

Baptist Road Rural Transportation Authority, Nov. 14

## 2015 budget approved

By Jim Kendrick and Lisa Hatfield  
On Nov. 14, the board of the Baptist Road Rural Transportation Authority (BRRTA) approved the proposed 2015 budget and 2015 appropriation resolution. Jennifer Irvine, engineering services manager of

the El Paso County Public Services Department, briefed the BRRTA board on the county's plans for improving Baptist Road on the west side of I-25. Lori Seago of the El Paso County Attorney's Office presented a county proposal for exclusion of the current BRRTA impact fee on development.

An agenda item for a Natural Grocers request was added to the posted meeting agenda. BRRTA District Manager Denise Denslow said that if any decisions were made at this meeting regarding Natural Grocers, they would have to be ratified by the board at the next BRRTA meeting since this agenda item was added after the meeting notice was posted.

The members of the BRRTA board are:

- President Jeff Kaiser, mayor pro tem of the Town of Monument
- Vice President Darryl Glenn, El Paso County commissioner
- Rafael Dominguez, mayor of the Town of Monument
- Wayne Williams, clerk and recorder, El Paso County
- Dennis Hisey, El Paso County commissioner

Williams was late due to traffic issues. Kaiser was absent. Glenn chaired the meeting.

**Financial items**

The board unanimously approved Denslow's proposed list of claims and payments for a total of \$37,733:

- \$4,375 to BiggsKofford P.C. for the

2013 BRRTA audit

- \$17,195 to CliftonLarsenAllen LLP for accounting, district management, and sales tax administration
- \$37 to Community Media of Colorado for miscellaneous expenses
- \$5,442 to Spencer Fane Britt & Brown LLP for legal services and sales tax administration
- \$255 to CNA Surety for insurance
- \$6755 to T. Charles Wilson Insurance for insurance
- \$3674 to the Town of Monument for impact fees

Some of the items Denslow noted in the Sept. 30 financial statements and cash position were:

- Road use fees to date were \$366,503, up \$251,503 from the \$115,000 budgeted due to road use revenues paid by Goodwill Industries and Colorado Springs Health Partners
- Sales tax revenues, which are used to pay the bond debt, were \$980,148 to date, down \$346,852 from the \$1.327 million budgeted
- The Dec. 1 debt service payment on the privately held BRRTA bonds will empty the current BRRTA debt surplus fund of its entire \$109,770 balance and also require a withdrawal of \$49,487 from the previously untouched BRRTA debt reserve fund balance of \$2.15 million

The Sept. 30 financial statements were unanimously approved as presented.

### 2015 budget and 2015 appropriation approved

The board approved Denslow's recommendation to cancel the advertised agenda item for an amendment to the 2014 BRRTA budget and the advertised agenda item to for an amendment to the 2014 appropriation because it "turned out" that neither

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**Palmer Lake Town Hall**

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**Sun., Dec. 14, 1 pm**

**Palmer Lake Town Hall**

The person who finds the Yule Log rides the log as it is hauled back to Town Hall. The winner also receives the first cup of wassil. Those not participating in the hunt can enjoy Christmas carols and stories told by storyteller John Stansfield!

