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### **WELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SIGN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

WELD COUNTY, CO – Last Monday, the Weld County Board of Commissioners approved an Intergovernmental agreement with Mountain View Fire Protection District (MVFPD) for the construction and maintenance of a radio communications tower, which will be owned by Weld County but located in Boulder County. The tower, which is needed to provide additional emergency communications networks serving Weld County and Boulder County, will eliminate communication gaps in the MVFPD's service areas including Dacono, Erie, Longmont, Mead and Niwot.

"The new radio communications tower will provide an overlap in emergency coverage for the residents in the southwest portion of Weld County," said Commissioner Chair Mike Freeman.

As established in the agreement, Weld County will pay the total costs of the tower's construction for \$980,809.00. Upon completion of the tower, MVFPD will pay the county half of the remaining costs in equal installments over nine years. An Energy Impact Grant from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for \$591,000, which was secured by the MVFPD, will be applied to the total cost of the tower's construction.

"Our partnership with the Mountain View Fire Protection District has been great," said Commissioner Pro-Tem and Commissioner Coordinator for the Department of Public Safety Communications Sean Conway. "The Board looks forward to continuing work with the fire district to serve residents in both Weld County and Boulder County."

On January 19, Weld County Public Safety Communications Director Mike Wallace and Mountain View Fire Protection District Chief Mark Lawley received unanimous approval from all three Boulder County Commissioners to construct the communications tower on land owned by the Left Hand Water District in Longmont. Weld County is responsible for the payment and maintenance of the lease of the land from the Left Hand Water District; however, the county and MVFPD will split the annual maintenance costs for the tower, which will total approximately \$16,000. If in the future, additional districts, municipalities or other organizations utilize the tower, they will also be responsible for a proportional share of the maintenance fees.

For more information about public safety, visit the Weld County Department of Public Safety Communications web page at [www.weldgov.com](http://www.weldgov.com).

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