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**CITIZEN OUTREACH GROUP**

**Citizen Outreach Group      June 19, 2023**

**Members Present  
In Person and Via  
Virtual/Teleconference  
Meeting:**

Jim Godfrey, Ruble Henderson, Art Glynn

**Members Absent:**

Sarah Brittain Jack, Carl “Chip” Frazer

**Commissioners Present:**

Carrie Geitner

**County Staff Present:**

Ryan Parsell, Vernon Stewart, Rebecca Rudder

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**I.      Call to Order, Jim Godfrey - Chair:** The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

**II.     Administrative Items, Jim Godfrey - Chair:**

**a.    Commissioner Liaison comments:**

**i.    Due to time constraints, Commissioner Carrie Geitner offered her comments at the onset he Administrative Items. She looks forward to hearing the discussion on moving forward with Citizen College and the Western Heritage events leading up to the Fair. She is also looking forward to hearing COG’s ideas about the survey and how they think the County is doing with it.**

**b.    A motion to accept as excused or unexcused absences of Board members Sarah Brittain Jack and Carl “Chip” Frazer**

**c.    A motion to approve and accept the April 17, 2023, meeting minutes as written was made by Ruble Henderson and seconded by Art Glynn.**

**III:   El Paso County Fair Focus Group Discussion – Pulled from Agenda but still seeking COG’s involvement with the Outreach booth.**

**a.    Ruble Henderson will man the table on Military Day (Saturday, July 15, 2023), as will Art Glynn. Jim Godfrey is tentative but likely.**

**b.    A member of Vernon Stewart’s Communications Team will reach out to the COG volunteers with details and sign up information.**

**c.    Ed Dills mentioned a VIP Luncheon and asked if COG would be invited. Vernon Stewart will find out and follow up with the COG members.**

- d. Dates of the Fair were confirmed as July 15<sup>th</sup> through July 22, 2023.

**IV: 2023 Citizens College Discussion, Jim Godfrey - Chair**

- a. Jim Godfrey and Ruble Henderson are scheduled to meet with Stephanie Adams on June 22, 2023, to discuss the transfer of records and to reactivate members from last year to discuss lessons learned, with a focus on attendance.
- b. Ruble Henderson will take the lead.
- c. Need to solidify dates with County staff and Departments to participate.

**V: Commissioner Redistricting, Ryan Parsell – Executive Director of Government Affairs:**

- a. First Redistricting meeting held on June 12, 2023, at Lewis Palmer High School and was well attended.
- b. The next Redistricting Meeting will be held on June 21, 2023, at Mountain View Academy Charter School.
- c. Website allows citizens to submit their own maps by July 24, 2023.
- d. August 15, 2023, is target wrap-up and final map adopted.
- e. Public comments can be viewed on the Redistricting website.

**VI: Other Updates:**

- a. Vernon Stewart provided an update on the “Commissioners on the Road” Program. The BoCC has completed “On the Road” meetings for District 1, District 2, and District 3. The District 4 meeting is scheduled for August 29<sup>th</sup> at Fountain City Hall, and the District 5 meeting is scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Regional Development Center.
- b. Ryan Parsell provided an update on the COG membership. Commissioner Bremer and Commissioner Geitner looked at the new by-laws and Ryan will present to full Board at a future Informal meeting. Once approved, Ryan will disseminate the by-laws to the COG members. There are no huge changes. Existing members will likely be moved to an at-large status, then each Commissioner will appoint a person from their district to conduct certain duties, such as planning Town Halls.
- c. The Sheriff will present the Public Safety Tax on September 18, 2023, then Budget discussions will occur in October and November.
- d. Jim Godfrey wants to connect the Sheriff with Assisted Living facilities to give residents an update on what is going on in the County.
- e. Commissioner Geitner confirmed she spoke with the Sheriff. He was not aware of the previous program but is willing to consider. He suggested that the Commissioners do it too, as a joint effort.

**VII: Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.