

Zoning Map, not the Comprehensive Planning Map, must be used to make a decision. (Note that zoning can be changed, as seen in the Village Center at Woodmoor decision at this same meeting.)

Penewell's property is mostly zoned PID, which could also allow small offices or warehouses up to 50 feet tall.

For more information, refer to www.townofmonument.org/departments/comprehensive-plan/ and www.townofmonument.org/departments/maps/.

Two residents also spoke in favor of the proposed land use.

Public comments against the application included several business owners whose objections included:

- This is a backward step for the beautification of the town.
 - The town led me astray. We never anticipated a storage facility as a permitted use for this land based on the Comprehensive Planning Map.
 - I am concerned about my property losing its value.
- Several business owners thanked Penewell for cleaning up

the property when he purchased it and agreed that he had the right to do what he wanted to on his property if it met town laws.

BRRTA repayment delayed

Kaiser said he spoke with Gov. John Hickenlooper regarding Colorado Department of Transportation reimbursement to the Baptist Road Rural Transportation Authority (BRRTA) for expanding the Baptist Road interchange (Exit 158) for the state. Kaiser said that Hickenlooper told him that available funds for state roads have been cut in half so further state reimbursements to BRRTA will not occur in the near future.

BRRTA voters approved a temporary 1-cent, 20-year sales tax on Nov. 7, 2006 to pay for funding of the interchange expansion with \$21.5 million of privately owned general obligation revenue bonds when it became apparent that the state would be unable to pay for the expansion in the foreseeable future. This sales tax began on July 1, 2007. This temporary sales tax will continue to pay the principal interest for the privately owned bonds that financed the \$15 mil-

lion construction cost for the I-25 Exit 158 interchange expansion project. The state has only paid back \$3 million of the \$15 million BRRTA construction cost to date.

Town manager's report

Town Manager Pamela Smith said the town is advertising for a support services technician to support both the Planning and Public Works Departments, and a water billing technician.

Connie Paillette will transfer to the Finance Department. Bob Rummans will take on higher-level tasks in the Finance Department. "We will probably outsource some of the treasurer's duties until we have the opportunity to conduct a comprehensive search to replace the town treasurer/finance director," Smith's report said.

Town Clerk and Human Resources Director Cynthia Sirochman was unanimously selected as the newest member of the Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency (CIRSA) Board of Directors; filling the 10,000-and-below population vacancy.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

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Monument Board of Trustees, Nov. 17

Water dispute with Palmer Lake discussed

By Lisa Hatfield

At the Nov. 17 Monument Board of Trustees meeting, the trustees heard from Awake Palmer Lake supporters, listened to residents from Trails End asking when the bulk water station would be moved, and received the El Paso County Extension Office's suggestions for improving the town's urban forest. Maggie Williamson was named Citizen of the Year, and the LPHS Girls Volleyball team was recognized.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jeff Kaiser and Trustees Kelly Elliot and Stan Gingrich were excused.

Palmer Lake water litigation

Five Palmer Lake representatives, including trustees and members of Awake Palmer Lake, asked to present their side of the story regarding pending litigation between Monument and Palmer Lake on a "water change issue."

At issue are the water rights

abandoned by the railroad in 1957 but used by Palmer Lake to fill the lake until 2002, when the State Division of Water Resources told the town to stop using the water since it did not have legal water rights to it. The legal dispute now has to do, in part, with the interpretation of "abandonment" and the type of decreed water use.

Public comments included concerns about the negative effects of the pending litigation on

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