

2020-10-13 LAC Report

Notebook: 2020 Reports & Updates

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Legislative Advisory Coalition Update for October 13, 2020

Coronavirus Relief Fund (CVRF) Update

- La Plata County has partnered with [Local First](#) to distribute \$810,000 in CVRF business grants through [AidtoAll.org](#).
- Individual grants for businesses in Durango, Bayfield, Ignacio and Unincorporated LPC will be up to \$10,000 each.
- The application process opened October 5 and will close October 23.
- The application is located here: <https://localfirst.aidtoall.org/>

Homeless Camp Update

- La Plata County Board of County Commissioners are allowing a homeless camp at Purple Cliffs to remain open through the winter.
- The BOCC and the City of Durango are negotiating a memorandum of understanding to increase management of the camp and mitigate conflicts on CR 213.

Land Use Code Update

- La Plata County's new Land Use Code was adopted September 15 and became effective Oct 1.
- Staff estimates about 30 projects will be processed under the old code within the next six months.
- Staff estimates it will be about a year before a project under the new code reaches the Planning Commission.

La Plata County Budget

- Countywide Revenue in 2021 is predicted to be about \$62.9M, down about 8% from the previous year.
- Expenditures are predicted at \$89.2M, up nearly 9% over 2020.

- According to Adam Rogers, County Finance Director, revenue trends in 2020 show that La Plata County is in a good position heading into 2021. Sales tax collections have been ahead of projections in 2020. Property tax revenues have not increased on pace with sales tax but remained steady in 2019 and has continued on course in 2020.
- The 2021 budget proposes to restore the remaining 10 of the 21 positions that were held vacant in 2018 and 2019. In 2021, the county aims to close that gap, with particular emphasis on restoring public safety and Department of Human Services positions.
- Major Capital Improvement Projects include gun range remediation, La Posta Road improvements, regional weather radar, and Denier Building remodel.
- Major Road & Bridge Projects include County Road 220/219 in association with US 550 Fastlane project and the County Road 234 mill and overlay project.
- See the Proposed 2021 budget here: https://cms9files.revize.com/laplatacounty/finance-procurement/Budgets/2021%20Proposed%20Budget_Public%20Use.pdf
- A public hearing on the Proposed 2021 budget is planned October 20 at 5 pm in the Board Room at 1101 E. 2nd Ave. Seating is limited.
- The Board of County Commissioners will consider adopting the budget on November 24.

Airport Update

- Director of Aviation, Tony Vicari, said commercial airline traffic has been slowly recovering since April. The Durango-La Plata County Airport is doing better than the nationwide average.
- Local use is down, inbound use is up, mainly leisure travelers.
- Vicari said the general consensus in the industry is passenger traffic won't be back for 4 to 5 years.

Ballots Update

- Ballots will be mailed October 9.
- You have the choice of mailing your ballot or returning it to any designated ballot drop site or voter service and polling center location. Ballots should not be mailed after October 26.
- The voted ballot must be received in any La Plata County designated dropsite location by 7:00 p.m. on election night. POSTMARKS DO NOT COUNT.

La Plata County Commissioners Election Information

- Charly Minkler (I), District 3 candidate: www.minklerforcommissioner.com
 - Total raised \$12,713.98
- Matt Salka (D), District 3 candidate: <https://www.mattsalka.com/>
 - Total raised \$9,965.67
- Marsha Porter-Norton (D), District 2 candidate: <https://www.marshaporternorton.com/>
 - Total raised \$37,900.00

- Jack Turner (I), District 2 candidate: <https://electjackturner.com/>
 - Total raised \$23,593.53

Durango Building Permits

	Single Fam New	Remodel/Add	Commercial New/Remodel	Mechanical/ Plumbing	Other
July	1	6	2	18	15
August	1	6	5	5	13

Durango Projects Approved

- On September 15, Durango City Council approved the Preliminary Development Plan of the Maverik Southfork Gateway, allowing a gas station and convenience store at the northwest corner of Wilson Gulch Drive and the future Zyme Rock Road.

La Plata County Projects Approved

- On September 9, La Plata County Planning Commission approved the Jestesen Town Yard Class II project, a proposal for a 4,000 sq. ft. tow yard to accommodate up to 10 vehicles located at 3333 CR 510.
- On September 9, La Plata County Planning Commission approved Hermosa Orchards Manufactured Home Park Special Use Permit, allowing a 22 space manufactured and/or tiny home park located in the vicinity of Hermosa. .

Meetings attended September 8 - October 13

9/8 - 10 am BOCC Business Meeting	9/24 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission
9/8 - 4 pm Durango City Council Study Session	9/28 - 6 pm Durango Planning Commission
9/9 - 9 am BOCC Discussion Time	9/29 - 10 am BOCC Special Business Meeting
9/10 - 6 pm LPC Planning Meeting	9/30 - 9 am BOCC Discussion Time
9/15 - 12 pm BOCC Special Planning Meeting	10/1 - 11 am DAAR Government Affairs
9/16 - 9 am BOCC Discussion Time	10/1 - 3 pm Joint BOCC / Durango City Council Work Session
9/16 - 2:30 pm Joint BOCC / Durango City Council Work Session	10/6 - 9:30 am Special BOCC Business Meeting
9/17 - 6 pm Joint Planning Meeting	10/6 - 10 am BOCC Planning Meeting
CANCELLED	10/6 - 6 pm Durango City Council Meeting

9/22 - 10 am BOCC Business Agenda

9/22 - 4 pm Durango City Council Study Session

9/23 - 9 am BOCC Discussion Time

9/23 - 1 pm BOCC Study Session

10/7 - 9 am BOCC Discussion Time

10/8 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission

10/13 - 9 am LAC Meeting