

Commissioner Lynn M. Padgett, District 1
Commissioner Michelle Nauer, District 2
Commissioner Jake Niece, District 3

The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has extensively discussed and will work on the following as organizational goals for calendar year 2024:

1. Continue to support Public Health to develop sustainable funding, incorporate and improve environmental health capacity, and prepare for future pandemics;
 - a. Assist Public Health strategize based on West Central Public Health Partnership (WCPHP) Survey
2. Organizational, interagency team, and relationship building;
 - a. Work together with the County Manager to implement next steps identified by the Employee Opinion Survey
 - i. 6-month pulse survey, including a staffing analysis review
 - b. Obtain Sheriff's vehicles
 - c. Implement Granicus
 - d. Enable County Staff to remain successful in maintaining cyber and physical security
3. Accountability, transparency, and efficiency;
 - a. Enabling the PIO with additional tools for public outreach and education
 - b. Improve emergency notifications through a simple communication plan
4. Resiliency, pollution reduction, climate adaptation, climate action, and emergency preparedness;
 - a. Support update of Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)
 - b. Support implementation of lighting improvements and efficiencies in County facilities
 - c. Take actions to achieve HB 19-1261 Climate Action Plan (CAP) to Reduce Pollution
 - i. Implement actions identified by the Climate Action Plan
 - ii. Implement Electric Vehicle (EV) Plan
 - iii. Adopt a Sustainability Program guided by the CAP
5. Continue support of the following community development, affordable housing, and infrastructure initiatives;
 - a. Affordable housing and licensed childcare opportunities with partners in Ouray County
 - i. Explore potential for establishing a lodging tax to provide a funding source for housing and / or child care
 - b. Transit in coordination with the City of Ouray and Town of Ridgway through the Multi-Modal Opportunity Fund Grant
 - c. Broadband providers in build-out of last-mile infrastructure and work with cell phone providers to expand redundancy
 - d. Work with Road and Bridge and Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for intersection improvements
 - e. Work with Telluride Foundation to expand the Ouray County Response Fund to provide tax relief
 - f. Continued support of a community-based Victim Advocate program, specifically the Ouray County Support and Advocacy Program (OCSAP)
 - g. Formalize a transactional relationship through a memorandum of understanding, letter of agreement, or purchase of service agreement with the Home Trust of Ouray County as a service provider

6. Land Use Master Plan, Code Updates, and Regulatory Updates:
 - a. Code Enforcement of existing Codes
 - b. Complete update of Short-Term Rental Ordinance 2018-003
 - c. Set Land Use Code priorities for Planning Commission via resolution
 - d. Complete Master Plan revision process
 - e. Implement Land Use Fee Schedule, Road Impact Fee, and Marijuana Facilities Fees
7. Continue work on balancing conservation and recreation:
 - a. Ouray Regional Recreation and Conservation Alliance (ORRCA) capacity building into a 501c3;
 - b. Ongoing participation in the “Region 9.5” Central San Juan Partnership Roadmap to Recovery
 - c. Ongoing partnerships with public lands partners and regulatory updates and implementation including:
 - i. United States Forest Service (USFS) Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison (GUMG) National Forest Plan Revision
 - ii. USFS Blue Lakes Master Plan
 - iii. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Gunnison Sage Grouse Resource Management Plan Revision
 - iv. BLM Big Game Habitat, Movement Route and Migration Corridor Resource Management Plan Amendment
8. Special Projects:
 - a. Complete planning for County facility planning and expansion - water / water rights and electrical expansion needed for facilities and mission-critical functions
 - i. Convening and discussing idea of unified fire departments / districts and EMS
 - ii. Identifying “Phase 0” priorities for County facilities; completing in 2024-if budget allows, or budgeting in 2025
 - b. Work with the Road Superintendent and County Manager for continued implementation of the Road Plan
 - c. Support Road and Bridge Superintendent to implement improvements and efficiencies identified by Road and Bridge study
 - d. The Bridge Over Corbett Creek / County Road 17 Crossing - capital improvement implementation and improving existing trailhead and evacuation route
 - e. Neighborhood evacuation route inventory and planning
 - f. Develop a long-term maintenance plan for Miller Mesa Recreation Trail (MMRT) adjacent to CR-5
 - g. Completion closure of Land Fill
 - h. Obtain settlement and decree in 2019CW3098
 - i. Hold a Town Hall on this case and other water matters after settlement
 - i. Work with staff to complete remaining Courthouse punch-list items
 - j. Work with City of Ouray and USFS to secure funding in 2024 for 2025 implementation of Ouray Forest Collaborative
 - k. Present the bonus duplex ADU and open lands PUD (cluster development) concepts to the Planning Commission in January 2024
9. Active Participation in State and Federal legislation and rule making
 - a. Proactively work on state initiatives on potential property tax reform and short-term rental policies
 - b. Work to address “Zombie Covenants”
 - c. Hold regular work sessions to discuss state and federal legislation

2023 Accomplishments:

1. Continued to support organizational efficiencies developed and implemented by the County Manager and other County personnel.
2. Continued efforts to support full-funding of Payment-in-lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) funds for future years.
3. Continued support of Forest Health issues within Ouray County.
4. Worked with County Manager on planning and implementation of the 2024 Budget
5. Continued to support strategic public / private partnerships for historic preservation efforts in Ironton and for the Idarado Houses
6. Continued successful implementation of leased vehicle program through Enterprise Fleet Management
7. Submission of Congressionally Directed Spending Funds for the Bridge of Over Corbett Creek / County Road 17 Crossing
8. Completed review, community meetings, and updates of Flood Risk Study to update floodplain maps, and updated Land Use Code
9. Supported and implemented replacement of CodeRED system with Genasys notification systems
10. Progress made on drought contingency and settlement of associated court cases, specifically engaging the services of a Water Engineering Firm
11. Conducted and implemented an Employee Opinion Survey and benefits review
12. Adopted revised BOCC Districts based on Colorado Revised Statutes
13. Land Use, Road Impact, and Marijuana Fee Analysis
14. Completed a Road Maintenance Agreement for County Road 361
15. Allocated ARPA and LATCF funding to Home Trust of Ouray County and Rural Homes affordable housing and rentals
16. Conducted approximately 70 Board of Equalization Hearings
17. Shared Law Enforcement Victim Advocate(s) Services program for the Town of Ridgway, City of Ouray and Ouray County
18. Implemented HB 22-1046 authorizing continuous seasonal limitations for over-snow use only for County Roads not approved for winter maintenance through Resolution 2023-040
19. Implemented the No Call Agreement, signed the Bureau of Reclamation onto the No Call Agreement, and acquired a River District Grant to cover the expenses of the No Call Agreement
20. Continue to support execution of Baldy Mountain Landscape Resiliency and Habitat Improvement Project
21. Funded CWPP with area partners
22. Read thousands of pages and submitted hundreds of pages for the USFS GMUG Forest Plan Revision, Blue Lakes Visitor Management Plan, Sage Grouse Resource Management Plan, BLM Big Game Habitat, Movement Route and Migration Corridor Resource Management Plan Amendment
23. Participation in Central San Juans High Alpine Resiliency and Recovery Roadmap, aka "Region 9.5"
24. Increased grant administrative capacity to manage state and federal grants
25. Expanded staffing:
 - a. Sheriff's Deputies and Paramedics to address the needs to citizens and visitors
 - b. Administrative functions to support the greater County organization, take advantage of state and federal funding opportunities, and fulfill statutory mandates
 - c. Assessor Appraisers to address the increase in building and development
26. Fully allocated ARPA and LATCF funds
27. Improved employee health benefits, including dependent care, as well as other equitable options