



**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

February 17, 2011

The Board of Directors of the Pueblo West Metropolitan District met at the County Commissioner Chamber for a County Commissioner joint meeting, at the hour of 9:00 o'clock a.m. at 215 W 10th Street, Pueblo, Colorado.

ROLL CALL: On roll call Board Members Chair Mike French, Director's Chuck Green, Jerry Martin and John Lisi were present. Director McCarthy was excused.

Also present were Attorney for the District, Tom Mullans; County Commissioners Jeff Chostner; John Cordova; Anthony Nunez; County Attorney Dan Kogovsek; Alf Randall, and Calvin Hamler, and other county employees.

Mr. Anderson inquired when the Colorado City Cemetery District will be getting road improvements on the road issues. The distance for widening the road would be 7/10's of mile. Commissioner Chostner explained it is not a county road or accepted by the County. The Commissioner will get with Alf and discuss what can be done. Commissioner Cordova questioned about other roads in that area and why they were not used. Consensus of the Commissioners is for Mr. Anderson to talk with the Public Works Department and they will look into what can be done.

Second item on the agenda was on Economic Development Corporation discussion. Following introductions the Pueblo West Metro District Board meeting was called to order. Jack Johnston talked about previous meetings and what the best approach is to develop an Economic Development committee with involvement from other entities. Commissioner Chostner updated them on his support of the ½ cent sales tax stating most of it would stay in the city but generated within the County, Pueblo West and surrounding areas. Commissioner Chostner said the Commissioners would be happy to join forces for economic development and supporting a ½ cent sales tax or joint venture that they could help with expanding on the ½ cent sales tax and how that could be done. Commissioner Chostner explained the issues and why it was not received well by the city. The Attorneys would work on the legalities of a ½ cent sales tax which would have to be a ballot initiative. County Attorney, Mr. Kogovsek explained what would have to be done within the County to form an Economic Development District. Director Martin talked about the sales tax breakdown within the County and how PEDCO would feel about the ½ sales tax effort. Commissioner Chostner explained approaching PEDCO in the past and not taking a stand on the sales tax increase and mentioned what the city is doing with the increase in sales

tax they receive. Director Green suggested options with discussions with PEDCO and City Council and that Pueblo West is the largest area taxed and a future sales tax generated for roads only in Pueblo West is being discussed. After further discussion, consensus is to get the city involved and have criteria as to where the money collected for the ½ cent sales tax would be dispersed to everyone not just the city. District Manager Johnston mentioned issues may occur competing with prospects for Pueblo West, County, City and PEDCO but economic development is needed with all benefiting and how cooperation is needed among all entities. Director Green suggested having a meeting with City Council being a cooperative move and having a lot to gain. A meeting will be set up with a representative from the County, Pueblo West Metro District, legal representation, and a representative from the city to discuss economic development. Director Martin questioned if including all regions have ever been considered. District Manager Johnston asked if other items not on the agenda could be discussed which the Attorney for the County said he could. District Manager Johnston updated the boards about the Legislative Day adventure with Director French and Fort Carson. Commissioner Nunez voiced his concerns that this is public information and should be on an agenda. It was decided it could be in the nature of comments so concerns of not being in compliance with the agenda was discussed and a requirement to amend the agenda. Legal Counsel for the District said it should be on the agenda where possible so with concerns from some of the board the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Chair French, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2011, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., presently set for the meeting room of the Board of Directors, 109 East Industrial Boulevard, Pueblo West, Colorado.

