

April 14, 2020

### **Legislation Updates**

- SB 138 (<https://legiscan.com/CO/text/SB138/2020>) would extend the number of years that construction litigation lawsuits could be filed from current law of 6 years to 10 years. It would also alter the tolling process that determines the amount of time that a lawsuit can be extended. In February, the Judiciary Committee referred it back to the full Senate, where it has been laid over following the second reading.
- HB 1093 (<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb20-1093>) grants a board of county commissioners the authority to license and regulate any business within the county, including short-term lodging rentals. It was signed by the Governor.
- HB 1155 (<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb20-1155>) requires a home builder to offer a buyer of a newly built single-family home the option of either an electric vehicle charging system, prewiring for the future installation, or a plug-in receptacle in a place accessible to a vehicle parking area. House Considered Senate Amendments - Result was to Not Concur - Request Conference Committee
- The legislature plans to resume on May 18.

### **La Plata County Financial Report**

- Sales tax collections for February show an increase of 13.09% in comparison to the same period in 2018. At year end, sales taxes show an increase of 9.21% as compared to the same period in 2018.
- Lodger's tax collections are earned quarterly; collections for 4th quarter show an increase of 9.98% from the same period in 2018. At year end, lodger's tax shows an increase of 19.69% over the same period in 2018.
- Highway User's tax payments for January 2020 are down by -21.73% compared to the same period in 2019.

### **La Plata County Land Use Code Updates**

- Topics have included the Table of Contents, Neighborhood Protection Standards, Registered District Advisory Committees, and Level of Service Standards for County Roads.
- The new draft code will be released in its entirety once the draft is completed, potentially in May or June.
- Public Comment Portal is here: <http://lpcds.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1942050&pageId=16479093>

### **Projects Approved in La Plata County**

- On 3/12/20, the Planning Commission approved the Oak Meadow Preliminary Plat. This is the subdivision of a 67.56-acre lot into a 35.153-acre and 32.408-acre lot located on CR 228.
- On 4/4/20, the BOCC approved the Bakhita Subdivision, a 3 lot subdivision located at 1685 S Lakeside Dr, Hesperus.
- On 4/9/20, the Planning Commission approved the Engineer Village Phase IV preliminary plat, subdividing two parcels totalling 23 acres into 15 lots comprising 12 single family lots.
- On 4/9/20, the Planning Commission approved the Pinon Acres 2 Subdivision preliminary plat, a subdivision of a 1.95 acres located at 29639 E US Hwy 160 in the Florida Mesa District.

### **Durango City Staff Hiring Update**

- The review of candidate resumes was scheduled for March 6. The review has been extended until COVID-19 is no longer a top priority.

### **Durango Sales Tax Report**

- Sales tax in February was up .7% for the month and .4% for the year.
- Lodgers tax in February was up 10.2% for the month and 2.1% year to date.

**LPEA Election**

- To be counted, ballots must be received no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2020.
- Election results will be confirmed at LPEA’s Annual Meeting, currently scheduled to take place on May 16, 2020 at Pagosa Springs High School. (Given the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, the meeting may need to be postponed.)
- District 1- Archuleta County: Bob Lynch, current LPEA Board President, is running unopposed. Pending formal approval by the LPEA board, Lynch will be reappointed.
- District 2- South and West La Plata County: Two new candidates, Doug Fults and John Lee Jr., are vying to fill the seat to be vacated by retiring director Davin Montoya.
- District 3- City of Durango: Incumbent Rachel Landis is being challenged by new candidate Dave Nulton.
- District 4-North and East La Plata County: Incumbent Guinn Unger is being challenged by new candidate Sue McWilliams.

**Bayfield Municipal Election**

- The regular Municipal Election for the Town of Bayfield was held on April 7, 2020.
- Voters elected Kristin Dallison, Aaron Wamsley and Lori Zazzaro to the Town Board. Ashleigh Tarkington ran unopposed for mayor.

**Ignacio Municipal Election**

- The regular Municipal Election for the Town of Ignacio was held on April 7, 2020.
- The three incumbents Alison deKay, Sandra Maez and Edward Box III won the election for Town Trustees.

**Durango Building Permits**

	Single Fam New/Redmodel/ Add	Commercial New/Remodel	Plumbing	Mechanical	Other
January	5	5	18	4	6

**Bayfield Building Permits**

January	0	0	0	0	0
February	1	0	0	0	0
March	1	0	0	0	0

**La Plata County Permits**

January	14	0	11	0	23
February	22	1	4	2	16
March	5	0	4	1	12

**Meetings attended March 10 - April 14**

<p>3/10 - 10 am BOCC Business Agenda 3/10 - 6 pm LUC Workshop in Vallecito 3/11 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time 3/11 - 1 pm Meeting with Will Toor 3/12 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission 3/17 - 9 am Special Durango Council Meeting 3/17 - 10 am BOCC Business Agenda 3/17 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting CANCELLED 3/18 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time 3/19 - 6 pm Joint Planning Commission Meeting CANCELLED 3/23 - 10 am BOCC Work Session on COVID 19 3/23 - 6 pm Durango Planning Commission CANCELLED</p>	<p>3/24 - 10 am BOCC Business Meeting 3/24 - 4 pm Durango Council Study Session CANCELLED 3/26 - 6 pm BOCC/LPC PC Joint Work Session 3/31 - 10 am BOCC Planning Meeting CANCELLED 4/1 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time 4/1 - 2:30 pm BOCC Work Session 4/1 - 6 pm Joint BOCC/LPC Planning Commission Meeting 4/7 - 10 am BOCC Business Meeting 4/7 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting 4/8 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time 4/9 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission Meeting 4/14 - 9:15 am LAC Meeting</p>
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