



**Above:** On Jan. 7, Monument Police Chief Jake Shirk (center) swore in new police officer Michael Case (left). His father, Bill Case (right), pinned on his new badge. *Photo by Jim Kendrick.*

Twin Lakes is a water collection system originally designed to collect water from the Roaring Fork River on the West Slope and release it into the Arkansas River, to be pulled out by sugar beet farmers in Crowley County, just east of Pueblo County. Since then the water has been converted through water court and is now fully consumable for municipal use. Each share represents about 1.1 acre-feet of water per year. No other water rights have been purchased by the town.

The town staff moved into the new Town Hall and Police Department building on May 7, 2009.

The board approved creation of the town's Acquisition Storage and Delivery (ASD) fund March 16, 2009, to better account for how the revenue from the town's 1 percent water sales tax is spent on acquisition, storage, and delivery of newly purchased water rights and paying off the cost of the new Town Hall/Police Department building. During the years 2009 through 2016, 65 percent of the water sales tax revenue will be placed in the new 2A ASD Fund, and the other 35 percent will pay off the \$4.4 million cost of the building.

On May 3, 2010, Barber and Town Manager Cathy Green proposed a \$6 million, 20-year lease/purchase contract for the purchase of Fountain Mutual Irrigation Co. water shares through Comanche Resources LLC of Colorado Springs. Former Mayor Betty Konarski, who

and Courthouse building that was proposed to be built on the vacant lot directly east of Grace Best Elementary School were abandoned when minimum cost was determined to be \$3.4 million.

On Dec. 1, 2008, the board approved an ordinance to amend the 2005 emergency ordinance. The amendment increased the Town Hall construction cost cap to \$4.4 million and changed the period, distribution, and annual amount of water sales tax revenue to be used to pay for the building. The total amounts of water sales tax revenue allocated under this new eight-year plan were \$1.751 million

for the building and \$3.721 million for water rights.

On March 2, 2009, the board unanimously approved the purchase of four shares of Twin Lakes Reservoir and Canal Co. for \$126,000 as proposed by town water broker Gary Barber.

Note: Barber was the manager of the Pikes Peak Rural Water Authority. He was the first executive director of the Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District but has resigned from that position. Barber continues to be the chair of the Arkansas Basin Roundtable.

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