

gress. The standards for building a charter school are different from those of a traditional school. If the board were to sell the property, Clawson said, it should specify the use of the funds. Perhaps the board should give the public a chance to comment before a decision is made in September, he said.

Taylor said MA wishes to build there, and the board should not delay a decision when they have met all of the district's conditions.

The motion in favor of selling this property was defeated by a vote of 2-3, with Pfoff, Clawson, and Phillips voting no. The issue will be discussed again at the Sept. 17 meeting, so there is more time for public input.

Amendment 73 discussion

Upchurch made a presentation about proposed Amendment 73 on the November ballot.

The Colorado Association of School Boards supports the amendment and requested that all districts pass a motion in support of it.

In essence, the amendment would seek to alter the state tax structure so that the tax on residential property will not drop below 7 percent and the tax on commercial property will be taxed at 24 percent (without the amendment, residential property is expected to be 6.2 percent in 2019).

Individuals with an income below \$150,000 a year (over 90 percent of the population) would see no difference in their taxes. Those with higher incomes would see varying increases.

Upchurch demonstrated that District 38 would see an additional \$9.4

million per year, and the district would determine how it would be spent, thus protecting local control of funding. This amount could support such things as free full-day kindergarten and enhanced spending on special education, gifted-talented, and English language learners as well as reducing the amount of deferred maintenance in the district.

The total additional revenue statewide would be \$1.6 billion per year. This funding would be exempt from TABOR restrictions (the Taxpayers Bill of Rights requires that any new tax must be approved by the voters).

Public comments

Several community members expressed concern over the planned alcohol and drug rehabilitation center to occupy the former Ramada Inn on Woodmoor Drive. The major concerns were proximity to the middle school and the new trail to be built between the middle school, Palmer Ridge High School, and Lewis-Palmer Elementary school.

Wangeman said in her update that the district "had not taken a position on the facility," but that Chief of Security Dennis Coates had walked through the facility with the new owner to determine any safety concerns.

Coates said that the owner proposed to build a 7-foot privacy fence around the property, but that the trail will go around the back of the property and would be seen from the building. See related Mountain Springs/Ramada Community Meeting article on page 1.

Other comments included support for adding MA to the bond, a suggestion that the district address the problem of

teen suicide rather than adding armed security to the schools, and concern that the requests from MA continue to vary from building a high school to building a grade 6-12 school, then support for a gymnasium and an auditorium without

any updates or specific details shown in the official application plans available to the public on the district website.

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Monument Board of Trustees, Aug. 6

Town still lacks code enforcement officer

By Allison Robenstein

The Monument Board of Trustees (BOT) did not solve the town's code enforcement problem at its regular meeting Aug. 6, so the town was without an enforcement officer as of Aug 1. The BOT also did not yet approve the 2017 financial audit but did approve the second-quarter financial report. The board also made several land use resolutions.

Trustee Jeffrey Bornstein arrived late to the meeting.

Town has no code enforcement officer

In an effort to reduce costs, the BOT voted last year to bring in an outside firm for town code enforcement on a part-time basis. Community Preservation Specialists was selected, and Susie Ellis has provided enforcement with no negative feedback, said Town Treasurer and Acting Town Manager Pamela Smith. The

contract ended on July 31 and was not renewed during the July 16 BOT meeting, so as of Aug. 1, the town does not have a code enforcement officer. The BOT agreed to continue the discussion to this meeting.

Bornstein asked if the community had been polled to determine their approval of the code enforcement process for this past year. Unhappy residents would have called to complain, but no such criticism has been received, said Smith. Mayor Don Wilson said downtown business owners have spoken favorably of enforcement for the past year.

The motion to authorize the town manager to sign a contract for code enforcement services failed in a 3-3 vote, with Greg Coopman, Jeffrey Bornstein, and Laurie Clark voting no with no reason given. Smith reiterated this meant the town now has no code enforcement.

In public comments later in the



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