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WELD COUNTY COUNCIL 2020 – 2nd 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 second quarter of the calendar year 2020.

April 20, 2020

Resolution to appoint Kevin Ross, Commissioner At-Large

Councilmember Nancy Teksten made a motion to approve Resolution #218 to appoint Kevin Ross as County Commissioner, seconded by Councilmember James Welch, and the motion carried.

Tom Parko Jr., Director of Planning and Zoning

Mr. Parko said his department is currently working with commissioners to develop the most recent comprehensive plan. Public meetings will be held to discuss those plans, though the Coronavirus may prompt those meetings to be held via tele-stream.

May 18, 2020 Public Comment

A member of the public expressed concern about Covid-19 transmissions and exposure at the JBS meatpacking plant. Council recognized her concerns and led her to information available on the web site.

June 15, 2020

Ryan Rose, Department of Information Technology

Mr. Rose recognized his staff for their Herculean efforts during the Covid pandemic. He said typically about 20-40 employees work from home and at the peak of Covid more than 550 staff were working from home. That required much unanticipated work from the IT department.

His department deployed 69 virtual desktops and installed 319 virtual county telephones. They purchased an additional 85 licenses for Skype for business. IT also provided online security training to all county staff to assist with best practices on protecting data while working remotely.

Councilmember Welch asked about measuring productivity while employees worked from home. Mr. Rose said productivity went up in IT and other departments and it might be a new normal to have blended schedules.

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