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## Polling Results Are In!

### **More than 8,000 Mesa County residents participated in the county's second telephone town hall meeting**

The Mesa County Commissioners held their second town hall meeting via telephone on Saturday— with 8,111 citizens on the line for a portion of the hour-long call, and more than 900 people on the line for the majority of the hour.

The topic of this telephone forum was the county's 2010 budget. Residents were asked to provide their input on how to prioritize county services. **Results of polling questions asked during the large conference call are now available on the Mesa County website: [www.mesacounty.us](http://www.mesacounty.us)**—along with the full audio file of the forum. [Click here for the direct link to our "Teleforums" webpage.](#)

During the town hall meeting, participants were able to ask questions of the County Commissioners by dialing \*3. While a number of questions were asked live during the call, the County Commissioners want to address all the questions that they were not able to answer live before the forum ended. They will post written responses on the web as soon as possible.

"This technology allows us to communicate with many more people than we could reach in person," according to County Commissioner Janet Rowland. "If we had held this at the Courthouse on Saturday, we would have been lucky to have half a dozen people. This format provided us with some truly helpful input from citizens for next year's budget decisions."

The call went out at approximately 9:00 on Saturday morning to all active, registered voters who have their phone number listed with the Elections office in Mesa County. Most of the calls that were answered by a live person resulted in participation for some of the hour-long forum. The peak number of attendees was 911 at one time.

The County Commissioners expect to hold additional telephone town hall meetings later in the year. If you did not receive the call this time around, you can visit the Mesa County website to sign up to receive the next call. [Click here for the direct link to our "Teleforums" webpage.](#)

Citizens can also call in at the scheduled times. The toll-free number is: **1-877-229-8493**. (When prompted, enter the following PIN#: **14661**). Please visit our website in the future to find out when the next teleforum will take place.

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