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COMMISSIONERS SPEND TIME WITH PRAIRIE SCHOOL STUDENTS

WELD COUNTY, CO – Weld County Commissioners William Garcia and Mike Freeman spent Thursday morning with students from New Raymer’s Prairie School discussing the various aspects of county government. Mr. Will Sander brought his 9th and 10th grade students to the Weld County Administration Building for a personal tour and discussion of commissioner duties and responsibilities.

“It’s always fun to talk with students about government,” said Commissioner Garcia. “It’s great that their school curriculum allows them to really explore the inner-workings, especially at the local level.”

The students began their tour in the Hearing Room and learned about the commissioner hearing and meeting process. They also toured the county’s emergency operation center and learned how the center functioned during last September’s flood.

“This room was full of people from across the county,” Commissioner Freeman explained. “People from many different agencies came together, right where you are sitting, and coordinated efforts to help people during the flood.”

The students were also able to view the original hand-painted Weld County flag, commissioner roll-top desks from the early 1900s, town panels explaining the history of Weld County’s municipalities, and, of course, the Triceratops fossil on display in the lobby.

“These students were fantastic,” said Commissioner Garcia. “They asked great questions.”

The students also toured the Sheriff’s Office and the Office of the Clerk and Recorder.

To learn more about student tours available at the County Administration Building, please contact Jennifer Finch at jfinch@weldgov.com.

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