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COUNTY NAMES NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

WELD COUNTY, CO – Following a national search, the Weld County Board of Commissioners has named Jay McDonald as the new Director of the Weld County Public Works department.



“We had many strong candidates, from both inside and outside our organization, apply for this position,” said Commissioner Chairman Douglas Rademacher. “In the end, it was decided by the Board that Jay was the best person to fill the position of Director. We are confident he will continue to lead this department in an efficient and proactive manner.”

McDonald started his career with Weld County in September 2002 when he came to Weld County from Oklahoma. “I’ve been involved with county government for 29 years,” said McDonald. “Seventeen years with the Pottawatomie County government in Oklahoma and 12 years with Weld County – all with Public Works.”

McDonald came to Colorado to pursue new career challenges, and in 2002, he was hired by Weld County as a supervisor in the Public Works Department where he oversaw the county’s trucking division. In 2009, he also began to supervise the mining division for the county.

“I have a passion for county government, and a deep passion for public works,” said McDonald. “I cannot think of a better place to be a Public Works director than here in Weld County, and I cannot imagine having a finer staff than the staff we currently have now.”

As Director of Public Works, McDonald will oversee the department’s 175 employees as well as manage all functions of the county transportation system. He will also be responsible for directing, coordinating, and exercising functional authority for planning, organization, control, integration, and completion of engineering projects, road and bridge construction and maintenance.

“We are excited about this announcement,” said Commissioner William Garcia, who is the Commissioner Coordinator over Public Works this year. “Our Public Works department is made up of dedicated men and women who work hard for the residents of Weld County, and Jay’s enthusiasm for both the Public Works staff and the county overall will be an asset for Weld County for years to come.”

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