

Oil & Gas Regulations

- La Plata County is currently rewriting Ch. 90 of the Land Use Code, which is oil and gas regulations, starting with the Draft Table of Contents (TOC). It can be viewed on the county's website at <http://laplatacountyco.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1&ID=5792&Inline=True>
- Staff walked through the TOC with the LPC Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners in a meeting on September 23rd. Audio and video is available here: <http://laplatacountyco.iqm2.com/Citizens/SplitView.aspx?Mode=Video&MeetingID=4662&Format=Agenda>
- Public comment is being taken in multiple ways
 - Send an email to: newcode@laplata.co.us
 - Via mail or in person: 1101 E 2nd Ave, Durango, CO 81301
 - Fill out this web form: https://forms.laplata.co.us/Forms/BOCC_PC_MeetingComments
 - During Commissioner office hours
 - Contact the county through the website www.co.laplata.co.us
 - Provide public comment at Board of County Commissioners Business meeting
 - Phone Commissioners 970-382-6219

Durango La Plata County Airport Update

- Director of Aviation Tony Vicari told La Plata County Commissioners the Durango La Plata County airport is seeing steady growth and recovery. There was historic traffic in June, July and August, leading to the busiest summer of all time. The traffic at the airport far outweighs the recovery nationwide.
- Frontier Airlines has extended their seasonal service to Denver International Airport through at least Jan. 3, 2022. Last spring, Frontier announced seasonal service to Denver would occur four times per week through the summer. In late summer, they extended the reservation window for two flights per week between DRO and Denver through November 1. Frontier recently confirmed this service will continue through the New Year.
- Delta Air Lines has announced daily nonstop flights between Salt Lake City International Airport and Durango-La Plata County Airport will be cancelled, effective Nov. 1, 2021. The Delta Connection service was operated by SkyWest Airlines and has operated twice daily seven days per week since May 26. Travelers with existing reservations on Delta Air Lines at DRO for November 1 or after can [cancel online](#) or call 1-800-221-1212 for help with refunds or rebooking.

Unemployment Rate Update

- La Plata County unemployment rate was 4.8% in August, down from 5.2% in July.
- San Juan County was 3.6% in August, slightly down from 3.7% in July.
- Archuleta County was 4.4% in August, down from 4.7% in July.

See more here:

<https://dola-online.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=56f85bf2c38e4483ad7345fc651a6458#>

November Election

- 8 October- First day mail ballots may be sent to voters
- 12 October- Last day to submit an application to register to vote through a voter registration drive for the Coordinated Election.
- 25 October- Last day to submit an application to register to vote through the mail, a voter registration agency, a local driver's license examination facility, or online to receive a mail ballot for the Coordinated Election.
- 2 November- Coordinated Election (Polls open 7:00am to 7:00pm. First Tuesday in November)

November Ballot Questions

- **Amendment 78:** The initiative would transfer the power to appropriate custodial funds (state revenue not generated through taxes) from the state treasurer to the state legislature.
- **Proposition 119:** The proposition would create the Learning Enrichment and Academic Progress Program (LEAP). The measure would increase the marijuana retail sales tax incrementally from 15% to 20% to partially fund the program.
- **Proposition 120:** The proposition would lower the property tax assessment rate for multi-family residential homes to 6.5% from 6.8% and lower the assessment rate for lodging properties to 26.4% from 29%.
 - La Plata County adopted a resolution opposing Proposition 120.

Durango 9R Election

- Director District A - Four Year Term
 - Catherine Mewmaw - website: <https://www.CathyforDurango9R.com>
 - Erika Brown - website: <https://www.erikafordurango9r.com>
 - Kristina Paslay - website: <https://www.buildingdurangosfuture.com>
- Director District C - Four Year Term
 - Richard “Dean” Hill - website: <https://www.facebook.com/Building-Durangos-Future-101311655608105>
 - Richard “Rick” Petersen Email address: rickpetersenfor9R@gmail.com
- Director District E - Four Year Term
 - Andrea Parmenter - website: <https://AndreaforDurango9R.com>
 - Donna Gulec - website: <https://buildingdurangosfuture.com>

Bayfield School District 10 Jt-R

- Board of Education (Four Year Term) (Vote for 2)
 - Rebecca Parnell
 - Kira Charlotte Wennerstrom
 - Jill M. Shocklee
 - Matt Turner

Ignacio School District

- Jay Dee Brunson is running for a 2 YEAR TERM
- 4 YEAR TERM (select two):
 - Leila C. Baker
 - Lee Petty
 - James (Jim) Bulwan

Meetings attended September 14 - October 12

9/14 - 8 am Eggs and Issues	9/27 - 8 am Workforce Housing Work Session
9/14 - 10 am BOCC meeting	9/27 - 6pm Durango Planning Commission
9/15 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	9/28 - 10 am BOCC Meeting
9/16 - 3 pm SWCOG Housing Study	9/29 - 10 am Joint Durango Council/PC Meeting
9/16 - 6 pm Joint Planning Meeting	10/5 - 10 am BOCC Planning Meeting
9/20 - 2:15 pm Durango Study Session	10/5 - 2:15 pm Durango Council Study Session
9/20 - 5:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting	10/5 - 5:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting
9/21 - 8:00 am Economic Summit	10/6 - 5:30 pm LPC Ch 90 Public Meeting
9/22 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	10/7 - 11 am BOCC ARPA Study Session
9/23 - 5 pm Joint BOCC/PC Work Session	10/8 - 8 am Durango Council Budget Study Session
9/23 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission	10/11 - 4:30 pm Durango URA Meeting

