution No. 2026-23, a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, approving the Avery Minor Subdivision Rezoning, PRZ-26-0001, until September 1, 2026. Commissioner O'Hearon seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

TABLED ITEMS:

Commissioner Overton moved to table the contract for services with Taylor Consulting LLC for child welfare casework services for the Rio Blanco County Department of Human Services, until Aug 18, 2026. Commissioner O'Hearon seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ACTION ITEMS:

Commissioner O'Hearon moved to consider the adoption of the Amended and Restated Rio Blanco County Strategic Plan. Commissioner Overton seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Commissioner Overton moved to approve the ratification of a letter of support for Pioneers Medical Center Rural Health Transformation Program Application. Commissioner O'Hearon seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Commissioner O'Hearon moved to ratify the Board of County Commissioners' Letter of Support and the Clerk & Recorder's submission of an Electronic Recording Technology Board (ERTB) Grant Application requesting \$21,798.60 for recording system maintenance, public access services, and replacement of recording scanning equipment. Commissioner Overton seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

~~Commissioner O'Hearon moved to remove a letter from Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) requesting removal of airport management duties from the September 16, 2024, Intergovernmental Agreement between Rio Blanco County and Colorado Northwestern Community College for the management of the Rangely Airport (4V0). Commissioner Overton seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Ayes, 0-Nays. Moved down below the Ex Session.~~

Resolutions:

Commissioner Overton moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-24, a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, adopting the Rio Blanco County Housing Needs Assessment. Commissioner O'Hearon seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Commissioner O'Hearon moved to go into recess as the Board of County Commissioners and Convene as the Board of Social Services at 1:56 PM. Commissioner Overton seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Carmen McKay with DHS, presented.

Commissioner Overton moved to adjourn as the Board of Social Services and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners at 2:11 PM and reconvene as Board of County Commissioners at 2:12 PM. Commissioner O'Hearon seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Other Business:

Staff updates:

- Reece Milton gave an update.
- Attorney Rose Pugliese gave an update.

County Commissioners updates:

O'Hearon-

- Meetings with directors, DHS Public Health director, Administrator meetings, attended Club 20, CDHS, CCI meeting, attended special meeting, Colorado System of Care Leadership Advisory group, CCI meeting regarding Amazon Business Prime, lunch with Dr. Jones thru CNCC, Board of Equalization meetings.

Overton-

- Meetings with directors, water & Water Commissioners, CNCC workshop, Board of Equalization, Wolf Coalition meetings.

Scritchfield-

- Worked on Basin Roundtable bylaws, attended Club 20, Fair setup, leadership workshop, signed up for AI class, water talk, Wolf calls, want to listen on call for CPW Commissioner open house tonight of new Commissioner Beckey Neimrick, spoke with Kyle with BLM.

Commissioner O'Hearon moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b), for the purpose of receiving legal advice regarding specific legal questions on airport operations. Commissioner Overton seconded. Roll call vote: Overton-Aye, Scritchfield-Aye, O'Hearon-Aye.

Today is August 4th, 2026 at 2:54 PM. For the record, my name is Callie Scritchfield, and I am the presiding officer. As required by the Open Meetings Law, this executive session is being electronically recorded. Also present at this executive session are the following persons: Commissioner Overton, Commissioner Scritchfield, Commissioner O'Hearon, Administrator Vicky Edwards, Rose Pugliese County Attorney, and Eric Jacquez.

I caution each participant to confine all discussion to the stated purpose of the executive session, and that no formal action may occur in the executive session.

If at any point in the executive session any participant believes that the discussion is going outside the proper scope of the executive session, please interrupt the discussion and make an objection.

This is an executive session for the following purpose or purposes...

C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b): Conferences with the attorney for the Board for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions regarding airport operations.

Attorney Rose Pugliese stated that because this Executive Session involves legal advice, she is advising that no recording be kept and that the recording be turned off.

Commissioner Overton moved to adjourn out of Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b), for the purpose of receiving legal advice regarding specific legal questions on airport operations, at 3:43 PM. Commissioner O'Hearon seconded. Roll call vote: Overton-Aye, Scritchfield-Aye, O'Hearon-Aye.

I (Commissioner Scritchfield) hereby attest that this recording reflects the actual contents of the discussion at the executive session and has been made to satisfy the recording requirements of the Open Meetings Law.

For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during

the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I would ask that you please state your concerns for the record at this time.

Hearing none, I will provide the tape to the Clerk & Recorder to retain for a 90-day period.

The time is now 3:44 PM, and we have now concluded the Executive Session and return to the open meeting.

This Action item followed the Ex Session.

Commissioner O'Hearon moved to remove a letter from Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) requesting removal of airport management duties from the September 16, 2024, Intergovernmental Agreement between Rio Blanco County and Colorado Northwestern Community College for the management of the Rangely Airport (4V0). Commissioner Overton seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Commissioner Overton moved to adjourn the BoCC meeting at 3:45 PM. Commissioner O'Hearon seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Aye, 0-Nay.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Attest:

Shawn Luce, Clerk to the Board

Callie Scritchfield, Chairman

MINUTES
August 18th, 2026

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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The Board met at 1:29 p.m. in regular session at 255 Main St., Rangely, CO. Chairman Callie Scritchfield, Commissioner Douglas Overton, Commissioner Jennifer O'Hearon, County Administrator Vicky Edwards, Deputy Clerk Christy Durfee and, Public Information Coordinator Lynn Lockwood.

CALL TO ORDER: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance. No live streaming due to technical difficulties.

AGENDA CHANGES:

Commissioner Overton moved to approve the August 18th agenda. Commissioner O'Hearon seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Aye, 0-Nay.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner O'Hearon moved to approve the Below Listed Items of the Consent Agenda.

Motor Vehicle Report July 2026.

DHS EBT Register and Warrant Register for July 2026.

Accounts Payable Report July 2026.

Payroll Report August 14, 2026.

Commissioner Overton seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Aye, 0-Nay.

TABLED MATTERS:

Commissioner Overton moved to table the previously tabled public contract for services with Taylor Consulting LLC for child welfare and adult protective casework services for the Rio Blanco County Department of Human Services, until September 1, 2026 BoCC meeting. Commissioner O'Hearon seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Aye, 0-Nay.

ACTION ITEMS:

Commissioner O'Hearon moved to ratify the August 4, 2026 letter to the Meeker Library Board regarding the County's statutory authority and process for appointments to the Meeker Library Board. Commissioner Overton seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Aye, 0-Nay.

Commissioner Overton moved for ratification of a letter to the Bureau of Land Management regarding BLM Manual 6320, Considering Lands with Wilderness Characteristics in the BLM Land Use Planning Process. Commissioner O'Hearon seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Aye, 0-Nay.

Commissioner O'Hearon moved for ratification of a comment letter to the Bureau of Land Management regarding BLM Manual 6330, Management of BLM Wilderness Study Areas. Commissioner seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Aye, 0-Nay.

Commissioner Overton moved to ratify a comment letter to the Bureau of Land Management regarding BLM Manual 6340, Management of Designated Wilderness Areas. Commissioner O'Hearon seconded. 3-Aye, 0-Nay.

Commissioner O'Hearon moved to approve for tuition assistance for Carmen McKay for courses through Metropolitan State University of Denver in the amount of \$1,855.40. Commissioner Overton seconded. Roll call vote 3-Aye, 0-Nay.

Commissioner Overton moved to ratify the August 3, 2026 statement to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission regarding wildlife management and Commission decision-making. Commissioner O'Hearon seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Aye, 0-Nay.

Commissioner O'Hearon moved to approve the 2026 Colorado Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) application requesting \$3,670,000 in FLAP funding for the Rio Blanco County Road 10 Bridge replacement project, RIOB-010-00.08. Commissioner Overton seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Aye, 0-Nay.

Commissioner Overton moved for approval of the Contract for Services with Jeanne Newman for Road and Bridge historical records research and related records organization and documentation services, at a rate of \$45.00 per hour, in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00, for the term of August 19, 2026 through December 31, 2026. Commissioner O'Hearon seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Aye, 0-Nay.

Commissioner O'Hearon moved to approve the no bid for the CR 33 Private Property EWP Project. Commissioner Overton seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Aye, 0-Nay.

Commissioner Overton moved to reopen the bid for the CR 33 Private Property EWP Project bid award. Commissioner O'Hearon seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Aye, 0-Nay.

RESOLUTIONS:

Commissioner O'Hearon moved to approve of Resolution 2026-24, A resolution amending Resolution 2026-14 to change the official Rangely meeting location and designating locations for the posting of notices of meetings, agendas, and work sessions. Location now is Rio Blanco County Commissioners Rangely Meeting Room at 255 Main St., Rangely, CO. Commissioner Overton seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Aye, 0-Nay.

Other Business:

Staff updates: None

Commissioner Updates:

Overton- Attended Wolf Coalition meetings, Directors meeting, special meetings, CNCC work session meeting on the airports, meeting with Conservation district.

O'Hearon- Attended DHS SNAP meetings, attended STAC, directors meeting, Public health and DHS Director meetings, training steering meeting, met with Mr. Skelton regarding the cemetery board, NWTPR, Rangely airport master plan, meeting with Lisa and Carman regarding SNAP, Conservation Districts meeting last night.

Scritchfield- Attended a meeting that WREA hosted about Community Cyber Disaster Tabletop exercise, took reporter from the Colorado Public Radio for a tour on range land and issues regarding the wild horse gather, also took her to a BLM permit that is grazed by livestock and wildlife but, no horses to compare the two different areas, Wolf meetings, taking an Ai class, directors meeting, Conservation District Natural Resource meetings.

Commissioner Overton moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b), for the purpose of receiving legal advice for specific legal questions. Commissioner O'Hearon seconded. Roll call vote: Overton-Aye, Scritchfield-Aye, O'Hearon-Aye.

It's August 18th and the time is 1:59 pm. For the record, my name is Callie Scritchfield, and I am the presiding officer. As required by the Open Meetings Law, this executive session is being electronically recorded. Also present at this executive session are the following persons: Commissioner Overton, Commissioner O'Hearon, Commissioner Scritchfield, Rose Pugliese County Attorney.

I caution each participant to confine all discussion to the stated purpose of the executive session, and that no formal action may occur in the executive session.

If at any point in the executive session any participant believes that the discussion is going outside the proper scope of the executive session, please interrupt the discussion and make an objection.

This is an executive session for the following purpose of C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b), for the purpose of receiving legal advice for specific legal questions.

Attorney Rose Pugliese advised that because this Executive Session involves legal advice, she advised the board that no recording be kept and that the recorder be turned off.

Commissioner O'Hearon moved to exit out of the Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b), for the purpose of receiving legal advice for specific legal questions at 3:05. Overton seconded. Roll call vote: Overton-Aye, Scritchfield-Aye, O'Hearon-Aye.

I hereby attest that this recording reflects the actual contents of the discussion at the executive session and has been made to satisfy the recording requirements of the Open Meetings Law.

For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I would ask that you please state your concerns for the record at this time.

Those still in Executive Session when the BoCC exited was Commissioner O'Hearon, Commissioner Overton, Commissioner Scritchfield and Attorney Rose Pugliese.

Hearing none, I will provide the tape to the Clerk & Recorder to retain for a 90-day period.

The time is now 3:06 pm, and I've concluded the executive session and return to the open meeting.

Commissioner Overton moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:07, Commissioner O'Hearon seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Aye, 0-Nay.

Attest:

Christy Durfee

Deputy Clerk

Callie Scritchfield, Chairman

MINUTES
August 20th, 2026

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

This Special meeting will not be live streamed on the RBC YouTube Channel at:
<http://youtube.com/c/RioBlancoCountyColorado>

The Board met at 2:04 p.m. Chairman Callie Scritchfield, Commissioner Jennifer O'Hearon (via phone), Commissioner Doug Overton, Attorney Rose Pugliese (via phone), Administrator Vicky Edwards & Chief Deputy Clerk Shawnee Maes were present.

CALL TO ORDER: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comments: There were no public in the room or on the phone.

AGENDA CHANGES- None

Agenda-

Commissioner Overton moved to approve the August 20th, 2026 Special Meeting Agenda. Commissioner O'Hearon seconded. Roll call vote- 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner O'Hearon moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f), for Personnel Matters related to Emergency Manager Richard Garner. Commissioner Overton seconded. Roll call vote: Overton-Aye, O'Hearon-Aye, Scritchfield-Aye.

It's August 20th, 2026, and the time is 2:07 PM. For the record, my name is Callie Scritchfield, and I am the presiding officer. As required by the Open Meetings Law, this executive session is being electronically recorded. Also present at this executive session are the following persons: Commissioner Overton, Commissioner O'Hearon, Commissioner Scritchfield, Rich Garner, Administrator Vicky Edwards, Danielle Aguilera from State.

I caution each participant to confine all discussion to the stated purpose of the executive session, and that no formal action may occur in the executive session.

If at any point in the executive session any participant believes that the discussion is going outside the proper scope of the executive session, please interrupt the discussion and make an objection.

This is an executive session for the following purpose or purposes, C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f), for Personnel Matters related to Emergency Manager Richard Garner.

Commissioner O'Hearon moved to adjourn from Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f), for Personnel Matters related to Emergency Manager Richard Garner at 3:59 PM. Danielle Aguilera left the meeting at 3:40 PM. Commissioner seconded. Roll call vote: Overton-Aye, O'Hearon, Scritchfield-Aye.

I hereby attest that this recording reflects the actual contents of the discussion at the executive session and has been made to satisfy the recording requirements of the Open Meetings Law.

For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I would ask that you please state your concerns for the record at this time.

Hearing none, I will provide the tape to the Clerk & Recorder to retain for a 90-day period.

The time is now 4:01 PM, **a n d t h i s** concludes the executive session and return to the open meeting.

Commissioner Overton moved to adjourn from the special meeting at 4:00 PM. Commissioner O'Hearon seconded. Roll call vote: 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Attest:

Shawn Luce, Clerk & Recorder

Callie Scritchfield, Chairman



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RIO BLANCO COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
555 MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 599
MEEKER, COLORADO 81641
970-878-9430

October 6, 2026

Mountain Valley Bank
Attn: Credit Card Department
P O Box 718, 400 Main Street
Meeker, Colorado

RE: Rio Blanco County Credit Card Accounts – Change in Authorized Point of Contact

To Whom It May Concern:

The Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, hereby authorizes a change in the County's designated point of contact and authorized representative for its credit card accounts with Mountain Valley Bank.

Effective October 6, 2026, Meghan Paisley will assume responsibility for the administration and management of Rio Blanco County's credit card accounts, replacing Carol Rowles as the County's primary point of contact and authorized representative.

In connection with the administration of these accounts, Meghan Paisley is authorized to communicate with Mountain Valley Bank on behalf of Rio Blanco County and to:

- Add or remove authorized cardholders;
- Request new, replacement, or additional credit cards;
- Activate, deactivate, suspend, or close individual credit cards;
- Request or approve changes to individual card limits, subject to County policies and established account limits;
- Update cardholder and account information;
- Report lost, stolen, or compromised cards and request replacements;
- Obtain account information, statements, transaction information, and other records related to the County's credit card accounts;
- Address disputed or questioned transactions and other routine account matters; and
- Take other routine administrative actions necessary for the management of the County's credit card accounts.

CALLIE SCRITCHFIELD
Chairman

JENNIFER O'HEARON
Commissioner
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DOUG OVERTON
Commissioner

This authorization is intended to permit Meghan Paisley to manage the County's existing credit card accounts in the ordinary course of County business. It does not authorize her to establish new lines of credit, increase the County's overall credit limit or borrowing authority, or otherwise incur indebtedness on behalf of Rio Blanco County beyond the authority already established by the Board of County Commissioners.

Please update your records accordingly and direct future communications regarding the County's credit card accounts to Meghan Paisley.

Thank you for your assistance in making this transition.

Sincerely,

Board of Commissioners of
Rio Blanco County, Colorado

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September 15, 2026

VIA EMAIL puglieselawfirm@gmail.com

Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners
c/o Rose Pugliese, County Attorney

Re: Engagement Letter/Agreement for Legal Services

Dear Rose:

Thank you for selecting Foster Graham Milstein & Calisher, LLP (“FGMC”) to represent Rio Blanco County (individually or collectively “you”) in the matter described below.

We emphasize the importance FGMC places on understanding and meeting your expectations. Please contact me right away if you believe FGMC’s representation can be more effective or efficient.

This letter confirms the terms of FGMC’s representation—particularly our scope of services and the fees/costs for which you will be invoiced. After you have carefully reviewed this letter agreement, please return your signature to us or complete the electronic signature process.

Scope of Representation

You are retaining FGMC to perform legal services in connection with the following matter: representation in litigation filed in Denver County District Court captioned *West Slope Colorado Oil and Gas Association, et al. v. Colorado Air Quality Control Commission*, Case No. 2025CV31054 (“Matter”).

While FGMC may work with you on other matters, our services are limited to this Matter unless you specifically request—and we agree in writing—to undertake such additional work. To avoid confusion, the scope of our representation does **not** include advice or services in the following areas: transactions, bankruptcy, insurance, immigration, intellectual property, administrative law, government or regulatory matters, foreign law, criminal law, taxes, probate, wills/trusts/estates, and/or post-judgment collection, including recordation or revival. Once the Matter is complete, FGMC has no responsibility to advise you or do additional work unless we agree, in writing, on the terms of a continued or new representation.

Because we strive to provide the highest quality services, it is critical that you be completely candid with us. We will rely on you to disclose fully and accurately all information and documents which may be relevant to the Matter. You must also make yourself readily available by email and by phone, as well as for meetings, hearings, trials, etc.

Fees, Retainers, Billing, Payment, and Insurance

You agree to promptly pay FGMC's invoices. Unless we otherwise agree in writing, our fees are determined by the time spent by FGMC personnel at their regular hourly rates. We record time in partial hours.

Rates. We anticipate the FGMC lawyers identified below will work on the Matter at the following hourly rates: **\$515/hour** [discounted from \$545/hour] for my time. We may use other FGMC personnel at different rates if we believe doing so will result in more effective or efficient service to you. Hourly rates may be adjusted periodically, but only after written notice to you.

Costs/Expenses. FGMC will invoice you for costs such as postage, copies, legal research, court or governmental filings, service of process, investigation, and/or travel. For large expenses, including the cost for a receiver, experts and the collection, hosting, and/or reproduction of electronically stored information ("ESI"), we will require an advance payment or that you pay a third party directly.

Estimates. Because it is very difficult to accurately predict or estimate fees and/or costs of a particular matter, prior or future attempts to do so are not binding on FGMC. We encourage you to request budgets or other fee/cost estimates from time to time so you can make better personal and/or business decisions along the way.

Retainer. We are not requiring a retainer at this time, but reserve to request one in the future. Retainers are deposited into FGMC's client trust account—which does **not** pay interest to FGMC or you. Although FGMC will request payment from you via invoice, we reserve the right to: (a) pay incurred fees and/or costs from the retainer; and (b) require that you replenish or increase any retainer (especially if court proceedings or a transaction is approaching). At the conclusion of the Matter and upon your full payment of all our invoices, we will return any unused retainer to you.

Invoices. FGMC will invoice you for work performed and costs incurred. Our invoices will state the fees and itemize the costs. Invoices are payable upon receipt, and any unpaid sums will incur interest at a rate of 18% per annum commencing 60 days from the invoice date until paid in full. You agree to raise any questions no later than 15 days of invoice issuance—if you fail to do so the invoices will be deemed acceptable to you. **If there is more than one signor of this letter, each is jointly and severally obligated to pay all sums owed to FGMC.**

Insurance. Damages you suffer or even fees you may expend can, in some instances, be covered by insurance. You are responsible for checking all sources for insurance coverage. You are responsible for gathering any such information and providing it to us. Please raise insurance issues with us if you have any questions.

Privilege, Confidentiality, Client Files, and Retention

You may have a legal obligation to retain documents, ESI, and/or other relevant information. **If you do not preserve such documents and/or information, there may be serious adverse consequences to you.** Please raise any questions you have about this with me.

FGMC is committed to protecting the privacy of your information. We are subject to rules requiring client information be kept confidential. Except for information we disclose in the course of our representation, we do not disclose any non-public personal information about clients or former clients, except as may be permitted or required by law, including but not limited to the Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct. We restrict access to non-public, personal information about you to FGMC personnel. We maintain safeguards and procedures to protect your non-public personal information from unauthorized disclosure.

Our communications and discussions are protected by the attorney/client privilege. Essentially, this means you cannot be required to reveal to others what you have discussed with FGMC personnel. **The privilege may be lost if you fail to keep our discussions confidential.** Therefore, never discuss the Matter with anyone else without first checking with me.

You are entitled to copies of your file. If you request such copies, FGMC may charge you for the same, including costs of reproduction.

Upon conclusion of the Matter, FGMC will retain your file digitally for not less than three years—after which we may retain or destroy it without any liability or notice to you. We therefore strongly urge you to maintain your own files relating to the Matter, particularly any originals, which we generally do not accept or keep.

Termination of Engagement

You may terminate FGMC's representation by notifying us in writing. Upon receipt of such notice we will cease work on your behalf. However, in that event you will remain responsible for paying all fees and costs incurred on your behalf through the date of FGMC's receipt of the termination notice, as well as for any work required by FGMC to properly exit the Matter.

FGMC may terminate its representation of you, upon written notice, in any of the following circumstances (without limitation): invoices not timely paid; retainer not paid or promptly replenished or increased upon request; failure to provide a working credit card; we believe you have refused to follow our advice to an extent we deem prejudicial to our continued relationship; we believe you have refused to cooperate with us in the representation; or upon the occurrence of any fact or circumstance rendering our continuing representation undesirable, unlawful, or unethical. In the event we end the relationship, you agree to take all steps reasonably necessary to free FGMC from further obligations to you.

Dispute Resolution/Waiver of Jury Trial

We pride ourselves on our excellent relationships with clients. Occasionally, however, a dispute will arise relating to our representation. By signing below, you agree to the dispute resolution process and terms set forth in **Exhibit A** hereto, which is incorporated herein by this

reference. If you have any questions or concerns relating thereto, you must raise them with us in writing **before** signing this letter agreement.

Advisement on Use of Artificial Intelligence

In order to provide cost-effective representation, FGMC may utilize various technologies, including proprietary and third-party Artificial Intelligence (AI) and automated legal tools, to enhance the efficiency and quality of our legal services. These tools may be used for tasks such as document review, legal research, and drafting. All AI-generated output is reviewed, verified, and refined by our attorneys. Our use of these tools does not alter our obligation to maintain the attorney-client privilege or our duty of confidentiality. You may, at any time, request in writing that the Firm refrain from using AI tools in connection with your specific matter. Upon receipt of such notice, we will cease the use of AI for your representation, though you acknowledge this may impact the speed and cost-efficiency of our services.

Miscellaneous

This letter agreement will be interpreted and enforced under Colorado law—without giving any effect to any conflict of laws principles. Any unenforceable provision of this letter agreement shall be severed and the remainder enforced to the fullest extent possible. A copy of this letter will have the same legal effect as an original. This letter agreement may be executed in counterparts, and all counterparts shall constitute one binding agreement.

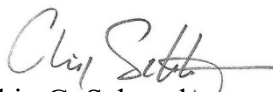
You acknowledge we have made no guarantee regarding the successful outcome of your matter and all expressions relating thereto are preliminary opinions based on our then current limited knowledge of the subject matter.

This agreement may not be assigned by you. It may not be amended without our joint written consent. Any waiver of the terms of this letter agreement must be express and in writing.

The firm and I thank you very much for entrusting us with this matter, and we look forward to a successful working relationship with you.

Sincerely,

FOSTER GRAHAM MILSTEIN & CALISHER, LLP


Chip G. Schoneberger

ACCEPTED/AGREED:

**RIO BLANCO COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By: _____
Callie Scritchfield, Chair

Dated: _____

Colorado HB25-1090 Advisement/Disclosure

THE TOTAL PRICE FOR LEGAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT CANNOT BE PRECISELY DETERMINED AT THIS TIME DUE TO THE VARIABLE NATURE OF LEGAL WORK. TIME SPENT BY OUR LAWYERS AND PERSONNEL, AND REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR REPRESENTATION, WILL BE THE BASIS FOR THE TOTAL PRICE CHARGED TO YOU. THE HOURLY RATES FOR OUR LAWYERS AND PERSONNEL ARE SET FORTH ELSEWHERE IN THIS ENGAGEMENT LETTER. THE TIME SPENT AND COSTS INCURRED WILL BE SET FORTH ON MONTHLY INVOICES. THE TOTAL PRICE OF OUR LEGAL SERVICES AND THE AMOUNT OF OUR COSTS INCURRED ON YOUR BEHALF WILL VARY AND MAY INCREASE OR DECREASE ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS DEPENDING ON THE NEEDS AND PROGRESS OF YOUR MATTER.

EXHIBIT A

Dispute Resolution and Waiver Of Jury Trial

We take pride in our services and expect you will be satisfied with FGMC. However, if there is any claim or dispute arising from this agreement or any aspect of our representation (including, without limitation, any claims for breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, professional negligence, and/or FGMC's invoices) (individually or collectively "**Dispute**"), FGMC shall have the exclusive option to require the Dispute be submitted to final and binding arbitration before a single arbitrator with Judicial Arbitrator Group, Inc. ("**JAG**") in Denver, Colorado pursuant to the JAMS Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures. If FGMC submits the Dispute to arbitration: (a) this agreement to arbitrate shall be specifically enforceable; and (b) the parties shall promptly agree to a single JAG arbitrator and, if unable to agree, JAG shall select an arbitrator who may be rejected by any party only for demonstrable bias. The decision of the arbitrator, including any determination of damages or fees/costs, shall be conclusive, final, and binding on the parties and their successors and assigns. Judgment on the arbitrator's award may be entered by any court having jurisdiction. Except as required by law, no party to the arbitration (or any party's representatives) may disclose the existence, content, or results of any arbitration without the prior consent of all parties.

In the event of arbitration, you agree personal service is valid via email to you—at any email address you provided to us in connection with the Matter. You hereby knowingly and voluntarily waive all procedural and substantive issues/defenses relating to the validity of such personal service via email. Fees incurred by FGMC in any such arbitration with you are recoverable as though they were performed by a third party/outside firm. The costs of the arbitration, including all of the arbitrator's fees, shall be paid equally (50%/50%) between FGMC, on one hand, and all clients and guarantors (if any) signing this engagement letter on the other. Any courtesy credits (FGMC's voluntary reduction of fees) given during the course of the Matter are contingent on the full and timely payment of all FGMC invoices and are reversible and recoverable by FGMC in the event of arbitration under this agreement. Your failure to timely pay your share of arbitration costs, including the

arbitrator's fees, shall be a valid basis for the arbitrator to enter a default against you and in favor of FGMC on the merits.

You shall pay all of FGMC's pre-judgment and post-judgment attorneys' fees and costs, including experts, in connection with any lawsuit, arbitration, or other proceeding arising from or relating to the Matter.

You hereby **knowingly, voluntarily, and irrevocably waive any right to a jury trial** arising from or relating to any Dispute. You acknowledge you have read, understand, and agree to the dispute resolution and jury waiver provisions set forth above. You also acknowledge you are entitled and have been encouraged by FGMC to seek the advice of an independent lawyer (not with FGMC) regarding these provisions.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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September 30, 2026

Colorado Technical Services, Inc. (CTSI)
9380 Station Street, Suite 275
Lone Tree, CO 80124

RE: Formal Notice of Potential Withdrawal from CTSI's Workers' Compensation Coverage

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as formal notice that Rio Blanco County is considering withdrawal from and discontinuation of its workers' compensation coverage through CTSI, effective January 1, 2027. This notice is being provided to satisfy any applicable notice requirements and preserve the County's ability to withdraw should it elect to do so. Nothing in this notice constitutes a final decision by the County to terminate its workers' compensation coverage with CTSI, and any withdrawal remains subject to the applicable procedures and obligations under the County's agreement with CTSI.

The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners is currently reviewing workers' compensation coverage for the upcoming policy year. This notice is being provided to preserve the County's ability to transition coverage effective January 1, 2027, should the Board elect to obtain workers' compensation coverage through another provider.

Please provide written confirmation of receipt of this notice and advise Rio Blanco County of any additional documentation, Board action, deadlines, or other requirements necessary to complete the withdrawal and ensure that coverage terminates effective December 31, 2026.

This notice pertains to Rio Blanco County's workers' compensation coverage only and is not intended to terminate or otherwise affect any other coverage, services, or participation the County may maintain through CTSI unless specifically required as a consequence of the workers' compensation withdrawal.

Thank you for your assistance.

Board of Commissioners of
Rio Blanco County, Colorado

JENNIFER O'HEARON
Commissioner
bocc@rbc.us

DOUG OVERTON
Commissioner

**RIO BLANCO COUNTY
CONTRACT FOR SERVICES**

This Agreement is made this 6th day of October, 2026, between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado (referred to as "County"), having its principal place of business at 555 Main Street, Meeker, Colorado, 81641, and AECOM Technical Services, Inc., a California corporation (referred to as "Contractor"), having its principal place of business at 804 Colorado Avenue, Glenwood Springs, Colorado 81601.

1. Description of Services:

County hereby retains Contractor, and Contractor hereby agrees to perform the following services: engineering feasibility study services for the Lake Avery Enlargement project, including evaluation of options for enlarging Lake Avery to provide additional water storage, assessment of foundation conditions, seismic risk, spillway capacity, and impacts to existing infrastructure, and preparation of a feasibility report with conceptual drawings and cost estimates, all as more particularly described in the scope of services set forth in the attached Exhibit A (the "Services"). To the extent any conflict exists between this Agreement and Exhibit A, this Agreement shall control unless Exhibit A expressly states otherwise.

2. Compensation:

The total amount to be paid to Contractor pursuant to the Agreement shall not exceed Two Hundred and Twenty Thousand and no/100 (\$220,000.00); provided, Contractor shall not be obligated to continue performance upon expending 100% of the not to exceed amount. Contractor shall be paid in accordance with the fee schedule set forth on the attached Exhibit "A". To receive payment, Contractor must submit itemized invoices for work completed to the Agreement Administrator before the 25th day of the month. Upon receipt of an invoice/payment request, the Agreement Administrator will review the request, and shall authorize or deny payment. Payment shall be made after authorization of payment by the Agreement Administrator in accordance with County policies and procedures. County shall pay all undisputed amounts within thirty (30) days from receipt of invoice.

3. Term:

The term of this Agreement shall be from October 6, 2026 to October 6, 2027, unless an extension is agreed upon. Contractor shall proceed with the work hereunder upon receipt of a written notice to proceed from the County. Such written notice shall be issued by the Agreement Administrator and will be for the duration of the length of this contract. The Agreement Administrator for the County is Reece Melton, Natural Resources Director), PO Box 599, Meeker, Colorado 81641, telephone number 970-761-0483, unless otherwise designated in writing.

4. Insurance:

4.1 Contractor agrees to procure and maintain, at its own cost, a policy or policies of insurance sufficient to insure against all obligations assumed by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement and shall not start work under this Agreement until such insurance coverage has been obtained and approved in writing by the Agreement Administrator.

- 4.2 Contractor shall require all subcontractors to maintain during the term of this Agreement, Commercial General Liability insurance, Comprehensive Automobile Liability insurance, and Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability insurance, in the same manner as specified for Contractor, Contractor shall furnish subcontractors' certificates of insurance to the Agreement Administrator immediately upon request.
- 4.3 All insurance policies required hereunder shall include a notification provision requiring notification to the Agreement Administrator in writing, **30** days prior to any material changes in the insurance policy(s) such as: cancellation, non-renewal, or reduction in coverage or alteration of coverage.
- 4.4 Nothing herein shall be deemed or construed as a waiver of any of the protections to which County may be entitled pursuant to the Colorado Government Immunity Act, sections 24-10-101, C.R.S., as amended.
- 4.5 All required insurance coverage must be acquired from insurers authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado and acceptable to County. The insurers must also have policyholders' rating of "A-" or better, and financial class size of "Class VII" or better in the latest edition of Best's Insurance Reports, unless County grants specific approval for an exception.
- 4.6 Contractor shall procure and continuously maintain the minimum insurance coverage listed below, and such additional coverage as may apply, with forms and insurers acceptable to County. In the case of any claims-made policy, the necessary retroactive dates and extended reporting periods shall be procured to maintain such continuous coverage. The Commercial General Liability and Comprehensive Automobile Liability policies below shall be endorsed to specify **"The Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners and Rio Blanco County, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers and the Colorado River Water Conservation District, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers as additional insureds, as respects liability, on behalf of the Contractor, arising out of this Agreement."** Additional insured status shall not be required on, and this Agreement shall not require any coverage to be primary and non-contributory with respect to, Contractor's Professional Liability, Workers' Compensation, or Employer's Liability insurance. All certificates of insurance are to be submitted on standard **"ACCORD 25"** form.
- 4.6.1 Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Including Occupations Disease Coverage in accordance with scope and limits as required by the State of Colorado (or the state in which the Contractor is a resident).
- 4.6.2 Commercial General Liability, **"occurrence form,"** with minimum limits of ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000) combined single limit, per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. Contractor must either agree to provide certificates of insurance evidencing the above coverage for a period of two years after the final payment for the contract OR purchase an extended (minimum two years) reporting period endorsement for the policy or policies in force during the term of this Agreement and evidence the purchase of this extended reporting period endorsement by means of a certificate of insurance or a copy of the endorsement itself.
- 4.6.3 Comprehensive Automobile Liability insurance with minimum limits for bodily injury and property damage of not less than ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000) combined single limit per accident.

Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions) insurance, written on a claims-made basis, with minimum limits of ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000) per claim and in the aggregate, covering the professional services performed under this Agreement. County shall not be named as an additional insured on this policy, and no waiver of subrogation shall be required with respect to this policy.

5. Contractor's Representations and Warranties:

5.1 Contractor represents and warrants to County that it has the experience and ability to perform the services required by this Agreement in accordance with sound and acceptable industry or professional practices and standards and in accordance with all codes, standards, regulations, and laws applicable to the work. This standard of care is Contractor's sole standard of performance, and Contractor makes no other representation, warranty, or guarantee, express or implied. Contractor represents and warrants that it has the power to enter into and perform this Agreement, and that its performance of this Agreement shall not infringe upon or violate the rights of any third party or violate any Federal, State, or municipal laws. Prior to beginning work, Contractor shall secure, at Contractor's expense, all necessary permits required by any governmental agency with jurisdiction.

5.2 Contractor warrants and guarantees to County that all work will be of good quality and in accordance with the requirements of this Contract and any inspections, tests or approvals pursuant to this Contract. All unsatisfactory work not conforming to or performed in accordance with the standard of care set forth in Section 5.1 shall be considered defective work, as used in this Agreement, County shall give Contractor prompt written notice to Contractor. All defective work may be rejected, corrected or accepted.

5.3 If required by the Agreement Administrator prior to approval of final payment, Contractor will promptly, without cost to County and as specified by the Agreement Administrator, correct any defective work. If Contractor does not correct such defective work within a reasonable time, all as specified in a written notice from the Agreement Administrator, County may have the deficiency corrected. All direct or indirect costs of such correction, including compensation for additional professional services, shall be paid by Contractor, and an appropriate deductive change order shall be issued.

6. Independent Contractor:

Contractor shall perform its duties hereunder as an independent contractor and not as an employee of County. Neither Contractor nor any agent or employee of Contractor shall be deemed to be an agent or employee of County. Contractor and its employees and agents are not entitled to unemployment insurance or workers compensation benefits through the County and the County shall not pay for or otherwise provide such coverage for Contractor or any of its agents or employees. Unemployment insurance benefits shall be available to Contractor and its employees and agents only if such coverage is made available by Contractor or a third party. Contractor shall pay when due all applicable employment taxes and income taxes and local head taxes incurred pursuant to this Agreement. Contractor shall not have authorization, express or implied, to bind the County to any contract, liability or understanding, except as expressly set forth herein. Contractor shall (a) provided and keep in force workers' compensation and unemployment compensation insurance in the amounts required by law, (b) provide proof thereof when requested by the County, and (c) be solely responsible for its acts and those of its employees and agents.

7. Protection of Persons and Property:

Precautions shall be exercised at all times for the protection of all persons (including County employees) and property. The safety provisions of all applicable laws, regulations, and codes applicable to its own operations and shall be observed. Hazards arising from the use of vehicles, machinery, and equipment shall be guarded or eliminated in accordance with the accepted standard of safety practice. Contractor and any subcontractors shall

comply fully with all requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and any other pertinent Federal, State or Local statutes, rules or regulations. Contractor and any subcontractors shall bear full responsibility for payment of any fines or other punishments resulting from their violation of any such statutes, rules or regulations.

8. Personal Services Agreement:

This is a personal services agreement on the part of Contractor. This Agreement may not be assigned or subcontracted without the prior express written consent of County and any attempt to assign this Agreement without the prior express written consent of County shall render this Agreement null and void with respect to the attempted assignee.

9. Inspection:

County reserves the right, without notice and at reasonable times, to inspect the work accomplished by Contractor under this Agreement. The right of inspection reserved in the County is for protection of County in assuring that the work is proceeding in a timely and satisfactory manner and does not relieve the Contractor from responsibility for selecting appropriate means of fulfilling its obligations hereunder.

10. Non-Exclusive Agreement:

This is not an exclusive Agreement. County may, at its sole discretion, contract with other entities for work similar to that to be performed by Contractor hereunder. Contractor may agree to perform similar work for others, and is not expected to work exclusively for County.

11. Indemnification; Limitation of Liability:

11.1 To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless County, its agents, officials and employees, against all losses or damages, including penalties, charges, professional fees, attorney's fees, interest, costs, expenses and liabilities of every kind and character claimed by third parties to the proportionate extent caused by the negligence of willful misconduct of the Contractor, in connection with, directly or indirectly, this Agreement. Contractor further agrees that its obligations to County under this paragraph include claims against County by Contractor's employees whether or not such claim is covered by workers' compensation. Contractor expressly understands and agrees that any insurance or bond protection required by this Agreement, or otherwise provided by Contractor, shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless and defend County as herein provided, and such obligation exists even if the claim is fraudulent or groundless.

11.2 Limitation of Liability. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the total aggregate liability of Contractor to County arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the Services, whether in contract, tort (including negligence), or otherwise, shall not exceed One Million US Dollars. In no event shall Contractor be liable for any indirect, incidental, special, or consequential damages, or for loss of revenue, loss of profits, loss of use, loss of income, or reputational damages, arising out of or relating to this Agreement. The foregoing limitations shall not apply to liability arising from Contractor's gross negligence, fraud, willful misconduct, or breach of confidentiality.

12. County's Right to Suspend Contractor's Performance:

For good and sufficient cause such as (a) faulty workmanship, (b) improper superintendence, (c) Contractor's failure to carry out any reasonable order or perform any provision of the contract or collateral documents, (d) substantial failure in quantity or quality of material or any other circumstance unfavorable for prosecution of the work, County shall have the right to suspend Contractor's performance of the work. Notice of such suspension shall be in writing and Contractor will be allowed fifteen (15) working days to correct and complete the unacceptable work. Contractor shall resume performance of the work promptly when so notified in writing by County. County's right of suspension under this Section is without prejudice to Contractor's standard of care and the limitation of liability set forth in Section 11. In addition, Contractor may suspend the Services upon written notice for non-payment of undisputed amounts as provided in Section 2, and shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment to its compensation and the Project Schedule upon resumption.

13. Termination Provisions:

This Contract may be terminated as follows:

13.1 Termination for Cause.

If, through any cause, either party shall fail to fulfill, in a timely and proper manner, its obligations under this Agreement, or shall materially violate any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this Agreement, the non-defaulting party shall there upon have the right to terminate this Agreement for cause by giving written notice of the breach and its intent to terminate, and providing the defaulting party at least ten (10) days opportunity to cure the default or show cause why such termination is otherwise not appropriate.

Notwithstanding above, Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to County for any damages sustained by County by virtue of any breach of this Agreement by Contractor, and County may withhold any payment to Contractor for the purposes of setoff until such time as the exact amount of damages due to County from Contractor is determined. If after such termination it is determined, for any reason, that Contractor was not in default, or that Contractor's action/inaction was excusable, such termination shall be treated as a termination for convenience, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if this Agreement had been terminated for convenience, as described herein.

13.2 Termination for Convenience.

County may terminate this Agreement at any time County determines that it is not in the best interest of County to continue the work under this Agreement. County shall effect such termination by giving written notice of termination to Contractor and specifying the effective date thereof, at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of such termination. In that event, deliverables from Contractor under this Agreement shall, at the option of County, become its property, and Contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any and all Services performed..

13.3 Termination Due to Loss of Funding.

The parties hereto expressly recognize that Contractor is to be paid, reimbursed, or otherwise compensated with funds provided to or appropriated by County for the purpose of contracting for the Services provided for herein, and therefore, Contractor expressly understands and agrees that all its rights, demands, and claims to compensation arising under this Agreement are contingent upon receipt or appropriation of such funds by County.

In the event that such funds or any part thereof are not received or appropriated by County, County may immediately terminate this Agreement without liability, including liability for termination costs.

14. Remedies:

In addition to any other remedies provided in this Agreement, and subject to Contractor's standard of care under Section 5 and the limitation of liability under Section 11, County in its sole discretion may exercise any and/or all of the following remedial actions, either individually or simultaneously, if Contractor substantially fails to satisfy or perform the duties and obligations in this Agreement. Substantial failure to satisfy the duties and obligations shall be defined to mean insufficient, incorrect, improper activities or inaction by Contractor. These remedial actions are as follows:

- 14.1 Suspend Contractor's performance pending necessary corrective action as specified by County; and/or
- 14.2 Withhold payment of amounts reasonably in dispute to Contractor until the corrections in performance are satisfactorily completed; provided that County shall pay all undisputed amounts as required by Section 2; and/or
- 14.3 Request the removal from work on the Contract of employees or agents of Contractor whom County justifies as being incompetent, careless, insubordinate, unsuitable or otherwise unacceptable, or whose continued employment on the Contract is deemed to be contrary to the public interest or not in the best interest of County; and/or
- 14.4 Deny payment for those services or obligation which have not been performed and which due to circumstances caused by Contractor cannot be performed or if performed would be of no value to County. Denial of the amount of payment must be reasonably related to the amount of work or performances lost to County.

15. Choice of Law:

Colorado law, and rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto, shall be applied in the interpretation, execution, and enforcement of this Agreement. Any provision included or incorporated herein by reference which conflicts with said laws, rules, and regulations shall be null and void. Any provision incorporated herein by reference which purports to negate this or any other Special Provision in whole or in part shall not be valid or enforceable or available in any action at law, whether by way of complaint, defense, or otherwise. Any provision rendered null and void by the operation of this provision shall not invalidate the remainder of this Agreement, to the extent capable of execution.

16. Venue:

This Agreement is and shall be deemed to be performable in the County of Rio Blanco, Colorado, and venue for any dispute hereunder shall be in the District Court of the County of Rio Blanco, Colorado. In the event of dispute concerning performance hereunder, the parties agree the Court may enter judgment in favor of the prevailing party for costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

17. Governmental Immunity:

No term or condition of this Agreement shall be construed or interpreted as a waiver by County, express or implied, of any of the immunities, rights, benefits, protections, or other provisions, of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, CRS § 24-10-101 et seq., or the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1346(b) and 2671 et seq., as applicable now or hereafter amended.

18. Employee Financial Interests:

County and Contractor state that to their knowledge, no employee of the County has any personal or beneficial interest whatsoever in the service or property described in this Agreement. Contractor has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of Contractor's services and Contractor shall not employ any person having such known interests.

19. Gifts:

Contractor certifies that Contractor is familiar with the provision of Article XXIX of the Colorado Constitution (also known as Amendment 41) regarding gifts and is compliant with the provisions of this Article.

20. Entire Agreement:

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and no changes or modifications shall be effective unless reduced to writing and signed by all parties hereto.

21. Additional Terms:

- 21.1 No Third-Party Reliance. The Services and Deliverables are for the sole benefit of County, and no other person or entity shall have any right to rely on Contractor's Deliverables, work product, or Services.
- 21.2 Right to Rely on County Information. County shall provide all information, technical data, and documents reasonably required for the performance of the Services, and shall warrant their completeness and accuracy. Contractor shall be entitled to rely on such materials without independent verification, and Contractor shall not be responsible for pre-existing conditions not created by Contractor.
- 21.3 Use of Technology and Data. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit or prohibit Contractor's use of artificial intelligence in the delivery of the Services or Contractor's use, transmission, processing, or storage of project data, including through cloud services hosted in other jurisdictions.
- 21.4 Change Orders. Any change to the scope of Services, compensation, or the Project Schedule shall be documented in a written change order signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

22. Required Signatures:

Person(s) signing as or on behalf of Contractor represent by their signature the person(s) signing is/are fully authorized to so sign this Agreement and that Contractor has taken all steps necessary so that the signature(s) is/are binding upon Contractor.

23. Severability/Survival:

The provisions of this Agreement shall be severable, and the invalidity of any provisions shall not invalidate the remaining provisions hereof. Where appropriate and applicable, provisions of this Agreement shall survive expiration or any termination of this Agreement.

24. Binding Effect:

This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the heirs, administrators, successors, personal representatives or assigns of all of the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals on the day and year set forth above.

Board of County Commissioners of
Rio Blanco County, Colorado

By: _____
Callie Scritchfield, Chairman

Contractor: AECOM Technical Services, Inc.

By: John L. Hise
Title: Vice President



Promoting the wise use of all natural resources

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Vicky R. Edwards
Rio Blanco County Administrator
P.O. Box 599, Meeker, CO 81641

September 23, 2026

Dear Vicky,

Pursuant to our meeting on August 17, 2026, and upon mutual agreement, White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts would like to formally propose a transition of the Natural Resources Policy Director position from the current shared arrangement between the County and the White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts to a position fully funded and administered by Rio Blanco County.

The Districts propose that the parties mutually terminate the existing Amended Memorandum of Understanding effective October 1, 2026. Beginning on that date, Rio Blanco County will assume full financial responsibility for the Natural Resources Policy Director position, including salary, benefits, and associated expenses, as well as responsibility for the duties, supervision, and administration of the position.

By terminating the MOU effective October 1, 2026, the Conservation Districts will have no further financial obligation for the position after September 31, 2026.

As discussed, the Districts look forward to promptly executing a new MOU with the County that carries forward the intent of the 2022 Amended and Updated Land and Natural Resources Plan and Policies, maintaining our strong partnership and continued collaboration. The Districts request that a draft MOU be presented to the Board by October 16, allowing sufficient time for review and edits prior to the November 16 Joint Natural Resources Committee meeting.

We deeply appreciate the longstanding partnership between the County and Conservation Districts, built over many years and through multiple County administrations. We value the collaboration and shared commitment that have supported effective natural resource management in Rio Blanco County and look forward to continuing that partnership under this new structure on matters of mutual interest and importance to our landowners and communities.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Trout, Executive Director
White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts

Purpose: *To make available technical, financial, and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources.*



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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September 11, 2026

Colorado Water Conservation Board
Board of Directors
1313 Sherman Street, Room 718
Denver, Colorado 80203

RE: Near-Term Upper Basin Contribution Program

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Board of Directors
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Dear Chair and Members of the Colorado Water Conservation Board:

Rio Blanco County appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed Near-Term Upper Basin Contribution Program. The County recognizes the serious challenges facing the Colorado River Basin and supports thoughtful, collaborative efforts that improve Colorado's compact security. Any program, however, must protect private water rights, productive agriculture, rural communities, and the local economies that depend on them.

The County urges the CWCB to incorporate the following principles, which reflect the areas of strong agreement expressed by the Colorado Basin Roundtable, the Colorado River District, and Colorado agricultural organizations.

- Keep participation voluntary, temporary, and fairly compensated. Agricultural participation must remain voluntary and temporary, with compensation that reflects the value, costs, and risks of reducing consumptive use. Program safeguards should prevent permanent buy-and-dry, speculative acquisition of agricultural water rights, excessive concentration of enrollment, and long-term harm to agricultural production and rural communities.
- Protect water rights and existing operations. Projects must comply with Colorado's prior appropriation system, protect participating and nonparticipating water rights from injury, preserve historic consumptive use and abandonment protections, and honor applicable ditch-company, water-user-association, and other local governance requirements.
- Require measurable, verifiable, and creditable water contributions. Eligible projects should demonstrate an actual reduction in consumptive use and identify how conserved water will be measured, monitored, administered, protected, and delivered to its intended accounting point. Colorado must receive a clear and meaningful compact-security benefit for every credited contribution.

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Chairman

JENNIFER O'HEARON
Commissioner
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DOUG OVERTON
Commissioner

- Finalize and disclose the program framework before enrollment. Before recruiting participants, the CWCB should clearly identify the legal and administrative authorities supporting the program and make public the governing rules, timeline, selection criteria, pricing approach, and companion agreements concerning accounting, crediting, and the use of conserved water. If additional authority is necessary, the State should engage stakeholders and the General Assembly to establish an appropriate statutory framework.
- Ensure broad statewide and cross-sector participation. Program design must not concentrate the burden on Western Slope agricultural communities or create regional sacrifice zones. Criteria, administration, and pricing should provide equitable opportunities for participation across Colorado's regions and among all sectors that consume Colorado River water. Flexible or variable pricing should be considered where necessary to account for differing markets, project costs, and local impacts.
- Incorporate local and regional expertise. Counties, municipalities, agricultural producers, ditch companies, conservancy and conservation districts, and other affected local entities should have a meaningful role in project development and review. Local consultation is essential to identify administrative challenges, third-party effects, and community consequences that may not be evident through statewide review alone.
- Avoid or mitigate community, agricultural, and environmental impacts. Project review should evaluate reasonably foreseeable effects on agricultural operations, lessees, neighboring water users, return flows, local economies, and river and watershed health. Environmental and resilience benefits should be recognized where they occur, while allowing enough flexibility to evaluate each project's hydrology, timing, and circumstances.
- Support implementation capacity and learn from initial projects. The CWCB should provide technical assistance, measurement and telemetry support, transparent public review, and an accessible application process. Initial projects should be used to test approaches and evaluate both benefits and unintended consequences before a longer-term framework is established. Success should be measured by more than acre-feet alone; it should also include protection of water rights and communities, geographic and sector diversity, reliable accounting, and improved drought resilience.

Rio Blanco County believes these safeguards can help Colorado pursue meaningful compact-security benefits without sacrificing the long-term viability of Western Slope agriculture and rural communities. We ask the CWCB to incorporate these principles into the final project criteria and implementation procedures and to continue direct engagement with local governments, agricultural producers, and affected water users as the program develops.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Board of Commissioners of
Rio Blanco County, Colorado

RIO BLANCO COUNTY CONTRACT MODIFICATION ORDER

PROJECT NAME: 2026 EWP - Old Meeker Landfill

CONTRACTOR: Bolton Construction, LLC

MODIFICATION NO.: 01

Your contract is hereby modified to extend the contract completion date and to authorize additional funds as approved by Rio Blanco County.

DESCRIPTION OF MODIFICATION:

1. The contract completion date is extended through October 13, 2026.
2. The contract amount is increased by an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00; however, the total increase authorized by this modification shall not exceed the Engineer's Estimate for the additional work.

JUSTIFICATION:

During the most recent rain and flooding events, several deficiencies were identified at the project site as a result of significant flooding and debris movement. The Engineer is evaluating the additional impacts and developing the necessary scope of work to address these conditions. The additional work will be incorporated into the project and included as eligible work under the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Grant.

This Contract Modification extends the project completion date to October 13, 2026, and authorizes an increase of up to \$75,000 to complete the additional work, not to exceed the Engineer's Estimate.

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This Contract Modification Order does not alter any other terms or conditions of the Contract except as specifically provided herein.

Recommended By:

Signature / Printed Name

Date

Contractor: Bolton Construction, LLC

Signature / Printed Name

Date

Rio Blanco County Public Works Director:

Signature / Printed Name

Date

Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners:

Chair, Board of County Commissioners

Date

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Rio Blanco County Public Works Director:

Thad White Thad White

Signature / Printed Name

10-01-2026

Date

Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners:

Calvin H. Smith

Chair, Board of County Commissioners

10/01/2026

Date

October 2, 2026

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Re: Legal Services Agreement

Of Counsel

Michael R. Houston
J. David Reed

By: Email, vicky.edwards@rbc.us

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Dear Members of the Board of Commissioners:

As requested, I enclose my firm's Legal Services Agreement in connection with work on airport matters for Rio Blanco County. This document covers all terms and conditions of representation and provides for a discounted government hourly rate. If everything is acceptable, please sign and return this document to me.

Retired Partners

William H.T. Frey
Richard H. Krohn
Laird T. Milburn

Although we are tasked solely with work on airport matters, we are also happy to assist the County on other legal business if requested. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

D. J. Dufford
(1919-1998)

William G. Waldeck
(1923-2009)

Sincerely,



Christopher G. McAnany

+ Also admitted in Oregon
* Also admitted in Utah
~ Also admitted in Wisconsin
' Also admitted in New Mexico

Enclosure

LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

In consideration of the mutual promises and performances herein, DUFFORD WALDECK, a Colorado limited liability partnership ("Law Firm"), and the Board of Commissioners of Rio Blanco County ("Client"), agree to undertake legal representation as set forth in this Agreement.

1. Scope of Representation. Law Firm agrees to represent and provide legal services to Client in connection with the negotiation and drafting of the Rangely airport agreement. If requested, Law Firm will provide legal services for other matters outside the scope of this Agreement, subject to all terms of this Agreement.

a. Billing for Legal Services. Client agrees to pay Law Firm for all legal services provided under this Agreement. Law Firm will bill Client, on a monthly basis, for all time spent providing professional legal services in connection with the legal matters covered by this Agreement. Billing statements will specify in reasonable detail the tasks performed, all time associated with the tasks, all fees, and all costs incurred or paid by Law Firm. Bills will be submitted to Client via email unless Client otherwise directs.

b. The primary attorney handling this matter will be Christopher G. McAnany. Client will be billed at the rate of **\$330.00** per hour for all time spent by the primary attorney. Law Firm may delegate tasks related to Client's legal matter(s) to other attorneys of the firm or paralegals, subject to supervision by the primary attorney.

c. Client will be billed for services provided by other attorneys within the firm at the standard billing rate for each attorney. Partners will be billed at **\$330** per hour; associates will be billed at **\$230** per hour; and paralegal and legal assistants will be billed at **\$160** or **\$100** per hour, respectively.

d. Law Firm reserves the right to adjust attorney and paralegal hourly rates; however, it will not do so without first giving Client at least thirty (30) days' advance written notice of any change.

2. Payment of Costs. Client shall be responsible for reimbursement and payment of all costs incurred by Law Firm in connection with legal representation. Without limitation, costs and expenses may include recording and documentary fees; computerized legal research charges; fees for court filings; jury fees, expert witness fees, and consultant fees; court reporter charges; copying charges; process server charges; travel costs; and/or transcript costs. Where a specific cost associated with representation is likely to be significant (such as a fee for an expert or outside consultant), Law Firm will confer with Client about the anticipated expense and Client will be responsible to either: (i) pay Law Firm in advance for the expense; or (ii) make direct payment to the outside provider.

a. Law Firm does not bill the following as separate costs: first class U.S. Mail; local and continental U.S. long distance telephone charges; U.S. long distance fax charges; and, copying tasks of fewer than one hundred (100) copies. Law Firm charges as itemized costs: all charges for outside the continental U.S. telephone and fax costs; registered, certified, and express mail (including Postal Service, FedEx, UPS, and other carriers).

b. Law Firm will bill Client the regular hourly rate for attorney non-local travel time (outside of Grand Junction, Colorado) at one half (50%) of the standard attorney rate, plus the business mileage rate allowed by the Internal Revenue Service, and costs, if any.

3. Timely Payment, Interest, Retainer, Termination for Non-Payment. All invoices are due and payable in full no later than thirty (30) days after issuance. Law Firm may impose a processing surcharge in an amount not to exceed 3% of the total payment made for credit card payments. No surcharges are applied when paying with ACH, check, or cash. All sums owing under this Agreement will accrue interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, simple interest, thereafter until paid in full.

a. Law Firm will require a retainer deposit for this matter. Client agrees to pay Law Firm a retainer deposit in the amount of (Not Applicable) upon execution of this Agreement. Upon payment of a retainer, the funds shall be deposited into Law Firm's trust account under Client's name, as required by Colorado law. Legal fees are earned upon completion of each task for which a charge is incurred. The parties agree that Law Firm may draw against the retainer as legal fees are earned, and withdrawals shall occur no less than on a monthly basis. In addition, Law Firm shall be entitled to a lien against Client trust deposits to the extent of all earned legal fees and costs accrued under this Agreement. Law Firm billing statements will account for all trust account transfers. Any Client trust account balance remaining at the conclusion of representation shall be refunded to Client, unless otherwise agreed.

b. Upon the exhaustion of retainer funds, in anticipation of a hearing, lengthy deposition, trial, or another large cost, upon Client being served with a lawsuit, upon notification from Client that Client requires extraordinary immediate efforts, or upon the occurrence of any non-payment for services provided, Law Firm may require, as a condition for continued representation, that Client deliver an additional cash retainer or other collateral to apply to anticipated costs of legal services. Client's failure to deposit such an additional retainer by the specified date will be cause for Law Firm to withdraw from representation.

4. Absence of Warranty. Law Firm represents that it is impossible to predict how much time will be spent on legal representation. Client acknowledges that Law Firm has not indicated or promised a fixed or maximum fee in exchange for services. Client further acknowledges that: (i) Law Firm has made no promise or guarantee that any particular result will be obtained; (ii) any evaluations or estimates of exposure or liability are merely opinion; and (iii) the results of litigation and negotiation are inherently uncertain and impossible to predict with certainty. Client is also advised that in litigation it may be held liable for payment of an opposing party's costs and/or attorney fees if so ordered by the court.

5. Privilege. Law Firm represents only Client. Anything Client discusses with Law Firm is privileged from disclosure to third parties unless Client authorizes Law Firm to disclose the information or if disclosure is required or permitted by laws or rules governing the professional conduct of attorneys. If someone else whom Law Firm does not represent, such as a family member, financial planner, or other advisor of Client, is included in a meeting or copied on communications, the attorney-client privilege may be lost as to matters disclosed in that meeting or communication.

6. Withdrawal from Representation. Law Firm may withdraw from, or cease, representing Client and terminate the attorney/client relationship at any time if Client: (i) fails to pay any Law Firm invoice for attorney fees, costs, or expenses in full within thirty (30) days after the date of the invoice or statement; (ii) insists upon presenting any claim or defense or taking any position in negotiations or litigation that is, in Law Firm's opinion, not warranted under existing law, cannot be supported by good faith arguments for the modification or extension of the law, or is contrary to Law Firm's advice; (iii) seeks to pursue what Law Firm believes to be an illegal or unethical course of conduct; (iv) insists that Law Firm engage in any conduct that is contrary to legal judgment or advice; (v) fails to cooperate in the representation by failing to communicate with Law Firm, failing to deliver documents, failing to make witnesses available for interview or similar process, or failing to attend meetings, hearings, depositions, or trial; or (vi) engages in any other conduct making it unreasonably difficult for Law Firm, in its sole discretion, to continue to represent Client. In addition, Law Firm may withdraw at any time to the extent representation would result in an actual or likely violation of the Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct or other ethical rules.

7. Client Rights and Obligations; Contact Information. Client shall be entitled to control the conduct of the representation and to make all material decisions concerning the course and scope of representation, exclusive of purely procedural matters committed to the discretion of Law Firm. Law Firm will keep Client informed as to the progress of the representation, necessary dates for hearings, meetings, depositions, settlement conferences and trial, and related matters. All settlement offers will be promptly communicated to Client. Client is entitled to terminate representation at any time, subject only to payment for all earned and outstanding legal fees and costs.

a. Client is obligated to cooperate in the legal representation by actions which include but are not limited to: (i) timely providing requested documents and evidence; (ii) being available and making personnel available for attorney communications, interview, depositions, and trial; and (iii) providing truthful and complete information to attorneys.

b. Client authorizes Law Firm to send communications pertaining to the representation to an email address designated by Client, in addition to written communications to be sent by regular mail. Client will keep Law Firm informed of current telephone, email, and mailing addresses where Client can be reached. The main Client point of contact will be as directed by the Board of County Commissioners.

8. Choice of Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue. It is agreed that in the event of any legal dispute concerning or arising under this Agreement the exclusive jurisdiction and venue shall be with the courts of Mesa County, Colorado. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado.

9. Construction, Fairness, Absence of Duress. The terms of this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with its plain meaning, regardless of the extent to which either party participated in the drafting. Both parties acknowledge that this Agreement is a fair, free and voluntary act.

10. Modification. No modification of this Agreement shall be enforceable unless reduced to writing and duly executed by both parties. This Agreement consists of a total of four (4) typewritten pages.

11. File Retention. Upon the conclusion of Client's matter, all original documents supplied in the course of representation will be returned to Client. Client's file will be retained, in either paper or electronic format, and kept confidential in accordance with applicable Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct and in accordance with Law Firm's file retention policy. Currently, it is Law Firm's policy to retain Client's electronic and paper files for seven (7) years from the date of file closure.

I have read this Legal Services Agreement carefully, and I consent to Law Firm's representation of me on the terms and conditions described.

CLIENT:
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY

By: _____
Title: _____

Date

Law Firm:
DUFFORD WALDECK, LLP

By: 
Christopher G. McAnany, Partner

10-2-26
[click to enter date]

Date

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ACTION 9

Consideration of Appointment of County Attorney
and/or Direction Regarding the County Attorney
Recruitment Process

Action 10

Consideration of County Fair Dates For 2027

July 15-17 Shooting Sports, July 23 & 24 Horse Show,
Indoor & Livestock July 26-31

Action 11

Consideration of County Fair Dates For 2028

July 20-22 Shooting Sports, July 28 & 29 Horse Show,
Indoor & Livestock July 31 - Aug 5



Blair and Associates, P.C.

Cedaredge, Colorado

Engagement Letter—Applying Agreed-upon Procedures

May 26, 2026

Rio Blanco County
Meeker, Colorado

We are pleased to confirm my understanding of the nature and limitations of the services we are to provide for Rio Blanco County.

We will apply the agreed-upon procedures which Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and Rio Blanco County have specified, listed in the attached schedule, to regulation pertaining to Solid Waste Disposal Sites and Facilities 6 CCR 1007-2, as amended, Section 1.8.11(C)(7) of State of Colorado for the year ended) December 31, 2025, as it pertains to the Solid Waste Disposal Sites located in Rio Blanco County, prepared in accordance with the format approved by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment of the State of Colorado. This engagement is solely to assist Rio Blanco County in fulfilling its responsibility to the State. Our engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures will be conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described in the attached schedule either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the procedures, we will describe any restrictions on the performance of the procedures in our report or will not issue a report as a result of this engagement.

Because the agreed-upon procedures listed in the attached schedule do not constitute an examination, we will not express an opinion on Solid Waste Disposal Sites and Facilities. In addition, we have no obligation to perform any procedures beyond those listed in the attached schedule.

We will submit a report listing the procedures performed and our findings. This report is intended solely for the use of Rio Blanco County and The Department of Public Health and Environment of the State of Colorado and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Our report will contain a paragraph indicating that had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

You are responsible for the presentation of Solid Waste Disposal report in accordance with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; and for selecting the criteria and determining that such criteria are appropriate for your purposes. You are responsible for assuming all management responsibilities and for overseeing the agreed upon procedures we provide by designating an individual, preferably within senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, and/or experience. In addition, you are responsible for evaluating the adequacy and results of the services performed and accepting responsibility for the results of such services.

Brian Blair, CPA is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report.

We plan to begin our procedures on approximately June 1, 2026 and, unless unforeseeable problems are encountered, the engagement should be completed by September 30, 2026. At the conclusion of our engagement, we will require a representation letter from management that, among other things, will confirm management's responsibility for the presentation of the Solid Waste Disposal Report in accordance with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Certified Public Accountants

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We appreciate the opportunity to assist you and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy, and return it to us. If the need for additional procedures arises, our agreement with you will need to be revised. It is customary for us to enumerate these revisions in an addendum to this letter. If additional specified parties of the report are added, we will require that they acknowledge in writing their responsibility for the sufficiency of procedures.

Blair and Associates, P.C.

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of Rio Blanco County.

By: 
Title: Vicky R. Edwards, Administrator

Date: 09/15/2026

Rv:

Title: Callie Scritchfield, Chairman

Date: 10/06/2026



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Representation Letter—Applying Agreed-upon Procedures

September 15, 2026

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In connection with your engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures to the Solid Waste Disposal as of December 31, 2025, we confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations made to you during your engagement.

- 1) We are responsible for the presentation of the Solid Waste Disposal, Board of County Commissioner Certification Letter (letter) in accordance with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.
- 2) As of December 31, 2025, the Letter is presented in accordance with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environments rule and regulations.
- 3) We are responsible for selecting the criteria and for determining that such criteria are appropriate for our purposes.
- 4) We have disclosed to you all known matters contradicting the Letter.
- 5) There have been no communications from regulatory agencies, internal auditors, and other independent practitioners or consultants relating to the Letter, including communications received between December 31, 2025 and September 15, 2026.
- 6) We have made available to you all information that we believe is relevant to the letter.
- 7) We have responded fully to all inquiries made to us by you during the engagement.
- 8) No events have occurred subsequent to the Letter that would require adjustment to or modification of the Letter.

Rio Blanco County
Finance


Vicky Edwards, Administrator

Board of County Commissioners of
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September 30, 2026

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RE: Financial assurance record keeping and reporting requirements for fiscal year 2025 Board of County Commissioners Certification (Subsection 4.6.7(b))

To whom it may concern:

This correspondence and the enclosed documentation provide evidence and certifies that Rio Blanco County has complied with the financial assurance requirements contained in CRS 30-20-104.5 and Section 4.0 of the Solid Waste Sites and Facilities Regulations. Rio Blanco County intends to demonstrate compliance of the financial assurance requirements by using the local government financial test option described under subsection 4.6.7 of the Solid Waste Sites and Facilities Regulations.

Current closure costs are estimated to total \$1,228,490 (for Wray Gulch Landfill). Current post-closure costs are estimated to total \$1,079,351 for Wray Gulch Landfill and \$414,218 for Rangely Landfill. These costs were obtained from a third-party engineering firm on July 28, 2025, and adjusted by using the inflation factor derived from the most recent Implicit Price Deflator (as required by subsection 4.5.1). The portion of total costs that have been recognized as an expense and recorded as a liability (\$1,109,892) are based upon the portion of landfill capacity:

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Sincerely,

Callie Scritchfield
Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners

DOUG OVERTON
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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-25

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING AND DEFENDING THE RIGHT TO HUNT, FISH, AND HARVEST WILDLIFE; AND SUPPORTING ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado ("Board"), is committed to protecting the rights, customs, culture, and economic well-being of the residents of Rio Blanco County; and

WHEREAS, the Rio Blanco County Land and Natural Resource Plan and Policies ("LNRPP") recognizes that hunting and fishing have always been part of the County's history and that deer and elk herds attract hunters from many states (LNRPP Section 4.1, page 11); and

WHEREAS, the LNRPP further recognizes that maintaining traditional historical land uses, including recreation such as hunting and fishing, is crucial to sustaining the Rio Blanco County community (LNRPP Section 4.1, page 12); and

WHEREAS, hunting big game, waterfowl, small mammals, and game birds, together with fishing, has long been a way of life in Rio Blanco County, and hunting and fishing remain significant economic drivers for the County (LNRPP Section 4.15.1, page 95); and

WHEREAS, Rio Blanco County contains abundant wildlife and productive fisheries, and regulated hunting, fishing, and trapping provide recreation, food, wildlife-population management, conservation funding, and economic activity; and

WHEREAS, approximately seventy-three percent of Rio Blanco County is federally owned, making continued access to public lands particularly important to County residents, visitors, businesses, and wildlife-management programs (LNRPP Sections 4.12.1 and 4.15.2, pages 77 and 95); and

WHEREAS, the LNRPP states that hunters and outdoorsmen rely on access to hunt areas and that access for hunting has been curtailed by road and trail closures (LNRPP Section 4.12.1, page 77); and

WHEREAS, the LNRPP declares that the historic right to access federal lands for hunting, recreation, ranching, farming, logging, mineral development, emergency services, and other historic uses is critical to the economic viability of Rio Blanco County (LNRPP Policy 4.12.3(3), pages 80-81); and

WHEREAS, the LNRPP directs the County to encourage multiple use, recognizes access to resources on federal lands as part of the County's custom and culture, and supports accurate identification of public and private access (LNRPP Policies 4.1(8)-(9) and 4.12.3(7), pages 12 and 81); and

WHEREAS, wildlife in Colorado is held and managed by the State through Colorado Parks and Wildlife, while federal land-management decisions can materially affect habitat and public access within Rio Blanco County; and

WHEREAS, decisions affecting public-land access and traditional uses should be based on credible science and made with early, meaningful consultation and coordination with Rio Blanco County, consistent with applicable law and the LNRPP; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution does not support trespass, diminish private-property rights, displace lawful wildlife-management restrictions, or conflict with state or federal law.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. Affirmation. The Board affirms and defends the right of citizens to lawfully hunt, fish, trap, and harvest wildlife. These activities are valued parts of Rio Blanco County's history, custom, culture, economy, and way of life.

Section 2. Wildlife Management. The Board supports regulated hunting, fishing, and trapping as essential tools for science-based wildlife management, habitat stewardship, sustainable wildlife populations, and the reduction of wildlife conflicts, under the lawful authority of the State of Colorado.

Section 3. Public Lands Access. The Board supports continued and, where appropriate, expanded access to federal and state public lands in Rio Blanco County for lawful hunting, fishing, trapping, wildlife viewing, and other compatible recreational and multiple uses. The Board:

- opposes closures, restrictions, or land-use designations that unnecessarily limit lawful access or traditional uses;
- supports motorized and non-motorized access through a travel network adequate for public use, wildlife management, emergency response, and resource management;
- supports accurate maps and public information distinguishing public access, private property, and valid rights-of-way; and
- supports reasonable, science-based seasonal restrictions when necessary to protect wildlife, habitat, public safety, or private-property rights.

Section 4. Multiple Use. The Board supports management of federal and state lands under applicable multiple-use principles and opposes actions that unnecessarily exclude hunting, fishing, trapping, recreation, grazing, energy and mineral development, forestry, or other lawful and compatible uses important to Rio Blanco County.

Section 5. Coordination. The Board calls upon federal and state agencies to consult and coordinate with Rio Blanco County at the earliest practical stage before adopting plans, rules, closures, route designations, land withdrawals, or other actions that may affect wildlife management, hunting and fishing, or public access within the County. Agencies should meaningfully consider the LNRPP and disclose and address inconsistencies with County policy as required by applicable law.

Section 6. State Authority and Private Property. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to supersede the lawful authority of the State of Colorado or Colorado Parks and Wildlife, authorize entry onto private property without permission or other lawful authority, create a right to use any particular road or route, or limit lawful measures necessary to protect public safety, wildlife, habitat, or private-property rights.

Section 7. Advocacy. The Board encourages the Colorado General Assembly, the United States Congress, and responsible agencies to protect lawful hunting, fishing, trapping, wildlife harvest, and public-land access; maintain meaningful local-government participation; and resist policies that unnecessarily erode these activities or access.

Section 8. Distribution. The Rio Blanco County Natural Resources Director is directed to transmit this Resolution to appropriate federal and state elected officials, agencies, and land managers whose decisions may affect wildlife management or public-land access in Rio Blanco County.

Section 9. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.

Section 10. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DULY MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED ON A VOTE OF _____ FOR and _____ AGAINST

PASSED AND ADOPTED on the _____ day of _____, 2026, in Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

The Board of County Commissioners
of Rio Blanco County, Colorado

Attest:

Callie Scritchfield, Chairman

Shawn Luce, Clerk & Recorder

Jennifer O'Hearon, Commissioner

Doug Overton, Commissioner