Town park rental fees revised

The board unanimously approved a resolution to limit town park reservation fees to the Lavalett Park Band Shell and the Dirty Woman Creek Park Pavilion and grills on the north side of the pavilion and the Sports Field. The total annual revenue loss from those types of reservations being removed from the fee schedule will be \$610 for Limbach Park and \$145 for Dirty Woman Creek Park. Parking will now be for the general use of the public and no longer reserved for any party.

Financial report

The board unanimously approved three disbursements over \$5,000:

- \$22,000 to Titan Machinery for a new Public Works Department chipper
- \$8,832 to LAWS Emergency Vehicle Specialist for accessories for the Police Department's 2014 Chevy Tahoe
- \$21,785 to Streetscapes Inc. for wayfinding (directional) signage

Range Riders and Pikes Peak Rodeo

Ron Brown, president of the Pikes Peak Range Riders, briefed the board on this year's annual ride in Custer County from June 18 to 22.

Scott Stuart, Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo board vice president, announced a new format for the rodeo called "shootout." Corliss Palmer, director of Girls of the West and Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo board member, described the rodeo's Girls of the West program. Kate Watson, 2014 Girl of the West, barrel racer, and a student at the Art Institute of Denver, and her aide Rachel Braaten, gave a carefully coordinated presentation on this year's rodeo scheduled for July 9-12. Rodeo events and pricing information can be found at pikespeakorbust.org

Support for block grants approved

Community Development Senior Analyst Crystal LaTier, of the El Paso County Economic Development Division, presented information to the board regarding the county's pursuit of federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funding for decent housing and suitable living environments, along with the expansion of economic opportunities.

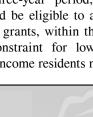
At least 70 percent of this funding must benefit low- and moderate-income persons. The categories for grants are public services, public facilities, infrastructure, and housing. Although the CDBG program began in 1974 to meet urgent needs within these categories as well as reduce slums and blight, El Paso County was first designated as a CDBG community in 2009.

LaTier explained how

Monument could apply for CDBG for blighted areas of town if it created an urban renewal authority like the City of Fountain's authority did in 2008. The county's first such grant for blight was awarded to Fountain in 2014.

LaTier reviewed the complete list of county-wide CDBG funding for 2009 through 2014. In 2014, a total of \$932,816 in these block grants was awarded to the county. Some of the recent municipal participants are Palmer Lake, Calhan, Ramah, Fountain, and Green Mountain Falls. She noted that local nonprofit Tri-Lakes Cares received a 2014 community assistance block grant of \$13,922 for subsistence payments (rental and utility assistance) through a Town of Palmer Lake grant application, since the Town of Monument was not a participant.

LaTier said that federal funding for 2015 for public service projects is expected to be similar to the amount for 2014 (an estimated \$139,922) and would be available to grantees during the 12-month period from April 2015 through March 2016. If Monument were to participate in this program during this upcoming three-year period, the town would be eligible to apply for CDBG grants, within the 70 percent constraint for low- to moderate-income residents noted



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