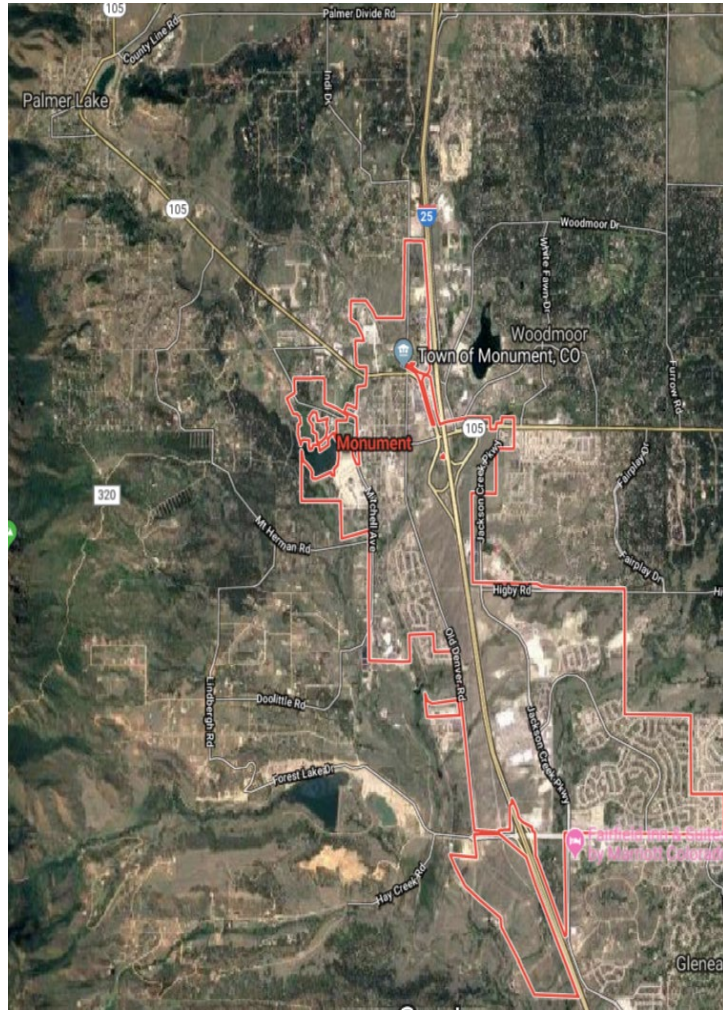




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El Paso County Update

February 7, 2020

Commissioners
Stan VanderWerf
Holly Williams



Overview

- **County Update**
- **Discussion and Q & A**



Board of El Paso County Commissioners



Holly Williams
District 1

Mark Waller
District 2, Chair

Stan VanderWerf
District 3

Longinos Gonzalez
District 4, Vice-Chair

Cami Bremer
District 5



Commissioner Boards



Commissioner Stan VanderWerf, District 3

- Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
- Airport Advisory Commission
- Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control, Greenway District Board
- Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG)
- Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA)
- Pikes Peak Workforce Consortium Executive Committee
- Public Art Commission of the Pikes Peak Region
- Pikes Peak Small Business Development Center Advisory Board
- 2020 Census Board
- El Paso County Regional Resiliency Collaborative
- Park Fee Advisory Committee
- Highway Advisory Commission
- Park Advisory Board
- Placement Alternatives Commission
- Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC Military Affairs Council
- El Paso County Board of Retirement
- Innovation & Technology Committee



County Update

Challenges And Achievements



Population Growth



- **714,398 Residents**
- **528,512 Incorporated**
- **185,866 Unincorporated**
- **Most populous County in Colorado**
- **Projected to Reach 1.2 million by 2050**

“How do we accommodate growth and retain the character of our neighborhood”



Major Achievements

El Paso County
A Region on the Rise





Major Achievements

El Paso County Sheriff's Office 2019 Illegal Marijuana Enforcement Efforts



- **5,938 plants seized**
(Street Value of \$5,938,000 at \$1,000 per plant)
- **1,205 pounds of processed marijuana seized**
(Street Value of \$4,217,500 at \$3,500 per pound)
- **\$152,712 in cash seized**



Public Works



- 4,407 Lane Miles
- 2,324 Lane Miles Paved
- 2,083 Lane Miles Gravel
- 270 Bridges
- 55 County-wide construction projects in 2019
- 68 Lane Miles of Chip Seal
- 152 Lane Miles of Dust Abatement
- 46 Lane Miles of Pavement Overlay
- Cost Saving Measures
- Brine System expanded to outlying yards
- Saves snow plows time and distanced during storms
- Implementation of the gravel reclamation system
- 33 miles completed YTD
- Reduced chemical usage / longer lasting road surface



County Clerk & Recorder



- 603,000 Vehicles Registered
- 89,000 Driver's Licenses Issued
- 167,445 Recorded Documents
- 411,392 Registered Voters
- 6,491 Marriages/Civil Unions



Pikes Peak Workforce



- **Successfully placed 13,910 people at an average annual wage of \$45,393 (\$11,364 more than the annual wage for all new hires in 2018)**
- **\$158.07 million in new worker earnings**
- **For every public dollar invested in workforce development activities in El Paso and Teller Counties, the return is \$22.76 in value-added worker earnings.**



District Attorney



- **Felony filings in El Paso County are up 53% over the past 5 years**
- **33,493 cases were prosecuted**
- **\$5,758,884 was collected in restitution for victims of crimes**
- **14 Homicide cases were taken to trial**



Human Services



- **16,503 reports of Child Abuse and Neglect**
- **\$7.9 million (average) in Food Assistance each month**
- **753 Out-of-Home placements for children living in foster/kin care in 2019**
- **El Paso County protects its most vulnerable citizen by providing a nurse to accompany a caseworker on every hotline call involving a child under 3 years old**



County Line Bridge



**How do we find funding to beautify
County Line Bridge?**



2020 Census

- El Paso County is taking an active role in community outreach for the upcoming 2020 Census
- El Paso County had 10,000 undercounted citizens in the last Census that resulted in approximately \$150,000,000 loss in federal government revenue
- El Paso County will leverage staff and resources to reach and engage citizens to take the Census through social media and making computers available at locations within the county for citizens to take the Census

EVERYONE

COUNTS *Census*
2020



\$18.3 Million Build Grant

