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PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Administration

(544 Rood Ave.) 244-1885

County Administrator

Internal Services Director – Frank Whidden

- Administration of day-to-day operations on behalf of the County Commissioners
- Public hearings
- Community grant requests
- Economic development requests
- Communications

Animal Services (971A Coffman Rd.)

242-4646

- Animal control enforcement for Mesa County and the City of Grand Junction
- Animal sheltering services for Mesa County, the City of Grand Junction, Fruita, Debeque, Collbran and Palisade
- Management of displaced pets including placement into lifelong homes.

Assessor (544 Rood Ave.) 244-1610

Assessor – Ken Brownlee

- Identify and value all taxable property in the County for tax purposes
- Reporting of values to taxing authorities and taxpayers
- Preparation of tax roll for collection and disbursement of taxes to tax authorities that provide public service

Clerk & Recorder (200 S. Spruce St.)

244-1714

Clerk & Recorder – Sheila Reiner

Recording (200 S. Spruce St.) 244-1679

- Marriage licenses
 - Document recording and record certification
- Elections (200 S. Spruce St.) 244-1662**
- Voter registration maintenance and district boundary maintenance as it relates to voting privileges
 - Administration and management of elections; tabulation of election results

Motor Vehicle (Multiple locations below)

244-1664

- Registration and title for all motor vehicles & vehicle VIN inspections; lien recording and revenue collection
- Motor vehicle customer services at:
 - **Mesa County Central Services (200 S. Spruce St.)**
 - **Clifton (Peachtree Shopping Center, 3225 I-70 Business Loop, #A2)**
 - **Fruita (Civic Center, 325 E. Aspen Ave.)**

Clerk to the Board (200 S Spruce) 244-1896

- Attends sessions of the Board of County Commissioners
- Keeps a record of the proceedings
- Conducts property valuation protest hearings
- Liquor licenses

Coroner (Community Hospital) 256-6462

Coroner – Dr. Dean Havlik, Forensic

Pathologist

- Investigation and determination of cause and manner of death
- Pronouncements of death
- Autopsies to determine cause and manner of death

County

Attorney (544 Rood

Ave.) 244-1612

County Attorney – Patrick Coleman

- Represent the Board of County Commissioners and various County departments, elected officials and employees in civil law matters
- Represent the People of the State of Colorado, through the Department of Human Services, in dependency and neglect cases, and in child support enforcement cases
- Represent the People of the State of Colorado in mental health, alcohol, and drug involuntary commitment cases

Criminal Justice Services (636 South Ave. & 650 South Ave. & 436 S. Seventh St.)

244-3344

Director – Dennis Berry

- Operation of alternative sentencing programs
- Summit View Treatment Program
- Community Corrections
- Useful Public Service
- Day Reporting Program
- Pretrial Services
- Restorative Justice Program

District Attorney, 21st Judicial District (125 N. Spruce St.) 244-1730

District Attorney – Dan Rubinstein

- Prosecution of criminal cases, civil forfeiture cases, juvenile cases
- Domestic violence and juvenile diversion programs
- Victims' services
- Consumer fraud information

Emergency Management (215 Rice St.)

244-1763

Manager – Andy Martsof

- Regulation and oversight of the Emergency Medical Services system
- Coordination of all necessary activities to ensure effective functioning of the emergency management system
- Hazard identification, planning and mitigation
- Development, maintenance and exercising of disaster plans

Finance (544 Rood Ave.) 244-1675

CFO – Scott Stewart

- Maintains financial records
- Coordinates development of County's budget and capital investment program

Fleet Division (971 Coffman Rd.) 244-1820

Manager – Scott Forsgren

- Vehicle and equipment asset management
- Acquisition, fueling, repair and maintenance support to all county departments and the Grand Valley Transit bus system

Health Department (510 29 1/2 Rd.) 248-6900

Director – Jeff Kuhr, Ph.D.

- **Air Quality**
 - Air quality monitoring and advisories
 - Pollen counts

- Open burn permits
- **Consumer Protection**
 - Restaurant inspections and licensing
 - Inspections: Day care, water well and body art facilities
 - Foodborne illness complaints
 - Food handler classes
 - School chemical safety
- **Vector Surveillance and Control**
 - Mosquito and bird (West Nile Virus, St. Louis Encephalitis)
 - Mosquito control (outside of mosquito control district)
 - Rodent population (Plague, hanta virus)
 - Beaver trapping permits

Health Services

- Immunizations- child, adult, travel
- Health care program for children with special needs
- EPSDT program
- Family planning
- **Home Visit Nursing**
- **Communicable Disease Investigation**
- **Health Education**
- **Special Projects**
- **Emergency Preparedness and Response**
- **Laboratory Services**
 - Supporting public health
 - Swimming pool inspection
 - Well water testing
 - Hot tub water testing

Administration

- **Public Information**
- **Birth and Death Certificates**
- **Nutritional Programs**
 - WIC program

Human Resources (544 Rood Ave.) 244-1856

- Recruitment, benefits, and employee services
- Job postings

Human Services (510 29 1/2 Rd.) 241-8480

Director – Tracey Garchar

• Public Relations 256-2453

Adult Services

- Adult Protection Hotline 248-2888
- Area Agency on Aging 248-2717
- Options for Long-Term Care 248-8888
- Adult Resources for Care and Help 248-2746
- Western Colorado 2-1-1 Resources and Referrals—Dial 211 or 244-8400 from a cell phone

Child and Family Services

- Child Protection Hotline 242-1211
- Adolescent Services
- Family Preservation Programs (family therapy, life skills, home-based)
- Foster Care Information Line 248-2794
- Kinship Care Programs

Economic Assistance

- Child Support Services 248-2780
- Medical Programs
- Food Assistance
- Child Care Assistance

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- Colorado Works Program
- LEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program)
- Aid to Needy Disabled/Blind
- Old Age Pension
- Welfare Fraud Hotline 256-2421

Workforce Center (512 29 1/2 Road)

248-0871

- Comprehensive employment and training programs
- Economic development requests
- Job Seekers
 - Job referrals, education & training
- Services for Employers
 - Job posting and outreach
 - Applicant screening and assessment
- Job Services for Veterans
- Veterans Affairs Program 248-2733

Information Technology (544 Rood Ave.)

683-4200

- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Support for County technology services

Public Trustee (544 Rood Ave.) 254-4180

Mesa County Public Trustee – Michael Moran

- Foreclosure processing and DOT release

Public Works (200 S. Spruce St.) 244-1765

Director – Peter Baier

Administration (200 S. Spruce St.) 244-1765

- Budget and project planning for Mesa County Capital Improvement Program
 - Rights-of-Way and Property Agent for Mesa County Public Works
 - Contract and grant administration for Mesa County Public Works
 - Transportation and utility permits
- Building Division (200 S. Spruce St.) 244-1631**
- Building permits
 - Building inspections to regulate construction, use and occupancy
 - Administration and enforcement of building codes adopted in Mesa County
 - Maintenance of record system as required by law

Engineering Division (200 S. Spruce St.)

244-1765

- Design construction of road infrastructure
- Administration of floodplain regulations
- G.P.S./Surveying – Geodetic Control and G.P.S. data
- Development Engineering

Planning Division (200 S. Spruce St.) 244-1636

- Processing of development applications
- Mesa County Master Plan and Planning Commission Support
- Mesa County Land Development Code

- Transportation impact fee
- Access review

Regional Transportation Planning Office

(525 S. Sixth St.) 255-7188

- Long-range transportation planning
- Transportation demand modeling
- Regional transportation coordination
- Administers grants and contracts for the Grand Valley Transit system (256-RIDE)

Road and Bridge Division (971B Coffman Rd.) 244-1807

- Maintenance of the road system; i.e. storm drainage facilities; roads, all surface types
- Bridge repair
- Snow and ice removal on designated roads
- Emergency response 24/7 to situations affecting the road system

Solid Waste Management (3701 U.S. Hwy. 50) 241-6846

- Mesa County Landfill
 - Hazardous Waste Collection Facility
 - Organic Materials Composting Facility
- Traffic Division (971B Coffman Rd.) 244-1817**
- Monitoring of traffic and traffic signals
 - Road signals and markings
 - Traffic count and accident history maintenance
 - Driveway permits

Purchasing (544 Rood Ave.) 255-7151

Manager – Dan Frank

- Supply and service procurement for Mesa County

Code Compliance (200 S. Spruce St.)

255-5034

- Zoning and code compliance

CSU Extension – Tri-River Area (2775 US

Highway 50) 244-1834

- Agriculture and natural resources education
- 4-H Programs
- Horticulture and gardening information
- Master Gardener program
- Weed and Pest control (255-7121)
- Food safety and human nutrition
- Entomology

Facilities (2785 U.S. Hwy. 50) 244-3230

Director – Greg Linza

- Oversight of major facility construction projects; management, repair and maintenance of county buildings
- Management, repair and maintenance of county grounds
- Outlying parks/trails development, management and maintenance; parks planning in unincorporated areas

Fairgrounds

(2785 US Highway 50) 256-

1531

Manager - Jo Carole Haxel

- Mesa County Fair
- Animal shows and exhibitions
- Family entertainment

Sheriff (215 Rice St.) 244-3500

Mesa County Sheriff – Matt Lewis

- Law enforcement
- Criminal investigations
- Court security
- Detention facility operations
- Search and rescue
- Wildland fire protection
- Victims' assistance
- Citizens on patrol
- Civil process
- Concealed weapons permits

Surveyor (544 Rood Ave.) 244-1821

Mesa County Surveyor – Patrick Green, PLS

- Provide public with information related to property
- Provide copies of existing property surveys and subdivision plats
- Provide GIS photo overlay on property
- Answer property-related questions
- Provide access to historic records for surveyors
- Maintain deposit survey files
- Resolve/replace disputed land corners
- Inform county attorney of any potential land disputes
- Assist county departments in survey-related issues
- County representative in county boundary disputes

Treasurer (544 Rood Ave.) 244-1833

Mesa County Treasurer – Janice Rich

- Tax collection and distribution to the Taxing Authorities (County, School Districts, Municipalities, Special Districts, etc.)
- Property tax statement distribution
- Receipt and accounting of monies sent to Mesa County (fees, deposits from other offices, Federal and State, etc.)
- Disbursement of monies for obligations of the County on the orders of the Board of County Commissioners
- Investment of any available funds



REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Mesa County Commissioners (544 Rood Avenue)	244-1885
Assessor (544 Rood Avenue)	244-1610
Clerk & Recorder (200 S. Spruce St.)	244-1714
Coroner (2021 N. 12th Street)	256-6462
District Attorney (125 N. Spruce Street, 2nd Floor)	244-1730
Sheriff (215 Rice Street)	244-3500
Surveyor (544 Rood Avenue)	244-1821
Treasurer (544 Rood Avenue)	244-1833

COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

Administration (544 Rood Avenue)	244-1800
Animal Services (971A Coffman Rd)	242-4646
Building Inspection (200 S. Spruce St.)	244-1631
County Attorney (544 Rood Avenue)	244-1612
Criminal Justice Services (636 South Avenue & 650 South Avenue)	244-3344
CSU Extension – Tri-River Area (Mesa County Fairgrounds, 2775 U.S. Highway 50)	244-1834
Elections (200 S. Spruce St.)	244-1662
Emergency Management (215 Rice St.)	244-1763
Engineering (200 S. Spruce St.)	244-1765
Facilities (2785 U.S. Highway 50)	244-3230
Fairgrounds (2785 U.S. Highway 50)	256-1531
Finance (544 Rood Avenue)	244-1675
Fruita Human Services Office (215 N. Plum St.)	244-5900
GIS (544 Rood Avenue)	244-1796
Health Department (510 29 1/2 Road)	248-6900
Human Resources (544 Rood Avenue)	244-1856
Human Services (510 29 1/2 Road)	241-8480
Information Technology (544 Rood Avenue)	683-4200
Motor Vehicle Services (Various Locations)	244-1664
Planning (200 S. Spruce St.)	244-1636
Public Trustee (544 Rood Ave.)	254-4180
Public Works (200 S. Spruce St.)	244-1765
Purchasing (544 Rood Avenue)	255-7153
Recording – Clerk and Recorder (200 S. Spruce St.)	244-1679
Regional Transportation Planning Office (525 S. 6th Street)	255-7188
Risk Management (544 Rood Avenue)	244-1868
Road & Bridge (971B Coffman Rd.)	244-1807
Traffic (971B Coffman Rd.)	244-1817
Waste Management (3071 Highway 50)	242-7436
Weed and Pest Control (2775 Highway 50)	255-7121
Workforce Center (512 29 1/2 Road)	248-0871

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GEOGRAPHY & CLIMATE

ABOUT MESA COUNTY

Date of incorporation:	February 11, 1883
Area in square miles:	3,309
Percentage of public lands in Mesa County:	71%
Estimated 2013 population:	153,646*
Number of County Commissioners:	Three

MESA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

John Justman
District 1, 244-1605, Term expires 1/2017

Scott McInnis
District 2, 244-1604, Term expires 1/2019

Rose Pugliese
District 3, 244-1606, Term expires 1/2017

Other Elected Officials in Mesa County:

Assessor—Ken Brownlee
Clerk & Recorder—Sheila Reiner
Coroner—Dr. Dean Havlik
District Attorney—Dan Rubinstein
Sheriff—Matt Lewis
Surveyor—Patrick Green, PLS
Treasurer—Janice Rich

Mesa County lies on the Western border of Colorado and covers 3,309 square miles. It consists of the City of Grand Junction (32.72 square miles), the City of Fruita (6.02 square miles), and the towns of Palisade (1.04 square miles), Collbran (.48 square miles), and DeBeque (.31 square miles). There are 3,268.43 square miles of unincorporated area throughout the county. Grand Junction is the largest city between Salt Lake City, Utah and Denver, Colorado; therefore, it serves as a regional hub for services, entertainment, shopping, education and medical technologies.

Mesa County enjoys a mild, high-desert climate and 280 days of sunshine per year, with low humidity and moderate temperatures.

Means:	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
Precipitation	1.62	2.84	1.91	2.62
Snowfall	15.1	4.2	0	2.8
Temperature	29.5 (F)	51.6 (F)	74.1 (F)	52.1 (F)

*According to the Colorado State Demography Office

In addition to the climate, Mesa County has many natural features that make it an attractive place to visit and live; some of which include:

- **The Colorado National Monument** is a beautiful geological display of towering red sandstone monoliths set against deep, sheer-walled canyons which are scattered throughout the more than 20,000 acres of the park.
- **McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area** is a high-desert wilderness area that includes unique sandstone formations, canyons, river valleys, dinosaur quarries and other sites of paleontological significance.
- **The Grand Mesa National Forest ("The Mesa")** is one of the world's largest flat-top mountains. It is dotted with more than 300 alpine lakes and reservoirs providing excellent fishing. With an average elevation of 10,000 feet, the Grand Mesa affords excellent vistas of the Grand Valley below and the San Juan mountain range to the southeast.
- **Mount Garfield and the Bookcliff Mountains** stand more than 2,000 feet above the valley floor, at an elevation of approximately 6,000 feet. The Bookcliff Mountains then stretch 180 miles to Price, Utah; making them the longest east-to-west mountain range in the United States.
- **The Colorado and Gunnison Rivers** offer excellent recreation opportunities including fishing, rafting and kayaking. There is also an extensive riverfront trail system along the Colorado River for use by hikers and bikers.

COUNTY MISSION: Mesa County supports and enhances our community by efficiently addressing needs and services.

COUNTY VISION: Mesa County is a magnet for business opportunity that is an attractive place to live, work and raise a family, while enjoying our abundant recreational resources.

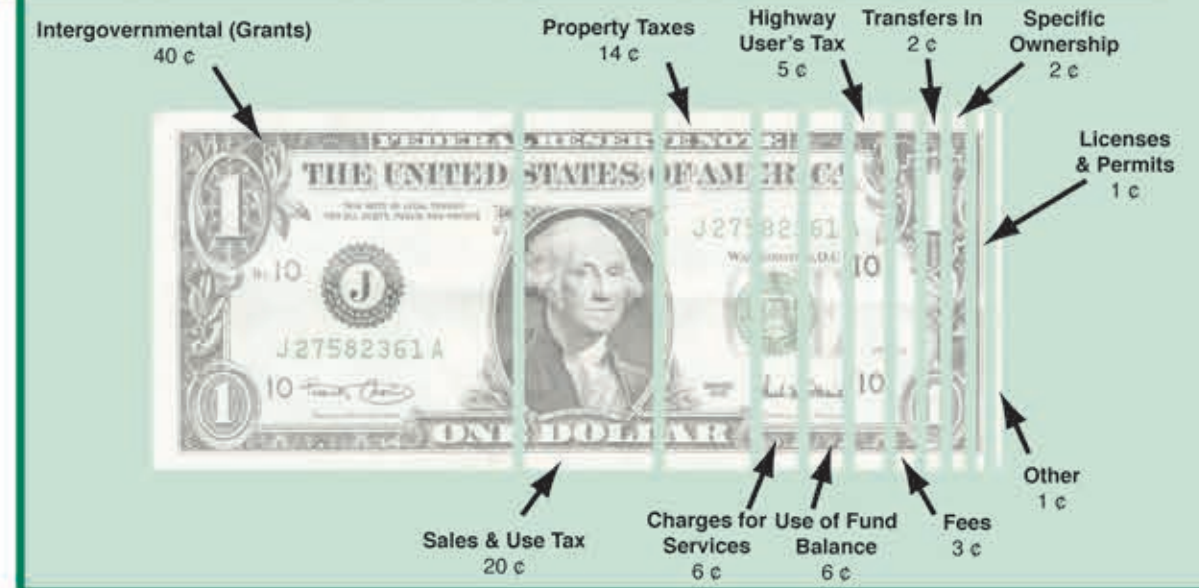
Public Hearings before the Board of Mesa County Commissioners are held at:

544 Rood Ave. —Public Hearing room (Second Floor)

Mondays, 9:00 a.m. (Administrative)
Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. (as needed) (Land Use)

The above meetings are broadcast live on Mesa County Cable Channel 191, and are webcast at: www.mesacounty.us.

Mesa County Budgeted Revenues - Fiscal Year 2015 - \$144,968,814



Mesa County Budgeted Expenditures - Fiscal Year 2015 - \$154,335,353

