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### WELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZE LEON SIEVERS FOR 15 YEARS OF SERVICE

WELD COUNTY, CO – On Monday, the Weld County Board of Commissioners recognized Leon Sievers, Department of Public Works Right of Way Agent and Surveyor, for his 15 years of service to Weld County.



*Weld County Commissioners and Jay McDonald, Weld County Director of Public Works, present Sievers with a retirement plaque.*

Sievers has been in the engineering and surveying profession since 1969 and also worked in construction as an Estimator and Project Manager for ten years. After owning his own surveying company, Sievers came to work for the Department of Public Works on December 20, 2000.

“Leon is one of the best in his field. In addition to his position with Weld County, he is one of 25 people in Colorado to hold the title of Senior Right of Way Agent for the International Right of Way Association,” said Commissioner Chair Mike Freeman. “We are very lucky to have had Leon as a member of our staff.”

Sievers is essential to any construction project as his main job duty is to acquire property rights on behalf of the county.

However, this is not always an easy task. Sievers has to find and identify landowners who may be affected by the project and map out dig locations, which are necessary for giving accurate land appraisals. Before negotiating a price for their land, Sievers meets face-to-face with land owners in order to establish a good working relationship. Once the land price is secured, Sievers ensures there are no locks, fences or other structures on the property that would inhibit construction work. It is also Sievers' responsibility to settle any post-construction damage to the property with the landowner.

“Leon is always professional and provides exceptional customer service to anyone he comes in contact with,” said Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer, Commissioner Coordinator for the Department of Public Works. “The Board is very proud of the work he has accomplished.”

Sievers has also been helpful in providing historic Weld County information. He wrote an article about the original surveying of Weld County, which can be read by [clicking here](#) as well as an article about road right of way in Weld County, which can be read [here](#).

“Leon has a vast depth of institutional knowledge and a great understanding of the history of Weld County,” said Commissioner Pro-Tem Sean Conway. “He is an asset to Weld County, and we will miss him being a part of Team Weld.”

During retirement, Sievers plans to spend more time with his grandchildren.

For more information about the Weld County Department of Public Works, visit [www.weldgov.com](http://www.weldgov.com).

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