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**WELD COUNTY COUNCIL
2021 – 1st Quarter
REPORT TO THE PEOPLE**

The Weld County Council is mandated in accordance with the Home Rule Charter of Weld County, Colorado, to report to the people of Weld County on a quarterly basis, those matters related to the council's review of Weld County government. This report summarizes the activities of the Weld County Council during the first quarter of the calendar year 2021.

January 18, 2021

Selection of President/Vice-President

Councilmember Nancy Teksten made a motion to elect Councilmember James Welch President, it was seconded by Councilmember Rupert Parchment and carried. Councilmember and outgoing President Tonya Van Beber made a motion to elect Councilmember Nancy Teksten vice-president, it was seconded by Councilmember Welch and carried.

Set Meeting Dates for 2021

Councilmember Elijah Hatch made a motion to set meeting dates as follows, it was seconded by Councilmember Teksten and carried.

The meeting dates for 2021 are: 2/22; 3/15; 4/19; 5/17; 6/21; 7/19; 8/16; 9/20; 10/18; 11/15; 12/20.

February 22, 2021

Review Program: Bruce Barker, County Attorney

County Attorney Bruce Barker provides legal services for the county including legal advice to elected officials and department heads. His office also provides assistance to the Department of Health and Human Services regarding dependency and neglect cases.

The county attorney's office provides advice ranging from contract work, to civil or legal work regarding contracts, and interpreting state regulations.

Mr. Barker's office has spent a lot of time recently working with the air quality control commission in Denver related to oil and gas. He said the commission continues to put regulations on oil and gas, claiming levels of methane and ethane produced has been growing. His office disputes that narrative so they've been pointing that out to the commission.

The county attorney's office advises the sheriff's department, offering opinions regarding the jail, operations and patrol. The office provides legal advice to the clerk and recorder's office regarding elections and questions about recording documents.

Mr. Barker said he particularly enjoys advising the County Commissioners almost on a daily basis. He said no day is the same, which makes for interesting work.

Councilmember Teksten asked about Covid affecting the number of dependency and neglect cases among children. Mr. Barker said there's definitely been an increase in abuse cases, especially with families in isolation and facing economic hardship from the virus.

March 15, 2021

Due to the inclement weather, county offices were closed March 15, therefore, the Council meeting was canceled.

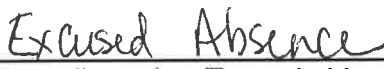
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Council President James Welch



Council Vice-President Nancy Teksten



Councilmember Tonya L. Van Beber



Councilmember Rupert Parchment



Councilmember Elijah Hatch

Date Signed: April 19, 2021