

Lisa Hatfield can be reached at [lisahatfield@ocn.me](mailto:lisahatfield@ocn.me).

Thanks to volunteer Bob Evans for recording this meeting and taking notes and

photos for Our Community News.

Monument Board of Trustees, April 4

# Kaiser appointed mayor; BRRTA sales tax ends

By Lisa Hatfield

The April 4 meeting of the Monument Board of Trustees occurred a week after the resignation of Mayor Rafael Dominguez and the night before the election for four open trustee positions on the board. The trustees appointed Mayor Pro-Tem Jeff Kaiser to be the new mayor, announced April 18 to be the deadline for applications for the trustee position opened by the departure of Dominguez, and shared opinions about the current state of the town.

They heard reports on the end of the Baptist Road Rural Transportation Authority (BRRTA) one percent sales tax and the recent board retreat that gave direction to town staff on the vision for Monument in 2026.

### Dominguez replaced by Kaiser

Town Clerk Cynthia Sirochman read for the record that Dominguez resigned as mayor on March 29. As part of the consent agenda, the trustees accepted his resignation "with thanks to the mayor for his service during his term of office." Kaiser said that Dominguez had to resign because his new employer said serving as mayor was in conflict of interest with his new position.

Town Attorney Gary Shupp said that the board had the power to appoint a replacement mayor within 60 days of the resignation, but if that did not occur, a special election would need to be held, which would cost several thousand dollars. He said if a mayor were appointed from among the trustees this evening, then the town could advertise for a replacement for the other newly-vacant trustee position.

The trustees voted unanimously to appoint a new mayor at this meeting and advertise for the open trustee position, with April 18 as the initial deadline for applications.

Trustee Jeff Smith nominated Mayor Pro-Tem Kaiser to fill the mayoral vacancy. Kaiser's appointment was approved unanimously.

The positions for trustees Jeff Bornstein, John Howe, Jeff Smith, and Becki Tooley would be decided by the April 5 election. Bornstein, Howe, and Tooley were running for re-election, but Smith was not. Kaiser said that as of April 4, voters had cast 598 ballots out of a possible 4,603 registered voters in the town of Monument. See related election results article on page 10.

Kaiser said that on May 2, Tami Tanoue, lead counsel for Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency (CIRSA), would conduct a one-hour session called "Do's & Don'ts of Quasi-Judicial Proceedings" recommended for any current or new trustees, planning commissioners, board of adjustment members, other members of the town staff, and the public. He said, "(Trustees) can be sued, and CIRSA will only cover you in certain instances."

### Trustees' comments

John Howe's comments included:

- Congratulations to Palmer Lake Mayor Nikki McDonald on finishing her term and her 20 years of service to Palmer Lake.
- Thank you to Jeff Kaiser for accepting the position of mayor.
- We need volunteers for the Great American Cleanup on April 23.

Kelly Elliott's comments included:

- This election period has had a bit of unbalanced media coverage of the various trustee candidates.
- It's time to stop the inaccurate information being disseminated about certain board members.



## Professional Deck Restoration

We repair and improve all aspects of decks. Since 1999. Free Estimates.

CALL TODAY!

**BORDERS**

Deck Care & Maintenance

**719-578-8900**

[www.Bordersdeckcare.com](http://www.Bordersdeckcare.com) or [bordersdeck@hotmail.com](mailto:bordersdeck@hotmail.com)

Southern Colorado's Leader for Custom Cabinetry Design

## Brooks Brothers Cabinetry, Inc.



The Top Kitchen Designers in Southern Colorado Right Here in Monument!



2015 Parade of Homes 'People's Choice' Award Winner

- Residential
- Commercial
- Kitchens
- Bathrooms
- Home Theater
- Home Office
- Closets
- Garages
- Laundry
- Mantels

... and more!

### Showroom Location

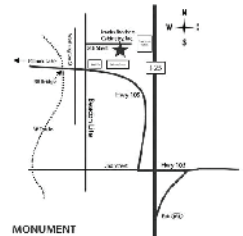
530 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Monument, CO 80132

(Behind Safeway)

Come See Us Today!

**719-481-8222**

[www.BrooksBrothersCabinetry.com](http://www.BrooksBrothersCabinetry.com)



"Expect Excellence"



## Are you worried about your investment assets?

Unbiased, independent advice.

We've all seen the headlines: the markets soar and then they crash. As an individual investor, you just want to protect your future. You're not looking to get rich fast, but rather want to see your investments perform so that they can provide for you, long term. At Lang Investment Services, we focus on your big picture goals to craft a plan that helps protect your assets during the lean years and helps them grow when times are good.



Plant a seed toward securing your future. Call Matthew Lang at (719) 481-0887.

Strategic Asset Management • Tax Advantaged Investing • Retirement Planning Insurance • Investment Guidance • Consulting

236 North Washington St., Monument, CO 80132 • [langinvestmentservices.com](http://langinvestmentservices.com)

Securities and advisory services offered through Commonwealth Financial Network, Member FINRA/SIPC, a Registered Investment Adviser. Fixed insurance products and services offered through CES Insurance Agency.