

than in El Paso County, “The fairy-broadband-mother is not going to show up and fix this. What is the vision for Monument?” He advised using opportunities to put in conduit for future fiber optics “any time a trench is open.”

Clark said prior to running for the board she was interested in broadband and spoke to the local developers and water districts who all agreed to install conduit along roadways as they develop—at their own expense. “They are. They are doing this,” Clark said. She was also in favor, as were all other board members, to create an SB-152 exemption for future local control.

The board tasked Town Manager Mike Foreman with talking to District Manager Jim McGrady of the Triview Metropolitan District, which is within the town, to ask if it is installing conduit during road construction. The BOT would consider a ballot measure to exempt Monument from SB-152 in a future election.

**Property disposal resolution revised**

Wengert asked the board to repeal the town’s exist-

ing surplus property disposal procedures, approved in 2002, and accept a procedure presented tonight in the board packet. Currently, town staff dispose of property only after the BOT approves anything with an original purchase price of \$1,000 or more. The new resolution would allow Foreman to approve property disposals of items less than \$25,000. Anything more than that amount would require BOT approval. Property seized by the police would be disposed of using applicable laws.

Bornstein asked who decides when an item is ready for disposal or is at the end-of-life, adding, “nobody’s challenging the authority we gave the” town manager. Clark asked who decided to select the \$25,000 figure. Police Chief Jake Shirk said he performed the original analysis on this project and chose the updated price threshold to allow more discretion for the town manager and staff. Foreman said the town is currently storing outdated, extraneous equipment in three storage units that cost \$150 each per month and looked forward to being able to dispose of

or sell the unusable items.

After an extended discussion about the appropriateness of the \$25,000 threshold, especially with respect to vehicles, and the need for the addition of a form documenting the value and reason an item is being replaced, the resolution was approved 4-2 with Clark and Coopman voting no.

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm.

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The Monument Board of Trustees usually meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. The next meeting is scheduled for July 15. Call 884-8014 or see [www.townofmonument.org](http://www.townofmonument.org) for information. To see upcoming agendas and complete board packets for BOT or to download audio recordings of past meetings, see <http://monumenttownco.minuteson-demand.com> and click on Board of Trustees.

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**Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, June 10**

**Audit report delayed**

By James Howald

At a meeting on June 10, the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD) board was scheduled to hear a report based on its most recent audit, but the full audit report was delayed due to ill health on the part of the auditor. District Manager Jessie Shaffer went over highlights of the report with the board. The board also heard operational reports from staff.

**Summary audit report has no surprises**

Shaffer told the board that John Cutler, of John Cutler & Associates, the district’s auditors, was scheduled to report on the results of the 2018 audit, but due to ill health Cutler had to postpone his report until the July meeting.

Shaffer told the board that Cutler had issued a clean opinion on the district’s finances for 2018.

Shaffer pointed out that the district’s total net position in 2018 was up about \$2.5 million from 2017. The district had budgeted for expenditures of \$9.4 million, but expenditures came in lower than that at \$7.5 million.

The audit report included in the packet of materials given to the board lists the 2018 total net position as \$58.075 million for 2018, and as \$55.555 million for 2017, an increase of \$2.520 million.

The audit report gives this explanation of the district’s financial position: “The District’s net position increased in 2018 by \$2,520,088. This was the result

of the District’s tap fees collected coupled with its operating revenues exceeding operating expenses over the year. Water and sewer user fees exceeded budgeted expectations while operating expenditures did not materialize to budgeted levels.”

Shaffer added that the demand for new water and sewer taps has slowed in recent months.

Shaffer said that from the perspective of the district’s bond holders, the district’s finances are “toeing the line.”

The board voted unanimously to accept the audited financial statements.

**Highlights of operational reports**

- In his financial report, Treasurer Jim Wyss said, “the numbers look good; expenses are under control.”
- In the Chilcott Ditch report, Assistant District Manager Randy Gillette mentioned that irrigation had not started at the Woodmoor Ranch because the weather had been cool and wet.
- Gillette said water unaccounted for was at 15 percent, a higher than usual amount. To investigate, meter testing was being done at the district’s well sites, and Wells 15 and 18 were found to be off in their metering.
- Well 20 is out of operation due to pump motor problems.
- Well 9 has been cleaned and is returning to operation.
- At Well 21, site work has commenced, concrete is being poured and construction of the well house will start soon. The design of the transmission pipeline for the well has begun, and the district is studying the use of directional drilling to minimize the impact on backyards in the vicinity. Well 21 should be operational by the end of the year, Shaffer estimated.
- The district’s water reserve it pumps into Lake Woodmoor is increasing due to steady flows in Monument Creek.
- District Attorney Erin Smith told the board that a newly passed law gave the board the opportunity to decide whether official notices should be posted to the district’s website instead of being posted physically in three locations. Smith said the state seemed to favor posting information online. The district currently posts notices at Community Bank, the District office, and at the Woodmoor Improvement Association, she said. Smith said she would draft a resolution to be voted on at the July meeting.

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The next meeting is scheduled for July 8 at 1 p.m. Meetings are usually held at the district office at 1845 Woodmoor Drive on the second Monday of each month at 1 p.m. See [www.woodmoorwater.com](http://www.woodmoorwater.com) or call 488-2525 to verify meeting times.

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