

**RESOLUTION 2021 - \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO, REGARDING THE DESPERATE NEED FOR GRAVEL SUPPLIES FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE**

**WHEREAS**, C.R.S. § 43-2-111(1) states that the Board of County Commissioners shall determine the general policies of the County as to county highway matters and that the same shall be carried out and administered by the county's road supervisor; and,

**WHEREAS**, Archuleta County is comprised of more than 327 miles of roadway with only 44 miles of paved roads, leaving 283 miles of gravel roads and many of the gravel roads are considered Primary roads; and,

**WHEREAS**, Archuleta County presently buys gravel for road maintenance and construction from private suppliers, of which there are currently two suppliers in the County this year Weber Sand & Gravel (just east of Pagosa Springs) and Crossfire Aggregate (near Arboles); and,

**WHEREAS**, the lease with Weber will expire in 2022, leaving only one gravel supplier in Archuleta County; and,

**WHEREAS**, current gravel supplies are desperately low due to geography and the boom in private home construction in the past several years, and Weber is nearly played out; and,

**WHEREAS**, Archuleta County is experiencing a severe lack of affordable gravel for the purpose of regular road maintenance and construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of hauling gravel from Arboles will triple or quadruple the cost of gravel, depending on location; and,

**WHEREAS**, Archuleta County has been researching alternatives to the existing private suppliers by attempting to locate potential new gravel pit sites.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO, THAT:**

1. The Board of County Commissioners desire to work with the U.S. Forest Service to determine new gravel pit sites, including Turkey Creek on Jackson Mountain and/or the Fawn Gulch area.
2. If Archuleta County is unable to procure gravel from a new site:
  - a) It will be virtually impossible to maintain the County roads at an even sub-par condition and road conditions will worsen. Approximately 40% or 114 miles of the 283 miles of gravel roads have little to no road surface on them now. The County currently replaces 6 miles of gravel per year. Even at 12 miles per year, it would take ten years to catch up.

- b) The cost to transport gravel from outside of the County will be excessive, and those costs will, unfortunately, be absorbed by the taxes collected by the citizens of the County.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day July, 2021.**

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO

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Clerk to the Board

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Alvin Schaaf, Chair

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