

● **Election Day November 3rd – Local, state & federal races:**

- **US Senate** (John Hickenlooper, D-incumbent vs. Mark Baisley, R-State Sen. Dist. 4)
 - **US Congress** - District 3 (Jeff Hurd, R- incumbent vs. Dwayne Romero, D)
 - **Colorado Governor** – Phil Weiser D- current Attorney General vs. Victor Marx, R (No party candidates have declared for Lt. Governor)
 - **Attorney General** – Jena Griswold, D-current Sec. of State vs. Michael Allen, R-current D.A. El Paso County
 - **Secretary of State** – Amanda Gonzalez, D-Attorney vs. James Wiley, R-Law Clerk
 - **State Representative District 59** (Katie Stewart, D-incumbent vs. Naomi Riess, R)
 - **La Plata County Commissioner District 1** (Elizabeth Philbrick, D-incumbent; currently unopposed)
 - **County Clerk** (Tiffany Lee, Independent; likely running unopposed)
 - **County Treasurer** (Moni Grushkin incumbent, unknown opponent)
 - **County Assessor** (Carrie Woodson, D-incumbent, unknown opponent)
 - **County Sheriff** (Sean Smith, D-incumbent, unknown opponent)
 - **County Surveyor** (Darryl Crites incumbent, unknown opponent)
 - **County Coroner** – Trevor Nyx, D vs. Cathy Seibel, R
- The Bureau of Land Management will hold a December 2026 oil and gas lease sale. The BLM opened a 30-day public scoping period for 114 parcels, including **two in La Plata County totaling 160 acres**. The parcels have special stipulations to protect environmental resources. The public comment period ends on July 9, with additional comment periods in August and October. The county commissioners emphasized the need for substantive comments and discussed the importance of road maintenance.

La Plata County Government Updates

- La Plata County has added a “Weekly Work Session” at 12:30 p.m. on Mondays. “The Board will meet with county leadership to discuss emerging issues, identify and align upcoming priorities, coordinate communications, and determine the appropriate venue for future board discussions.”

The regular Wednesday Board Discussion Time will remain. These work sessions are not being simulcast. An agenda for the Monday, August 3 session is an addendum at the end of this report.

Durango Government Updates

- The Durango Beer & Ice (\$5,378 fine and a 14-day suspension for selling alcohol without a license) and 6th Street Liquor (license revoked/business closed) cases are cautionary lessons for business owners, landlords/tenants and property owners.
- The City's Prosperity Department introduced a [document](#) (it's about 4 pages but very informative) to the Community Development Department outlining the City's housing efforts and possible Land Use Development Code amendments to achieve the goals identified in the 2025 Housing Needs Assessment:
 - The County and the City have very similar average housing needs over the period 2025-2034 of approximately 70% AMI in the rental market and approximately 110% AMI in the home ownership market.
 - Units above 80% AMI (rental) and 150% AMI (ownership) are well-supplied by the private market.
 - Overall, the City needs approximately 200 new homes per year to keep up with job growth. Over half of this need is "below-market".
 - Additional homes above this figure reduce costs for current renters, reduce homelessness and overcrowding, and reduce commute lengths for households who work in Durango but currently live elsewhere.

Development Projects –

- 1304 Main Avenue – 8 high-end condominiums proposed with retail, parking; conceptual plan continued to Aug. 24th Community Development Commission meeting
- Durango Mall – A California company wants to purchase and redevelop; they've presented to the Durango Renewal Partnership/URA board; initial concerns include that no housing is included in the plan. Discussion will be continued at the Aug. 10 meeting.

Meetings attended June 30 to July 31

June 30 – 9 a.m. – LPC BoCC special meeting (Prop 123 amendments) July 7 – 5:30 p.m. – Durango City Council July 8 – 8:30 a.m. – LPC BoCC Board Discussion Time July 13 – 4:30 p.m. – Durango URA meeting July 14 – 10 a.m. – BoCC Business Agenda meeting July 14 – 2:30 p.m. – Joint City/County work session July 15 – 8:30 a.m. – BoCC BDT	July 20-23 – GAD Institute; Columbus, OH July 21 – 5:30 p.m. – DGO City Council July 22 – 8:30 a.m. – BoCC BDT July 23 – 6 p.m. – LPC Planning Commission July 27 – 5 p.m. – DGO Comm. Development Commission July 28 – 10 a.m. – LPC BoCC Business Agenda Meeting July 29 – 8:30 a.m. – BoCC BDT
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ADDENDUM



Agenda for the
Commissioner's Weekly Work Session
August 3, 2026 12:30 p.m.
Board Room, 1101 E 2nd Ave, Durango, CO 81301

Commissioner Roundtable

- Emerging constituent concerns
- Issues gaining attention
- Upcoming meetings and stakeholder engagements
- Executive Staff Roundtable
 - Intergovernmental matters
 - Operational Matters
 - Emerging constituent concerns
 - Issues gaining attention
 - Significant projects, initiatives, or challenges
- Communications & Public Information
 - Upcoming announcements and messaging opportunities
 - Media inquires
 - Community engagement considerations
 - Coordination of public information efforts
- Future Meeting Planning
 - Review potential topics requiring future Board discussions and determine the most appropriate venue
 - Business meeting
 - Planning Meeting
 - Work Session
 - Executive Session
 - Special Meeting

Note: No public comment will be taken.