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STUDY SESSION AGENDA TUESDAY September 6, 2016

ALL TIMES LISTED ON THIS AGENDA ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

4:00 P.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Jeanne Shreve / Kevin Doran
	ITEM:	Legislative Update
5:00 P.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Todd Leopold
	ITEM:	Administrative Item Review / Commissioner Communications

(AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS OF PUBLIC BUSINESS WHICH MAY ARISE)

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STUDY SESSION AGENDA ITEM

DATE:	September 6, 2016
SUBJECT:	Legislative Agendas, Lobbying Contracts, and County Membership Organizations
FROM:	Kevin Doran, Legislative Liaison
AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:	Intergovernmental Relations Office, County Manager's Office
ATTENDEES:	Kevin Doran, Jeanne Shreve, Todd Leopold
PURPOSE OF ITEM:	Brief the BoCC on the status of the County's federal and state lobbying contracts and how BoCC would like to proceed, discuss proposed 2017 legislative agendas and get Commissioner input, and discuss issues related to MACC and CCI
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:	Review and discussion

BACKGROUND:

The county's federal lobby contract will expire on January 5, 2017 and staff is preparing to issue an RFP in mid-September to ensure a new contract is in place by January 2017.

The state lobby contract has two 1-year extensions remaining and staff will be requesting direction from the Board on their desire to exercise the first 1-year extension with Holland & Hart to retain their services through 2017.

Staff has prepared a presentation to review the current status of the County's federal and state lobbying contracts, with the goal of ascertaining how the BoCC would like to proceed with those contracts for 2017. In addition, the presentation will serve to further guide the discussion related to the County's 2017 federal and state legislative agendas, as well as discuss specific issues related to our membership in MACC and CCI.

This Study Session will follow up on the Study Session held on June 21, 2016 in which the Intergovernmental Relations Office (IRO) & Legislative Working Group (LWG) presented a final summary of the 2016 General Assembly's Session, and began the discussion related to the County's 2017 legislative agenda.

AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS OR OTHER OFFICES INVOLVED:

Intergovernmental Relations Office, Legislative Working Group, County Manager's Office

ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:

Power Point Presentation: 2017 Legislative Agenda & Related Issues

FISCAL IMPACT:

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New FTEs requested: YES NO

Future Amendment Needed: YES NO

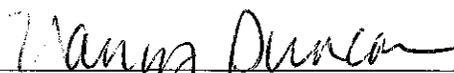
Additional Note:

APPROVAL SIGNATURES:

APPROVAL OF FISCAL IMPACT:



 Todd Leopold, County Manager



 Budget / Finance

 Raymond H. Gonzales, Deputy County Manager

 Ed Finger, Deputy County Manager

2017 Legislative Agenda & Related Issues



**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS OFFICE
KEVIN DORAN & JEANNE SHREVE
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

Overview

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- Federal Lobbying Contract and Legislative Priorities
- State Lobbying Contract and Legislative Priorities
- County Membership Organizations

Federal Lobbying Contract

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- Original Normandy Group contract was executed in January 2014
- Since then the County has twice exercised its option to extend the contract by one year
 - Original contract provides for only two (2), one (1) year extensions
- Current contract with the Normandy Group expires on January 5, 2017
- Staff goal: Have federal lobbyist onboard prior to January 2017

Federal Lobbying Contract – Tentative Work Plan for 2017

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- 2016 Work Plan Items
 - Aviation/Aerospace
 - Criminal and Juvenile Justice
 - Economic Development
 - Environmental
 - Transportation
 - Veterans Issues

- New Additions
 - Senior/Aging Issues?
 - ✦ Older Americans Act
 - Hold Harmless Provision and negative impact to Colorado
 - Affordable Housing?
 - ✦ Federal grants/opportunities/policies
 - Other items/issues/policies of interest or emphasis areas from BoCC?
 - ✦ Will be included in federal RFP for desired lobbying services

Federal Lobbying Contract – Tentative Work Plan for 2017 (Cont.)

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- IRO to set up meetings with Commissioners on an individual basis to ascertain specific federal priorities
 - Likely to occur in mid-October
- After gathering all info, will report back to BoCC on common areas in future Study Session
 - Process separate and apart from federal RFP process due to timing (per next slide)

Federal Lobbying Contract – Anticipated Timeline for New RFP/Contract

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Date	Action Item
Sept. 6	Per this Study Session, get BoCC Direction and Emphasis Areas for RFP
Week of Sept. 13	Finalize RFP and Advertise
Week of Oct. 4	End RFP Period, Receive Responses
Oct. 17-31	IRO to Conduct In-Person or Phone Interviews with Lobbyist Candidates
Week of Oct. 31	Brief County Manager on Above Interviews
By Nov. 7	Inform All Prospective Lobbyist Candidates of BoCC Interview/Interaction Meeting Dates (see below)
Week of Nov. 14	Interested Commissioners to Conduct/Attend Consultant Interviews and Interactions with Short-List of Prospective Lobbyist Candidates
By December 13	Approve Lobbying Contract

State Lobbying Contract

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- Original Holland & Hart contract was executed in January 2016
- County has the option to extend the contract
 - Contract provides for two (2), one (1) year extensions
- Current Holland & Hart term expires on January 11, 2017
- County can either exercise its option to extend the contract for another year or bid out a new contract
- If new contract is desired, timeline for new RFP/contract would follow federal RFP schedule

State Legislative Agenda – Potential 2017 Legislative Initiatives/Issues

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- 2016 Legislative Agenda Items
 - Economic Development
 - Housing
 - Marijuana
 - Oil & Gas
 - Transportation

- New Additions
 - County Authority for Home Inspections
 - ✦ Balanced Housing Plan and Needs Assessment needed before undertaking this issue – have to fully understand issue and present situation/needs in order to create legislative solutions
 - Data gathering for plan to be completed by EOY 2016, Plan and Needs Assessment completed by July 2017
 - Enabling Legislation to use General Funds for Pension Programs
 - ✦ **Gallagher Study on County's pension issues needed before undertaking this issue** – have to fully understand issue and present situation/needs in order to create legislative solutions
 - Study to be presented to County around October 2016
 - Transportation Value Capture
 - ✦ IRO and lobbyists working with Broomfield to determine reintroduction in 2017 before undertaking this as an Adams County bill
 - Other items/issues/policies of interest or emphasis areas from BoCC?

State Legislative Agenda – Ongoing IRO Work

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- Monitoring for 2017 issue trends
- IRO currently meeting with all AdCo General Assembly candidates to identify their legislative priorities for 2017 and share 2016 County priorities
 - Explain role of IRO/LWG and our internal process for legislation
 - Maintain existing relationships, foster new ones
 - Identify legislation where our delegation might need County assistance – build political capital
 - Create an environment where our legislators are comfortable actively seeking County input on legislation before drafting or introducing bills – especially on legislation directly affecting the County

County Membership Organizations - MACC

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- Next Meeting on September 23 – Housing and Organizational Proposal
 - Same day as the last day of the 10-County Budget Conference
 - Currently Boulder, Arapahoe, and Denver have **RSVP'd** to MACC
 - MACC reaching out to Douglas, Broomfield and JeffCo to confirm their attendance as well
- Which AdCo Commissioners are attending MACC?
 - AdCo staff attending MACC: Joelle Greenland, Community Development Manager & Sarah Vogl, Manager of Development (ACHA)

County Membership Organizations – MACC (Cont.)

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- MACC Organizational Proposal
 - Developed at May 13 special meeting and modified at May 27 regular meeting
 - Vote on Organizational Proposal to take place at next MACC meeting on Sept. 23

MACC Organizational Proposal – BoCC Vote Required

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1. MACC will focus on common issues that are timely and relevant to the metro area counties
2. MACC meetings will facilitate relationship building and information sharing between counties
3. MACC will utilize a unanimous-based decision-making process
 - a. Meaning no counties can abstain from voting if their jurisdiction has not taken a position; that would result in a non-unanimous decision on an issue
 - b. Action item materials (e.g. letters) should be shared with MACC members with sufficient lead time to allow members **to discuss the item with their commissions prior to MACC's** consideration (ideally three weeks). Counties are expected to come to meetings prepared, having discussed any such action items so that votes can be taken in a timely fashion

MACC Organizational Proposal – BoCC Vote Required (Cont.)

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4. While not a primary focus, MACC may on occasion take positions on state legislation or other issues when the issue is unique to the metro area and the voice of the metro area counties is needed (e.g. extension of the SCFD sales tax)
5. MACC will decide upon meeting topics at beginning of the year, with the number of priority issues driving the number of meetings
6. MACC will be staffed by the county that is the current MACC chair
 - a. CCI will no longer provide staff support to MACC, though will be invited and is welcome to attend MACC meetings
 - b. The Chair County will be responsible for coordinating meeting content and taking and distributing meeting minutes
 - c. Counties will take turns hosting meetings, with Host County responsible for providing the meeting room and lunch

Adams County MACC Meeting

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- Adams County to host last MACC meeting of 2016 - Friday, October 28
- Possible Agenda Items
 - TIP Allocation Process
 - ✦ DRCOG process to evaluate the TIP allocation process through the TIP Working Group
 - ✦ Could have DRCOG brief MACC on TIP as all MACC Counties have representation on TIP Working Group
 - ✦ Working Group should be far enough along in their process to share some thoughts and potential recommendations
 - **Adams County's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) and Information Sharing Strategic Plan**
 - ✦ CJCC is developing a justice information-sharing query system & dashboards with analytics capabilities - no current systems exists
 - ✦ Local governments need to come together now to develop a strategic plan so information sharing can occur beyond individual agencies and jurisdictions
 - ✦ Can invite Debbie Allen, Adams County Criminal Justice Planner/Analyst & Jeanne Smith, Executive Director for the Department of Public Safety (DPS), Division of Criminal Justice, to speak

County Membership Organizations - CCI

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- CCI provides a venue for information sharing with other counties in an organized fashion, on legislative issues of importance to Adams County
- **Allows Adams County to get a sense of other counties' legislative priorities**
- Provides Adams County the ability to gauge interest in possible legislation from counties all across the state
- CCI hosts speakers on relevant and timely issues/topic/bills that may affect Adams County and provides a venue to share Adams County ideas/concerns with key decision-makers
- In and out of Session, CCI provides research assistance and materials to County staff; conducts its own research on county issues and shares results with member Counties; and provides information on grants, training, conferences, and presentations of interest to County and staff

County Membership Organizations – CCI (Cont.)

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- CCI in the process of preparing for 2017 General Assembly Session
- Board of Commissioners have to decide future of Adams County membership with CCI
- It is important to remember that with organizations like CCI, the more effort the County puts into the membership, the more the County benefits from that membership

2017 Legislative Agenda & Related Issues



QUESTIONS?

2017 Legislative Agenda & Related Issues



SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Current Federal Work Plan

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- Aviation/Aerospace
 - Spaceport Colorado
 - ✦ Application
 - Front Range Airport
 - ✦ Infrastructure Improvements
 - Taxi-way and Ramp Enhancements
 - Lighting/Safety Project
 - ✦ Federal Policies
 - Airport Improvement Program
 - Contract Tower Program
 - ✦ Partnerships
 - Colorado Air National Guard
- Criminal and Juvenile Justice
 - Formula and discretionary grants
 - Federal funding levels

Current Federal Work Plan (Cont.)

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- Economic Development
 - EDA Grant Opportunities
- Environmental
 - Brownfields Grant Program
 - Waters of the US
 - ✦ 11th Circuit (Atlanta) ordered a stay of a legal challenge
 - ✦ U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (Cincinnati) moving forward with consolidating a number of WOTUS cases into a single case, likely to be heard in 2017
- Transportation
 - FAST Act
- Trade
 - Trans Pacific Partnership
 - ✦ Senate Majority Leader McConnell has indicated **he won't bring it up** for a vote, and neither Presidential Candidate supports it

Current Federal Work Plan (Cont.)

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- Veterans Issues
 - New VA Medical Center Completion
 - PTSD Assistance
 - ✦ PTSD Residential Rehab Facility
 - Homelessness/Housing
 - ✦ HUD-VASH
 - Job training/Workforce Development
 - ✦ VA Job Fair(s)
- Washington, DC Meetings
 - Fall 2016?
 - NACo 2017 Legislative Conference
 - ✦ Feb. 25 – March 1

State Legislative Agenda - 2016

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- Economic Development
 - Broadband Expansion
- Housing
 - Manufactured/Mobile Housing
 - ✦ Ensuring mobile/manufactured home owners have adequate protections in place (SB16-057)
 - Affordable Housing
 - ✦ Inclusionary Zoning County Unincorporated Areas (HB16-1334)
 - ✦ Legislation Promoting Affordable Housing (i.e. HB16-1466; SB16-059)
 - Construction Defects Legislation
- Marijuana
 - Retail Marijuana Special Event Permits (HB16-1092)
 - ✦ Have not heard from Colorado Cannabis Chamber of Commerce if they will reintroduce in 2017
 - Retail Marijuana Sales Tax (Baumgardner/Northglenn Bill)
 - ✦ At the end of the 2016 session the Northglenn lobbyist said they will try again on the Retail Marijuana Sales Tax bill in 2017

State Legislative Agenda – 2016 (Cont.)

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- Oil & Gas
 - More local authority for O&G development
 - Siting Authority (HB16-1355)
 - Planning Involvement (HB16-1430)
- Transportation
 - Transportation Value Capture (SB16-194)
 - Funding streams for various projects (current, new, maintenance)
 - ✦ Road
 - ✦ Transit
 - ✦ Bicycle
 - ✦ Pedestrian