



## **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR TRANSITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR NEW COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**There has been some confusion by citizens of Archuleta County regarding the Board of County Commissioners' request for applications for the County Public Health Department. This notice is to clarify the Commissioners' intent.**

Archuleta County is accepting applications for qualified appointees to an advisory committee for the 2023 transitional period creating a County Public Health Department and a Board of Health that will be empowered to meet in an organizational capacity for the purpose of ensuring that Archuleta County's Public Health Department ("ACPHD") is ready to be fully operational on January 1, 2024.

Archuleta County recently voted to withdraw from the local district public-health agency, San Juan Basin Public Health ("SJBPH") by December 31, 2023. In doing so, the County will need to establish its own public health department and appoint members to its Board of Health. Such organizational actions may include but are not limited to selecting a public health director for the ACPHD, recommending a budget for the ACPHD to be included in the 2024 budget for Archuleta County, develop public and general policies for ACPHD, and securing such employees, property, contracts and leases as may be necessary to operate the ACPHD beginning January 1, 2024.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners ("BoCC") will choose members of the public who live in Archuleta County and have the education, experience, or a combination of both in finance, public administration, public governance, or a public health discipline such as environmental health, health education, epidemiology, social and behavioral health, biostatistics, or public health administration.

Members of this advisory committee may or may not become members of the Board of Health beginning in 2024. The Board of Health structure will be one of the items that the transition advisory committee will research. Please be advised that this is a completely voluntary position; members shall receive no compensation for services, but shall be entitled to the necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in the discharge of their duties. Meeting requirements may vary depending on workload and prospective members should be prepared to meet on a monthly or bi-weekly basis as necessary throughout 2023.

Interested candidates should submit an application which can be downloaded from the county website at [www.archuletacounty.org](http://www.archuletacounty.org) no later than January 20, 2023. Interviews will be scheduled for late January or early February and conducted during an open public meeting. Interviewees will be offered the option of attending in person or via Zoom.

The BoCC reserves the right to appoint one, several, or none of the respondent candidates to the Board of Health and may withdraw or terminate this invitation in its discretion for any reason, including its own convenience, at any time.

Materials provided to the County may be subject to public disclosure and candidate qualifications may be discussed in open public meetings. Archuleta County is subject to the Colorado Open Records Act, C.R.S. §24-72-101 *et.seq.*, as amended (“CORA”). The BoCC is subject to and conducts its meetings in accordance with the Colorado Open Meetings Law, C.R.S. §24-6-401 *et.seq.* Records of its proceedings are kept and open to inspection by the public at all reasonable times pursuant to the Colorado Open Records Act, C.R.S. §24-72-201 *et.seq.*