

Bottom-Up Initiative needs Phillips County feedback

Written by Holyoke Enterprise

Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper has launched the Bottom-Up Economic Development Plan Initiative and is seeking input from Phillips County residents.

A meeting will be held Thursday, March 3 from 6:30-9 p.m. at Haxtun Schools.

The purpose of the initiative is to rebuild the economy and create jobs. The Governor's Office and the Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade has partnered with Colorado State University's Office of Engagement and Extension to engage Coloradoans in a statewide conversation about economic development.

Phillips County commissioners explained a strategic economic development plan will be developed for a six-county region in northeast Colorado. This will then be added to 13 other regional plans for one statewide economic development plan.

County purchases computers

New computers were purchased for Phillips County last month as part of a five-year upgrade, reported commissioners at their Feb. 28 meeting. This included 13 desktop computers and two laptops from Computers Etc.

In February, County Treasurer Linda Statz received a new desk made by Marvin Einspahr.

Commissioners also gave an update on the Homesteaders Park playground project at the Monday meeting. They are getting ready to submit their second grant application to Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO).

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County employee Garold Roberts is now under a 20-hour per week part-time contract position instead of his former permanent courthouse employee role.

Bill Andrews, Phillips County Landfill manager, reported he recently sold 40 tons of cardboard at \$135 per ton. There are 21 trailers around the county where residents can dispose of unwanted cardboard.

Commissioners said they will be buying a trailer for the weed district from Virgil Harms for \$1,450.

New members on the Comm Board last month were Stan Kennedy from Haxtun EMT and Phil Wirges from Holyoke Volunteer Fire Department.

Other business

In other business in the month of February, commissioners:

—signed a contract with Bill Scott of Nationwide Lifts in Ft. Collins for elevator inspections.

—noted the county road and bridge crew will switch to four 10-hour days beginning April 4 through Oct. 31.

—met with new CSU Extension agent Tracy Trumper, noting she is very enthused about her new position.

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—noted county employees will go through Equal Opportunity Employment Civil Rights training March 16.

—noted work is being done on the fairground horse stalls to make one large stall out of the space from two stalls.

—reported there are many reservations for Phillips County Event Center in the next few months.

—noted a vent had to be put in the courthouse boiler room due to a change in code.