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### COMMISSIONERS JOIN I-76 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP TO PROMOTE THREE WELD COUNTY COMMUNITIES

WELD COUNTY, CO – Three Weld County Commissioners joined the I-76 Economic Development “Imagination Tour” yesterday to help promote the Weld County municipalities of Hudson, Keenesburg and Lochbuie.



Commissioner Chair Barbara Kirkmeyer, Commissioner Sean Conway and Commissioner Julie Cozad joined local elected officials and municipal staff from those three communities to promote business and residential development to approximately 100 Realtors, land developers and business owners.

“This tour provided a great way to introduce southeastern Weld County to a diverse group of interested parties,” said Kirkmeyer. “It was a great example of the collaborative work the I-76 Economic Development group is doing to promote their region!”

The tour, which began just south of the county line at the Prairie Center shopping center in Brighton, lasted approximately four hours as attendees took two

chartered buses that drove from Brighton to Lochbuie, Hudson and Keenesburg before stopping for lunch at the Wild Animal Sanctuary. The tour highlighted each municipality and its amenities and allowed attendees to learn about the numerous lots available for development.

“The proximity of these communities to Denver and DIA, as well as to interstates and rail lines, make southeast Weld a prime spot for new growth – business and residential,” said Conway.

According to Upstate Colorado, which helped sponsor the tour, the I-76 Economic Development Initiative “...is a collaborative effort between representatives of the towns of Hudson, Keenesburg and Lochbuie; local educational institutions, utilities and private sector businesses. Its goal is to construct a strategic plan for economic development that is consistent with the opportunities, assets and resources available to this region of Colorado.”

“This tour was certainly a success,” said Commissioner Cozad. “The number of attendees was outstanding, and the feedback was extremely positive.”

To learn more about the I-76 Economic Development Initiative, please visit the Upstate Colorado web site at <http://www.upstatecolorado.org/siteselection/initiativei76-page.php>

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