



DEPARTMENT UPDATE PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: 2025-02-24

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Darryl Johnson, Public Works Director

ITEM TITLE: **Report: Public Works Dept. Update**

The following items are for your review and discussion at the February 24, 2025 BoCC Meeting.

Public Works:

Buxton Grooming Garage – Attached is a preliminar schedule for the development of the Grooming Garage at the County Buxton property. This building will be constructed on the northwest corner of the property. A part of the BoCC conversations in support of this project included demolition of the existing Quonset.

Fuel tanks and pump will need to be removed. The diesel fuel tank was replaced with a horizontal tank at the Annex facility. There is an estimated 3 months worth of unleaded fuel remaining in the second tank. The unleaded tank and pumps will need to be removed prior to construction. A temporary solution could be fuel cards at one of the local fueling locations. A horizontal double lined unleaded fuel tank could be installed at the Buxton site if the County is interested in replacing the current one.

Teton County will own the new building. A draft MOU has been sent to the Prosecuting Attorney's office for review. The MOU is a 25 year lease agreement that we will discuss at a later date once I receive comments back from Legal.

Road Validation Hearing – Notices have been prepared. Public Works is waiting for Legal to confirm all property owners required by state statute are being noticed. Once notices are mailed, we will discuss and set a public hearing date.

A **Town Hall Meeting** has been scheduled for 2/27 from 6:00-8:00 to discuss the possibility of a permanent levy. Public Works will report on financial needs and then open the meeting up for discussion with the public.

Road & Bridge:

2025 Road Maintenance Preparation – Public Works and R&B are scheduling for summer maintenance work.

Solid Waste:

Crew Building & Scale Design – Public Works and Solid Waste are still working on a Request for Qualifications that we plan to notice for design and construction of a new Crew Building and second Scale House at the Transfer Station. Design will include site evaluation, building design and construction oversight. I hope to have the RFQ ready for review at the 3/10 BoCC meeting.

Facilities:

Law Enforcement Center HVAC Issues – For the past 3 to 4 weeks Facilities has been working with HVAC service provider to get the LEC building back to 100%. Two of the four compressors have failed and we are now waiting for parts.

The LEC HVAC system is an LG generation 3 system. The gen 3 system has been discontinued and the closest we can find parts is in Korea with an April ETA. At this point, we have no interest in replacing the discontinued models. We prefer to invest in an up to date system.

Facilities is trying to identify a HVAC design/service firm to evaluate our current system and recommend repair/replace options. I will discuss what has been learned since this report was submitted and options moving forward.

Unfortunately, there are no funds in the LEC facilities budget for this unforeseen need. All related expenses (including troubleshooting and system evaluation) will need to be paid from remaining cash.

Attachments:

Grooming Garage Schedule