



ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA COMMUNICATION FORM

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| ITEM DATE: | ITEM TIME: |
| Tuesday, January 7, 2020 | 10:55am 11:55am |

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| FROM: | Jessica Valand, Director |
| TODAY'S DATE: | |
| AGENDA TITLE: | Northwest Workforce Area Update |
| CHECK ONE THAT APPLIES TO YOUR ITEM: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACTION ITEM | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DIRECTION | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION | |
| I. DESCRIBE THE REQUEST OR ISSUE: | |
| <p>The Northwest Workforce Area (Routt, Grand, Jackson, Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties) effectually dissolved the regional board in 2019, based upon the recommendation from members. This Board included LEO representation from the 5-county region. As part of the Board dissolution (largely replaced with smaller regional roundtables), the Workforce Director provides an annual update to county boards of commissioners on workforce development activities, labor and economic data. No action is requested of the commissioners.</p> | |
| II. RECOMMENDED ACTION (<i>motion</i>): | |
| None. | |
| III. DESCRIBE FISCAL IMPACTS (VARIATION TO BUDGET): | |
| PROPOSED REVENUE (<i>if applicable</i>): | |
| CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$0.00 | |
| PROPOSED EXPENDITURE: | |
| FUNDING SOURCE: | |
| SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NEEDED: YES NO | |
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| IV. IMPACTS OF A REGIONAL NATURE OR ON OTHER JURISDICTIONS (IDENTIFY ANY COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS ITEM): | |
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| V. BACKGROUND INFORMATION: | |



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Colorado is broken into 10 regional workforce areas by the US Department of Labor, one of which is the Rural Consortium--a 51 county region comprising most of the state outside of Mesa County and the I-25 corridor. Routt County is one of the 51-counties in the Consortium. The Consortium is considered a Federal Workforce Area. Because the Consortium is so large, it is further broken down into sub-areas, overseen by a regional director. Routt is part of the Northwest sub-area. CRS provides that sub-area workforce areas may have Workforce Development Boards, but this is not required.

The Rural Consortium IS required to have a Workforce Development Board. This Board meets 3 times per year (once virtually), and any local elected official would be encouraged and welcomed to attend. These meetings move around the state.

In 2019, the Northwest Workforce Development Board voted to dissolve their quarterly meeting structure, in lieu of regional roundtables, partnering with existing economic development efforts, and an annual region-wide event (to be held in Silverthorne on April 2, 2020).

VI. LEGAL ISSUES:

VII. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

VIII. SUMMARY AND OTHER OPTIONS:

IX. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS: Supplemental Budget Request