

Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
February 11, 2015  
5:30 p.m.

Agenda

- A. Call to order & roll call
- B. Changes to Agenda
- C. Consent Agenda
  - 1. Current Bills & Balances
- D. Persons Present Not on the Agenda
- E. Staff Reports
  - 1. Master Plan Study Update, Mike Kennedy
  - 2. 2016 Budget, Ron Leach
  - 3. Other
- F. Financial Report
  - 1. Resolution 2015-002 Resolution Supporting the Grant Application for a Grant from the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District, Jenny Cutright
  - 2. Other
- G. Old Business
  - 1. Other
- H. New Business
  - 1. Denver Post Article, Carl Smith
  - 2. Follow Up on the Release of Public Information, Carl Smith
  - 3. Other
- I. Adjourn

## Deputy Chief Operations Report February 2015

### Responses –

As of January 31, 2015 we have responded to 83 calls for service.

- 43 EMS calls including 6 motor vehicle accidents.
- 9 Fire responses. These include all fire calls, gas leaks, spills, CO responses, etc.
- 14 Fire alarm responses
- 17 Service and Good Intent responses. These include smoke/odor checks, citizen assist, cancelled enroute etc.

### **Response Comparison – Month**

- Jan 2015 - **81**
- Jan 2014 - **70**
- Jan 2013 - **99**
- Jan 2012 - **71**

### **Response Comparison - YTD**

- 2015 - **81**
- 2014 - **70**
- 2013 - **99**
- 2012 - **71**

### **EMS Transports – YTD**

- 2015 - **34**
- 2014 - **28**
- 2013 - **39**
- 2012 - **23**

### **EMS Non-Transports - YTD**

- 2015 - **9**
- 2014 - **15**
- 2013 - **9**
- 2012 - **15**

### **ALS Calls – YTD**

**22**

### **BLS Calls – YTD**

**12**

### **ALS Calls – January**

**22**

### **BLS Calls – January**

**12**

### **Fire Calls – January**

Structure Fires

**3**

Wildland Fires

**0**

Vehicle Fires

**1**

False Alarms

**17**

### **Fire Calls – YTD**

Structure Fires

**3**

Wildland Fires

**0**

Vehicle Fires

**1**

False Alarms

**17**

### Volunteer Awards –

In January we held our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. During the dinner we recognized the 2014 Volunteer Award Recipients. They recipients are:

**Firefighter of the Year** - Mike Gandolfo

**EMT of the Year** - Carla Callahan

**Rookie of the Year** - Duncan Elice

**Most Valuable Player** - Hilary Fletcher

**Most Calls** - Ray Sauvey

**Training “Monster”** - Brandon Deter

**Ambulance Driver** - Ray Bourg

**Leadership Award** - Brandon Deter

**Most Improved** - Jacki Stadick

**Safety Award** - Kevin Greene

**Ever Ready Award** - Jim Pidcock

**Distinguished Service** - Josh Greene

**Life Saver Award (Hwy 82 rock fall incident)** -

Jake Spaulding, Ashley Buss, Will Handville, Paul Herr, Frank Nadell, Brian Farris, Ray Sauvey, Brandon Deter, Monique Beach, Marc Bassett, Ken Clark, Tom Morelli

**Projects, Outreach, Other stuff –**

- Coordinating scheduling program for paid staff and volunteers
- Developing New Member application/acceptance process with membership committee
- Taught CPR to RFHS teachers, coaches and staff (again)
- Master plan committee meetings
- Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- Annual Officer Breakfast

Respectfully submitted

Rob Goodwin

Deputy Chief



## **Board of Directors Report**

Bill Gavette, Deputy Chief

February 2015

### **Completed Plan/Code Reviews**

- Thompson Park Water Distribution System, Town of Carbondale
- Cerise, minor subdivision review, Garfield County

### **Pending/On-going Plan/Code Reviews**

- Town of Carbondale, land use & zoning code review
- Carbondale Community Partnership, Town of Carbondale
- Colorado Med, butane extraction, Town of Carbondale
- Kornasiewicz Residence, fire sprinkler system, Garfield County

### **Inspections**

- Marble Distilling Company, fire sprinkler rough in, Town of Carbondale
- Extreme Sports Camp, general inspection, Town of Carbondale
- DePugh residence, defensible space inspection, Garfield County
- Green Hill Laboratory, general inspection, Town of Carbondale
- Roaring Fork Valley Co-op, fire flow test, Town of Carbondale
- Double Diamond Moving & Storage, fire sprinkler rough in, Town of Carbondale
- Lot 2, Ranch at Coulter Creek, fire sprinkler rough in, Garfield County

### **Other Projects**

- Master planning committee
- CPR, BLS for Healthcare Providers, Carbondale
- Federal Lease District Grant, Communications Equipment

**Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District**

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# Maintenance Report for Jan.2015

- Replaced Broken EGRVT sensor on A81 removal of cab and threading of exhaust pipe.
- U82 Replaced 3 transmission cooler lines. Removal of front end Fender Well and Grill.
- Annual Smoke detector test with Security Company. St1-st5
- Electrical repair on R81 Dome light passenger side officer seat.
- Oil change A81
- Replaced broken wiper spray nozzles A81
- Oil change U82
- Replaced air filter U82
- Anti freeze leak A81. Removals of air filter box and fender well. Cut out bad section of hose and new clamps.
- Prep for bomb fire, made torch fuel filled propane bottle for weed burner.
- Repair furnace #2 admin building. Faulty igniter.
- Marble Corry radio test w/ Spaulding. Familiarization with LZ, Portal locations, Main portal office. Evacuation escape rout in large portal.
- Service r81. Oil change, fuel filter change, oil filters change, top off radiator fluid. Check fluid levels, grease all moving components.
- Replaced #1 glow plug U87 removal of fender well.
- Front head light connector repair U81
- Replaced fan motor in B refrigerator
- Replaced Lamps in offices and bays.
- L81 diagnostic of valve control. Tank fill and cooling. Parts Ordered. Temp fix.
- End of report.

1/31/2015

Interest Rate

**General Fund**

Alpine Checking	\$	104,720.75	0.00%
Alpine Money Market Fund	\$	446,515.22	0.01%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>551,235.97</b>	

**Capital Projects Fund #1**

Alpine Checking	\$	9,019.29	0.00%
Alpine Money Market Fund	\$	850,056.67	0.01%
Alpine Impact Fee Fund	\$	9,990.72	0.01%
Alpine Loan Fund Money Market	\$	748,635.55	0.01%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,617,702.23</b>	

**Bond Fund**

Csafe	\$	115,424.23	0.13%
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**Pension Fund**

FPPA		<b>\$2,090,374.53</b>	4.80%
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**Ambulance Billing Report - January 2015**

Cash Collected on Accounts	\$	<b>16,371.23</b>
New Accounts Billed	\$	<b>37,167.60</b>
Medicare Assignments (Write-Offs)	\$	<b>5,051.20</b>
Other Write-Offs	\$	<b>3,942.28</b>
Write Offs Approved by the Board on 1/14/15	\$	<b>186,947.85</b>
Amount Sent to Collections	\$	<b>3,378.20</b>

**Aging Report**

<u>0-30 Days</u>	<u>31-60 Days</u>	<u>61-90 Days</u>	<u>&gt;90 Days</u>
\$38,703.90	\$11,557.35	\$12,137.81	\$36,018.62

## Checks Issued Between Board Meetings

### General Fund

Payroll	\$33,846.66	Payroll	1/16/15
FPPA	\$12,455.03	Pension/457/Death & Disability	1/16/15
IRS Deposit	\$7,095.51	Federal Withholding	1/16/15
State Tax Withholding	\$1,772.00	State Withholding	1/16/15
Payroll	\$33,009.97	Payroll	1/30/15
FPPA	\$12,231.27	Pension/457/Death & Disability	1/30/15
IRS Deposit	\$7,008.70	Federal Withholding	1/30/15
State Tax Withholding	\$1,762.00	State Withholding	1/30/15

### Capital Projects Fund

none

### Miscellaneous Income

1/1-1/31/15

#### General Fund

Skybeam	\$200.00	Tower rent	
Donation	\$200.00		
Town of Carbondale, Aspen Glen & River Valley Ranch	\$2,086.00	AED maintenance	
Record Research	\$14.00		

### Capital Projects Fund

none

**Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection Dist**

AP Check Register (Current by Bank)

Check Date: 2/11/2015

Check No.	Date	Status	Vendor ID	Payee Name	Amount
<b>BANK ID: ALPINC - ALPINE BANK - CHECKING</b>					<b>1122</b>
33932	02/11/15	P	ACME	Acme Alarm Company	\$1,750.00
33933	02/11/15	P	AEDAUT	AED Authority	\$240.00
33934	02/11/15	P	ALLSTA	All State Communications, Inc.	\$1,746.42
33935	02/11/15	P	ASPEN	Aspen Maintenance Supply, Inc.	\$847.26
33936	02/11/15	P	BEARCO	Bearcom	\$4,764.41
33937	02/11/15	P	CEDAR	Cedar Networks	\$700.00
33938	02/11/15	P	CENEX	Cenex Fleet Fueling	\$1,141.67
33939	02/11/15	P	CENTUR	CenturyLink	\$321.73
33940	02/11/15	P	CENTUB	CenturyLink Business Services	\$52.24
33941	02/11/15	P	CFTOA	Colo Fire Trng Officers Assoc	\$60.00
33942	02/11/15	P	COFICS	Colorado Div of Fire Preventio	\$400.00
33943	02/11/15	P	COMCAS	Comcast Cable	\$43.98
33944	02/11/15	P	COMPLE	Complete Wireless Technologies	\$484.67
33945	02/11/15	P	CROSS	Cross Propane & Supply, Inc.	\$1,953.61
33946	02/11/15	P	GSFORD	Glenwood Springs Ford	\$74.31
33947	02/11/15	P	HLF	H Lazy F Mobile Home Park, LLC	\$653.67
33948	02/11/15	P	HEIDIS	Heidi's Brooklyn Deli	\$330.00
33949	02/11/15	P	HOLY	Holy Cross Energy	\$597.47
33950	02/11/15	P	CITYMA	Kroger - King Soopers Customer	\$416.62
33951	02/11/15	P	LIFEAS	Life-Assist, Inc.	\$83.80
33952	02/11/15	P	METLIF	MetLife - Group Benefits	\$2,335.07
33953	02/11/15	P	PEPPIN	Peppino's Pizza, Inc.	\$364.21
33954	02/11/15	P	REDSAN	Redstone Water & Sanitation Di	\$100.00
33955	02/11/15	P	RELIAN	Reliance Standard Life Insuran	\$1,058.34
33956	02/11/15	P	COOP	Roaring Fork Valley Co-Op	\$57.23
33957	02/11/15	P	SANDYS	Sandy's Office Supply	\$1,488.19
33958	02/11/15	P	SOURCE	Source Gas, LLC	\$2,809.59
33959	02/11/15	P	SWALLO	Swallow Oil Company	\$59.43
33960	02/11/15	P	THEORC	The Orchard	\$148.00
33961	02/11/15	P	USPOST	U.S. Post Office	\$236.00
33962	02/11/15	P	VERIZO	Verizon Wireless	\$485.00
33963	02/11/15	P	VIP	VIP Trash Removal	\$131.00
33964	02/11/15	P	WESTHE	Western Slope Health Care Grou	\$25,716.77
33965	02/11/15	P	WHITEH	White House Pizza	\$80.00
33966	02/11/15	P	WHITSI	Whitsitt & Gross, P.C.	\$1,709.00
<b>BANK ALPINC REGISTER TOTAL:</b>					<b>\$53,439.69</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL :</b>					<b>\$53,439.69</b>

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 \*\* Denotes broken check sequence.



**CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-002**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A GRANT  
FROM THE GARFIELD COUNTY FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE DISTRICT FOR THE  
PURCHASE OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District (“GCFMLD”) is an independent public body formed pursuant to the Colorado Federal Mineral Lease District Act, Colo. Rev. Stat. § 30-20-1301 *et seq.* (2012); and

**WHEREAS**, as a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District is eligible to receive grant funding from GCFMLD under the Colorado Federal Mineral Lease District Act and 30 U.S.C. § 191 (2012); and

**WHEREAS**, the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District seeks to submit a grant application through GCFMLD’s Mini Grant Program, requesting up to \$25,000.00 in funding for the purchase of communications equipment.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District that:

1. The Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District strongly supports the GCFMLD grant application for the purchase of communications equipment and has appropriated matching funds for a grant with Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District.

2. If the grant is awarded, the Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District supports the project, as well as the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of the Grant Agreement with the GCFMLD.

3. If the grant is awarded, the Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District hereby authorizes the President of the Board to execute the Grant Agreement with GCFMLD.

4. The effective date of this Resolution is the date passed and approved below.

**INTRODUCED, READ, AND ADOPTED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

**CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eugene K. Schilling, President

ATTEST:

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Louis E. Eller, Jr, Secretary/Treasurer

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# BUSINESS

## REAPING THE REBOUND

The housing market's higher home values should boost property tax collections in many counties.

By Aldo Svaldi *The Denver Post*

Colorado's housing recovery is setting the stage for bigger property tax bills for homeowners next year and more revenues for local governments in many parts of the state.

Overall, the gain in the residential assessed tax base is estimated at 14.3 percent between June 30, 2012, and June 30, 2014, according to the Division of Property Taxation.

But that is a weighted average, and several counties are recording their biggest jump in residential property values since the dot-com days.

In Garfield County, the two-year gain is 35.4 percent. Adams, Arapahoe, Douglas, Gunnison, Weld and Yuma counties all have residential assessed value increases topping 20 percent in that two-year period.

"The housing market has stayed pretty hot," said Marc Scott, deputy assessor for Arapahoe County. "Some of the lower price ranges hit hard by foreclosures are coming back very strong, and the higher price ranges remain in high

demand."

Residential assessed values are up 23 percent in Arapahoe County, the most of any metro county and the best showing since the 24 percent gain between mid-1998 and mid-2000.

The property tax increases that homeowners see, however, will be very specific, based on their neighborhood and property type, Scott said.

Notices of property valuations are going out in May and, if not disputed, go into the calculation of property tax bills that will be mailed in January 2016 and 2017.

Property taxes are an important revenue source for counties, school districts and special districts, and they fell sharply when the housing downturn hit last decade, requiring the state to step in and fill the gap, especially for primary education.

"The combination of funding is based on whatever the locals can provide and what the state will backfill," said Wade Buchanan, president of the Bell Policy Center in Denver.

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**Rising property values.** Graphic tracks values in Colorado counties. »10K

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Governments statewide won't benefit as much as the 14.3 percent increase in residential assessed values would indicate, said Natalie Mullis, chief economist at the Colorado Legislative Council.

For starters, housing isn't rebounding in large swaths of the state. In Cheyenne, Delta, Moffat and San Juan counties, assessors are estimating lower residential values, while an additional 10 counties are flat.

Also, Mullis notes that the counties with higher mill levies are seeing some of the smallest gains in residential values, while the biggest gains are concentrating in counties with lower mill levies.

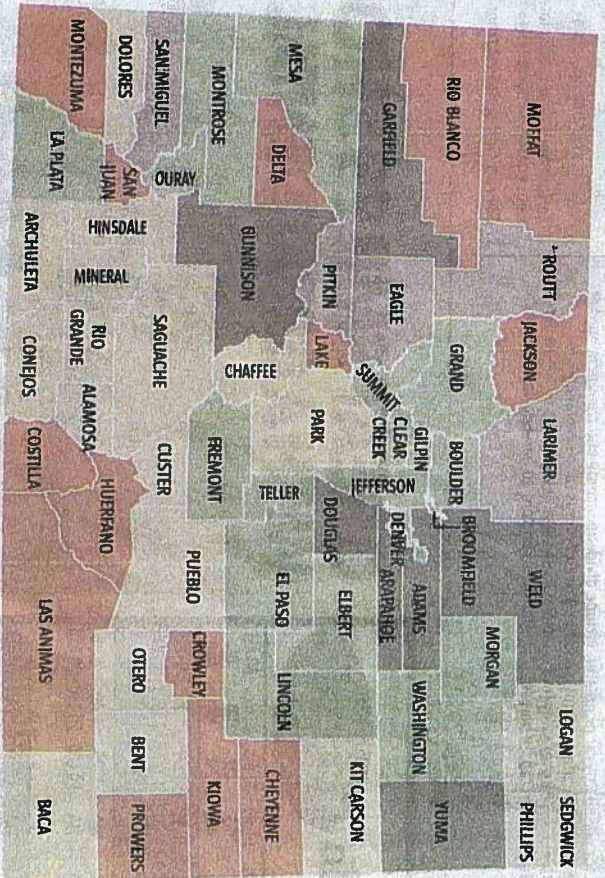
Counties most dependent on oil and gas production for tax revenues also are seeing big residential property gains. But with oil prices down by half, those counties could face lower overall tax revenues in the years ahead.

"The big variable for us is the valuation of oil and gas because it is so significant,"

## Rising property values

Property values in Colorado are assessed on a two-year cycle. The increases between June 30, 2012, and June 30, 2014, are among the biggest since 2001 in many counties. Those counties could charge and collect more next year, if voters have approved spending limit waivers under TABOR.

### CHANGE IN RESIDENTIAL ASSESSED VALUES 2015



Source: Division of Property Taxation, Colorado Counties Inc.

Weld County assessor Chris Woodruff said.

For Mullis, the higher residential values are important because they show an economy on the mend.

Consumers who aren't underwater on their mortgages are more comfortable

spending money, generating higher sales taxes. They are also freer to move,

which creates a more flexible labor market and boosts in-migration.

County officials say the extra revenues generated are going to patch the big

holes blown in their budgets following the 2008 recession.

In Larimer County, higher residential property taxes likely will go first to replenish reserves consumed during wildfires in 2012 and the September 2013 flood.

"Commissioners had pulled a lot of money out of reserves to fund those recovery efforts," said county manager Linda Hoffmann. "If you look at our general fund revenues, they have been flat for seven years."

In Garfield County, higher residential and commercial property taxes could help cover the gap from lower oil and gas prices, assessor Jim Yellico said.

About 72 percent of that county's assessed tax base is linked to oil and gas properties, which in turn are valued based on the underlying commodity. Large Western Slope producers W/PX Energy and Encana Corp. have dialed back operations in the wake of sliding prices.

Yellico notes the county also is coming off two dismal assessment cycles, where a 28.7 percent decline in residential assessed values was followed by a 23.4 percent decline.

For school districts, any increase in property tax revenues could help overcome the "negative factor." That is the shortfall, estimated at \$894 million statewide, between what state and local governments were required to provide in per-pupil funding for K-12

education under Amendment 23 and what they actually managed to fund.

About a dozen counties and some school and special districts won't be in a position to benefit from higher property values because of the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights.

TABOR limits the growth in residential property taxes counties can collect to inflation plus new construction minus demolition.

Voters in 50 counties have waived those limits or "de-bruced," although El Paso, Mesa, Jefferson, Pueblo and Weld have not.

Unable to capture the added revenues from higher property values, those counties actually could end up needing to draw a proportionately larger share of support from the state than their neighbors.

Weld County, in particular, appears vulnerable if oil and gas prices fall to recover. Unlike Garfield County, Weld won't be able to capture the 25 percent gain in residential assessed values not tied to new construction.

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