



Town Council Packet
January 26, 2021 @ 7:00pm



1 – Agenda



GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Public Input is a vital and important portion of every meeting and will be permitted throughout the meeting, but according to the following guidelines:

- a. Public input is allowed during the Agenda identified **Public Input** and **Public Hearing** portion of the meeting.
 - i. If you would like to address the meeting during the appropriate times, please raise your hand and when called upon you will be asked to come to the podium. ***Announce your name*** so that your statements can be adequately captured in the meeting minutes.
 - ii. ***Please keep your comments to 3-5 minutes*** as others may want to participate throughout the meeting and to insure that the subject does not drift.
- b. Throughout the meeting agenda calls for public input will be made, generally pertaining to specific action items. Please follow the same format as above.
- c. At the conclusion of the meeting, if the meeting chair believes additional public comment is necessary, the floor will be open.

We hope that this guideline will improve the effectiveness and order of the Town's Public Meetings. It is the intent of your publicly elected officials to stay open to your feelings on a variety of issues.

Thank you, Rangely Mayor



Town of Rangely

January 26, 2021 - 7:00pm

Agenda

Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)

ANDY SHAFFER, MAYOR

TREY ROBIE, MAYOR PROTEM

RICH GARNER, TRUSTEE

LUKE GEER, TRUSTEE

TIM WEBBER, TRUSTEE

ALISA GRANGER, TRUSTEE

KEELY ELLIS, TRUSTEE

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Invocation

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Minutes of Meeting

a. Discussion and Action to approve the minutes of January 12, 2021.

6. Petitions and Public Input

7. Changes to the Agenda

8. Public Hearings - 7:10pm

9. Committee/Board Meetings

10. Council Reports

11. Supervisor Reports – See Attached

a. Kelli Neiberger

12. Reports from Officers – Town Manager Update

13. Old Business

14. New Business

a. Discussion and action to approve the December 2020 Financial Statement

b. Discussion and action to approve Resolution 2021-01 a Resolution revising Revenues budgeted for the General Fund, of the Town of Rangely, Colorado for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020, and Ending December 31, 2020

15. Informational Items

a. Colorado Spirt team through Mind Springs creates confidential zoom meetings for Law Enforcement Mental Health Needs

- b. Invitation to legislators for BLM Roundtable discussion*
- c. CNCC named 5th in Newsweek as one of the best community college for job/earnings in the nation.*
- d. DOLA spotlight of Rangely as a new Main Street Designee*
- e. Dinosaur National Monument 2020 Visitation*
- f. Rangely Rural Fire Protection donation of Pressure Washer*

16. Board Vacancies

- a. Planning and Zoning Board Vacancy*

17. Scheduled Announcements

- a. Community Outreach meeting is cancelled for Jan 4, 2021 at 6:00 pm*
- b. Rangely District Library Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 11, 2021 at 5:00 pm*
- c. Western Rio Blanco Park & Recreation District Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm*
- d. Giant Step Preschool Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm*
- e. Rural Fire Protection District Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm*
- f. Rio Blanco County Commissioners Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 19, 2021 at 11:00 am*
- g. Rangely Junior College District Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 19, 2021 at 12:00 noon*
- h. Rangely School District Board meeting has been scheduled for Jan 19, 2021 at 6:15 pm*
- i. RDA/RDC Board meeting scheduled for Jan 21, 2021 at 7:30 am*
- j. Rangely Chamber of Commerce Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 21, 2021 at 12:00 noon*
- k. Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District Board meeting is scheduled for Jan 27, 2021 at 6:00 pm*
- l. Rangely District Hospital board meeting is scheduled for Jan 28, 2021 at 6:00 pm*

18. Adjournment

5 – Minutes

Town of Rangely

January 12, 2021 - 7:00pm

Minutes

Rangely Board of Trustees (Town Council)

ANDY SHAFFER, MAYOR

TREY ROBIE, MAYOR PROTEM

RICH GARNER, TRUSTEE

LUKE GEER, TRUSTEE

TIM WEBBER, TRUSTEE

ALISA GRANGER, TRUSTEE

KEELY ELLIS, TRUSTEE

1. **Call to Order** – 7:00pm
2. **Roll Call** – Andy Shaffer, Rich Garner, Tim Webber, and Keely Ellis present. Trey Robie and Luke Geer present via phone. Alisa Granger absent.
3. **Invocation** – Led by Tim Webber
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Lisa Piering
5. **Minutes of Meeting**
 - a. *Discussion and Action to approve the minutes of December 8, 2020* – **Motion made by Luke Geer to approve the minutes of December 8, 2020, second by Rich Garner. Motion passed**
6. **Petitions and Public Input** - None
7. **Changes to the Agenda** – Add Item 14f under New Business
8. **Public Hearings - 7:10pm** - None
9. **Committee/Board Meetings** - None
10. **Council Reports** - None
11. **Supervisor Reports – See Attached**
 - a. *Don Reed* – Don reported that all facilities are running well. Water quality is great. Final phase of the waterline project is almost complete. Consulting with Public Works, 12 services will be tied into the new line that are still on the old line. The plan is to get those 12 services moved over in the spring. Don stated that after much research on the Headworks building, it will need to be redone. The Utility Department will be presenting to DOLA in hopes to secure a grant for the Headworks Building project. The current Headworks building is old and falling apart.
12. **Reports from Officers – Town Manager Update** – Lisa reported that all departments are working on year end reports. Lisa stated that Public Health has started their immunization clinics. Alice reports that about 9% of the county have received the immunization. There will be another clinic immunization clinic held in Rangely on January 14th at the LDS church but will be limited to those 70 years of age or older. Shop ‘n Dine came in at \$5205 and \$3225 was from the Rangely Strong T-shirt sales. With the Shop ‘n Dine program, the Town of Rangely has given \$85,000 back to the businesses. The police department has two officers at Crisis Intervention training this week. Ti has received some applications for the Patrol officer position, and none for the Lieutenant position. Lisa indicated that

CML will be hold a webinar, Club 20 will be holding a legislative visit on January 21-22. The County did budget for some CCITF grants but indicated that they will be for emergency grants. Lisa reiterated that the Utility Department will be presenting to DOLA on January 13 for the Headworks Building project. Lisa also received information about a USDA grant that had no matching and would like to look into the grant as it could help with the Kennedy Path project. Lisa also wanted the council to be aware of the Five Star Program and indicated that she would not like to take this on due to the reporting requirements and the lack of manpower to do so. The Town will be receiving a dividend back from CEBT. The Wolf Creek Reservoir settled out of court. Lisa indicated that Marybel and herself will be working at changing the Personnel Manuel. Also working on codifying the new utility rates. Jeannie is working on many projects and will be updating the council soon. There is a new restaurant named Pippi's, it is a soup and sub sandwich shop. Working on the revised budget resolution for the next meeting.

13. Old Business

14. New Business

- a. *Discussion and action to approve the November 2020 Financial Statement – Motion made by Keely Ellis to approve the November 2020 Financial Statement, second by Rich Garner. Motion passed*
- b. *Discussion and action to approve the December 2020 Check Register – Motion made by Tim Webber to approve the December 2020 Check Register, second by Rich Garner. Motion passed*
- c. *Discussion and action to approve the Colorado Public Utilities Commission Contract Agreement for \$12,079.74 to implement Next Generation 9-1-1 ESInet Services – Motion made by Tim Webber to approve the Colorado Public Utilities Commission Contract Agreement for \$12,079.74 to implement Next Generation 9-1-1 ESInet Services, second by Rich Garner. Motion passed*
- d. *Discussion and action to approve application for a CDOT Main Street Grant in the Amount of \$50,000.00 requiring a 10% match (including in kind) for the overlay of the Kennedy Bike Path – Motion made by Tim Webber to approve application for a CDOT Main Street Grant in the Amount of \$50,000.00 requiring a 10% match (including in kind) for the overlay of the Kennedy Bike Path, second by Rich Garner. Motion passed*
- e. *Discussion and action to approve the nomination by the RDA/RDC of Emma Baker to fill the vacated seat on the board. – Motion made by Tim Webber to approve the nomination by the RDA/RDC of Emma Baker to fill the vacated seat on the board, second by Keely Ellis. Motion passed*
- f. *Discussion and action to approve the liquor license renewal for Kum and Go – Motion made by Tim Webber to approve the liquor license renewal for Kum and Go, second by Rich Garner. Luke Geer opposed. Motion passed*

15. Informational Items

- a. *Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet & Commonly asked questions*
- b. *COVID-19 5 Star State Certification Program*
- c. *EIAF Cycle 212-01 presentations 01/14/2021*
- d. *DOLA Main Street Publication “The Main Thing” promotes Rangely*
- e. *Shop N Dine 2020*

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- b. *RDA/RDC Board Vacancy*

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ATTEST:

RANGELY TOWN COUNCIL

Marybel Cox, Clerk

Andy Shaffer, Mayor

- 8 – Public Hearings
- 9 - Comittee Meeting
- 10 - Report from Council
- 11 - Reports from Supervisors
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Income Statement

Town of Rangely

Month Ending December 2020

GENERAL FUND Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Taxes	\$1,374,489	52%	\$1,661,800	82.71%
Licenses and Permits	\$23,117	1%	\$13,700	168.74%
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$694,143	26%	\$1,297,000	53.52%
Charges for Services	\$310,000	12%	\$310,000	100.00%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$222,706	8%	\$153,600	144.99%
Total General Revenue	\$2,624,455	100%	\$3,436,100	76.38%
GENERAL FUND Operating Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expenses	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Town Council	\$34,265	1%	\$48,863	70.12%
Court	\$27,974	1%	\$24,479	114.28%
Administration	\$217,025	7%	\$236,193	91.88%
Finance	\$208,676	7%	\$217,487	95.95%
Building & Grounds	\$290,001	10%	\$313,092	92.62%
Economic Development	\$244,370	8%	\$329,540	74.15%
Police Department	\$1,061,472	35%	\$994,632	106.72%
Animal Shelter	\$43,179	1%	\$50,757	85.07%
Public Works	\$391,653	13%	\$438,547	89.31%
Foundation Trans. & Non Depart. Transfer	\$314,398	10%	\$260,000	120.92%
Total Capital Improvements	\$198,150	7%	\$521,200	38.02%
Total General expenses	\$3,031,163	100%	\$3,434,790	88.25%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	(\$406,707)	100%	\$1,310	-31046.36%
WATER FUND Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Water Revenue	\$1,119,589	100%	\$1,238,750	90.38%
WATER FUND Operating Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Water Supply	\$411,149	30%	\$417,271	98.53%
Water Supply Capital Expense	\$0	0%	\$0	#DIV/0!
Water Fund Dept. Transfers and Conting.	\$159,538	12%	\$192,956	82.68%
PW - Transportation & Distribution	\$95,674	7%	\$98,871	96.77%
PW - Transportation & Distrib. Capital Exp	\$653,363	48%	\$730,000	0.00%
Raw Water	\$46,153	3%	\$47,575	97.01%
Raw Water Capital Expense	\$5,588	0%	\$7,000	79.83%
Total Water expenses	\$1,371,465	100%	\$1,493,673	91.82%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	(\$251,876)	100%	(\$254,923)	98.80%
GAS FUND Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Gas Revenue	\$994,675	100%	\$1,039,133	95.72%
GAS FUND Operating Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Gas Expenses	\$726,808	80%	\$840,180	86.51%
Gas Capital Expense	\$0	0%	\$0	#DIV/0!
Total Transfers	\$180,000	20%	\$180,000	100.00%
Total Selling Expenses	\$906,808	100%	\$1,020,180	88.89%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$87,867	100%	\$18,953	463.60%
Wastewater FUND Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Wastewater Revenue	\$374,757	100%	\$665,150	56.34%
Wastewater FUND Oper Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Wastewater Expenses	\$190,806	56%	\$232,880	81.93%
Wastewater Capital Expense	\$89,843	26%	\$587,300	15.30%
Total Transfers	\$60,000	18%	\$60,000	100.00%
General Fund Loan	\$0	0%	\$0	#DIV/0!
Total Selling Expenses	\$340,649	100%	\$880,180	38.70%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$34,108	100%	(\$215,030)	-15.86%

Town of Rangely			Month Ending December 2020	
Rangely Housing Auth Revenue	2020 BUDGET			
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Rangely Housing Auth Revenue	\$193,478	100%	\$260,000	74.41%
Rangely Housing Auth Oper Expenses	+		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Rangely Housing Auth Expenses	\$172,422	90%	\$177,399	97.19%
Housing Authority Capital Expense	\$9,954	5%	\$10,700	93.02%
Debt Service and Transfers	\$10,000	5%	\$66,000	15.15%
Total Expense	\$192,375	100%	\$254,099	75.71%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$1,102	100%	\$5,901	18.68%
Fund for Public Giving Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Fund for Public Giving Revenue	\$2,788	100%	\$2,000	139.41%
Fund for Public Giving Oper Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Fund for Public Giving Expenses	\$10	100%	\$2,000	0.50%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$2,778	100%	\$0	0.00%
Economic Development Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
RDA Revenues	\$72,475	100%	\$87,700	82.64%
Economic Development Oper Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
RDA Expenses	\$50,825	100%	\$77,600	65.50%
RDA Capitol Expense	\$3,870	100%	\$0	0.00%
Total Expense	\$54,695	100%	\$77,600	70.48%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$17,780	100%	\$10,100	176.04%
Conservation Trust Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Conservation Trust Revenue (Grant \$136K)	\$12,141	100%	\$952,225	1.27%
Conservation Trust Oper Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Conservation Trust Expenses	\$0	100%	\$1,100,000	0.00%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$12,141	100%	(\$147,775)	-8.22%
Housing Assistance Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Housing Assistance Revenue	\$1,679	100%	\$21,000	8.00%
Housing Assistance Oper Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Housing Assistance Expenses	\$0	100%	\$2,000	0.00%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$1,679	100%	\$19,000	8.84%
Rangely Develop Corp Revenue	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Revenue	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Rangely Develop Corp Revenue	\$1,575	100%	\$20,500	7.68%
Rangely Develop Corp Expenses	YTD ACTUAL		2020 BUDGET	
	YTD Amount	% of Expense	Budget 2020	% of Budget Expended
Rangely Develop Corp Expenses	\$143	100%	\$18,500	0.77%
RDC Capitol Expense	\$0	100%	\$0	0.00%
Total Expense	\$143	100%	\$18,500	0.77%
Net Revenue over Expenditures	\$1,432	100%	\$2,000	0.00%
INCOME STATEMENT ROLL-UP		Actual YTD	Budget YTD	
Total Revenues		\$5,397,611	\$7,722,558	69.89%
Total Expenses		\$5,897,308	\$8,283,022	71.20%
Net Revenue over Expense		-\$499,697	-\$560,464	89.16%

RESOLUTION 2021-01

**RESOLUTION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION TO THE TOWN OF
RANGELY GENERAL FUND**

(Pursuant to Section 29-1-109, C.R.S.)

**A RESOLUTION REVISING REVENUE AMOUNTS BUDGETED FOR RANGELY GENERAL
FUND, OF THE TOWN OF RANGELY, COLORADO FOR THE FICAL YEAR BEGINNING
JANUARY 1, 2020, AND ENDING DECMEBER 31, 2020**

WHEREAS, the Town of Rangely General Fund had a decrease of revenue for 2020. Revenues were impacted by decreases in Federal Mineral Lease, Severance, Motor Vehicle and Specific Ownership Taxes. COVID grants increased revenue but was offset by passthrough expenses for the COVID Care's Grant and Utility Assistance Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Rangely Town Council of the Town of Rangely, Colorado that a supplemental appropriation is made in the reduced amount of budgeted revenues \$812,000 as follows.

Section 1. That the 2020 appropriation for the revenues of Town of Rangely General Fund be decreased from \$3,434,790 to \$2,624,000 for the following purpose.

Decreased Revenue from Federal Mineral Lease, Severance Tax, Motor Vehicle and Specific Ownership Tax. The shortfall in the General fund will reduce the reserves of \$8,510,554 by (\$406,691) leaving \$8,103,862 in General Fund Reserves.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of January 2021.

Town of Rangely, Colorado

By _____
Andrew Shaffer, Mayor

Attest:

Marybel Cox, Clerk/Treasurer

15 – Informational Items

Law Enforcement & COVID-19

For Law Enforcement Only

Join the Colorado Spirit team for free, private, and confidential zoom meetings to discuss mental health needs such as stress management, burnout, compassion fatigue, self-care, and more. Hosts of this program have former experiences with law enforcement and military who are knowledgeable on the challenges that you may face in the line of duty during the pandemic.

Wednesdays

4 pm

ZOOM:

https://mindspringshealth-org.zoom.us/join/tJcuduqorzksG9xzCc-D71pUQFaiRdvLLdIM/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCrrTopGtWXthiPRowqA4j4b_TzmHpdjfpFhjzmTgQEMxPDB8RDO4B7BvT8

Meeting ID: 933 1301 2618

Passcode: 1234

Or Call in by Phone: 1(971)247-1195

Colorado Spirit is a FEMA-funded recovery program to provide disaster survivors with community-based outreach, stress and resilience education, and connection to mental health and other community resources. For more information visit MindSpringsHealth.org/Colorado-Spirit-Initiative



FEMA



Scan QR code for more information on services and support offered by Colorado Spirit or visit MindSpringsHealth.org/Colorado-Spirit-Initiative



January 21, 2021

Honorable Michael Bennet, United States Senator

Honorable John Hickenlooper, United States Senator

Dear Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper:

The governments and economic development organizations of western Colorado invite you to Grand Junction, Colorado for a roundtable discussion on the future of the Bureau of Land Management Headquarters (BLM HQ). We firmly believe that the move was in the best interest of the Department of the Interior and we are counting on you to forcefully maintain your past support and advocacy to keep the headquarters in Grand Junction.

Three years ago, with bipartisan support across Colorado, we began a campaign to bring the Bureau of Land Management to Grand Junction. The reasons we advocated for the Headquarters then still stand today. The BLM Headquarters should be located in a place where there is actually BLM land, giving citizens and impacted stakeholders who depend on these lands better access to agency leadership. Unfortunately, because the move was completed under the Trump Administration, it became severely politized. The timing of the move should not take away from the original reasons for the move, which we still stand by today and which you helped champion.

During the pandemic, the BLM HQ hired 41 full time equivalent employees with an average wage of \$120,000 and has invested \$3 million into capital infrastructure, providing an important economic impact to western Colorado. 41 families uprooted themselves, relocated to Grand Junction, purchased homes and enrolled their children in our schools. Many of those positions were positions that the BLM had been unable to fill when they were located in Washington, DC. Understandably, people who want to work for the BLM and are passionate about public lands want to live in a place where they can enjoy public lands. When those positions moved to Grand Junction, the Department of Interior received a wide pool of qualified applicants of a quality that they had not received in DC. The relocation to Grand Junction has accomplished what we all hoped that it would accomplish, but there is still more to do and we need your continued support and resolve to see it through.

After the loss of the US Space Command to Alabama, it would be absolutely devastating to lose the BLM HQ back to Washington, DC. with the stroke of a pen. It is unfortunate that good decisions by well-meaning people have been hijacked by the political divide that is tearing our country apart. We implore you to not let the BLM HQ become another victim of this divide. The BLM HQ moved to put the organization more in touch with the communities that depend on them, not because President Trump wanted to weaken the Department of the Interior. *Please resist cynical political arguments being made to reverse this important policy victory for rural Colorado and public land stakeholders across the West.*

We look forward to hearing from you soon to ensure you have all relevant facts as this decision hangs in the balance.

Sincerely,

Janet Rowland, Chairman
Mesa County

John Martin, Commissioner
Garfield County

Gary Moyer, Commissioner
Rio Blanco County

Donald Broom, Commissioner
Moffat County

Merrit Linke, Commissioner
Grand County

Mike Samson, Chairman
AGNC

Mike Lane, Commissioner
Delta County

Sue Hansen, Commissioner
Montrose County

Duke Wortmann, Mayor
City of Grand Junction

Diane Schwenke, President
Grand Junction Chamber

Tim Foster, President
Colorado Mesa University

Robin Brown, Director
GJEP

Christian Reece, Director
Club 20

Mike Bennett, Manager
City of Fruita

Lisa Piering, Manager
Town of Rangely

Peter Brixius, Manager
City of Craig

Art Riddle, Mayor
City of New Castle

Janet Hawkinson, Manager
Town of Palisade

Melonie Matarozzo, Manager
Town of Collbran

Roy B. McClung, Mayor
Town of Parachute

Lisa Cook, Manager
Town of Meeker

Cc: Governor Jared Polis
United States Department of Interior Secretary-Designate Deb Haaland
Congresswoman Lauren Boebert
Congressman Joe Neguse

Community Colleges Whose Graduates Earn the Most Money

By Alexander Raeburn, Stacker News On 1/10/21 at 9:00 AM EST

Career landscapes and industry needs are constantly evolving, and so are the ways Americans seek the skills needed to pursue their chosen professions. With combined student loan debt reaching a staggering \$1.68 trillion in 2020, many individuals looking to advance their education and career are seeking alternatives to traditional four-year universities.

Currently, 15 states cover college costs for students who meet certain income levels, community service fulfillments, and grade requirements. As of 2019, legislators in 23 states had proposed similar programs. While the program requirements, and financial allotments, are different from state to state, there is a growing movement across party lines to create alternative avenues for workforce training.

States also use various—and at times complex—grant and reimbursement models to fund these education programs. And while students might find that amounts provided offset the majority of their educational costs (including tuition), but not all. Course fees, transportation, and book costs are often not covered by the state. Some states require recipients of aid from these programs to remain in-state for a certain amount of time after graduation, or only offer funding towards skills that benefit certain local industries

Even in states without free or discounted education programs, community colleges cost a small fraction of what a prospective student could end up spending on a four-year degree, making them the most viable financial option for many. Stacker compiled a list of the community colleges whose graduates earn the most money, using 2020 data from Payscale. Colleges are ranked by mid-career pay, with ties broken by early career pay. Colleges that primarily issue bachelor's degrees were not considered.

As the country's demand for skilled workers expands past the output of graduates from four-year colleges, encouraging individuals to pursue two-year degree programs and professional training programs is a feasible solution when trying to meet the needs of growing industries. Considering time spent, financial cost, and earning potential, community colleges often provide programs that are on the forefront of career development.



#5. Colorado Northwestern Community College

- Mid-career pay: \$78,100
- Early career pay: \$55,800

Colorado Northwestern Community College prepares students to enter the workforce or pursue continue their educations at a four-year college. Along with being an affordable school, Colorado Northwestern accepts credits earned through the Alternative Credit Project, which offers courses for free (or nearly free), making it a good option for students who have already begun coursework but haven't completed a program.



**Positively Accelerate:
Recover, Rebound, Reactivate**

DLG Newsletter January 2021

Spotlight: Northwestern Colorado



The Town of Rangely is the newest official community in the [Colorado Main Street Program](#), which offers technical assistance, consulting services, grants, and scholarships for community-led downtown revitalization. While the Rangely economy is the result of almost 80 years of dependence on oil, gas, and coal extraction, the town is looking to diversify. The community is surrounded by public lands, with 325 miles of posted and advertised OHV trails known as the Wagon West OHV Trail System. Ranching and farming still play a part in the economy, as does as big game hunting and outdoor tourism. A robust broadband fiber network opens this world to remote workers.



Dinosaur National Monument News Release

Release Date: January 22, 2021

Contact: Dan Johnson, dan_johnson@nps.gov or (435) 781-7702

Visitation at Dinosaur National Monument Decreases in 2020

Jensen, UT & Dinosaur, CO – Recreational visits for 2020 at Dinosaur National Monument tallied a total of 264,266 – an 11.3% decrease over the 2019 annual visitation. However, December visitation numbers showed a 27.7% increase for the month over 2019 statistics, a trend that had started in the middle of the year and picked up steam by year's end.

While the COVID-19 pandemic impacted visitation in 2020, once mitigation measures for employee and visitor safety were in place, and facilities reopened, overall recreational visitation at the monument rebounded. The last four months of 2020 saw significant increases over 2019 numbers.

Month	Recreational Visits 2020	Recreational Visits 2019	Change
January	4,703	1,137	+ 313.6%
February	4,281	3,189	+ 34.2%
March	8,305	5,603	+ 48.2%
April	6,721	18,794	- 64.2%
May	12,635	36,588	- 65.5%
June	26,425	57,804	- 54.3%
July	64,076	62,538	+ 2.5%
August	54,425	52,365	+ 3.9%
September	39,591	29,562	+ 33.9%
October	26,653	18,868	+ 41.3%
November	10,323	7,814	+ 32.1%
December	6,088	4,703	+27.7%
Total for Year	264,266	298,965	-11.3%

2020 calendar year data are preliminary and subject to change. Data will be finalized by the end of the first quarter of the 2021 calendar year. Visitation statistics are calculated by using a combination of visitor center numbers, trail counters plus the actual number of wheeled vehicles entering the monument gates and using a person-per-vehicle multiplier to calculate the number of monthly recreational visitors. Detailed monument visitation information and additional information on how these statistics are calculated is available online at <https://irma.nps.gov/Stats/Reports/Park/DINO>.

For more information, call (435) 781-7700, visit www.nps.gov/dino or follow DinosaurNPS on social media.

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January 22, 2021

RE: Donation of Pressure Washer
Rangely Rural Fire Protection District
2121 E. Main Street
Rangely, Co 81648

The Town of Rangely would like to thank the Rangely Rural Fire Protection District for the donation of the Hydro-Tek Pressure Washer to the Public Works Department. These types of donations between Special Districts and Taxing Entities are vital to our community during periods when we are experiencing financial shortfalls.

We appreciate your generosity!

Thank you,

Lisa Piering, Town Manager

