

**New Castle Town Council Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, June 16, 2026, 7:00 PM**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Art Riddile called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Councilor Mariscal  
Councilor Leifeld  
Councilor Carey  
Mayor Hazelton  
Councilor Copeland  
Councilor Sampley  
Councilor G Riddile

Absent                      none

Also present at the meeting were Town Clerk Mindy Andis, Administrator Dave Reynolds and members of the public.

**Meeting Notice**

Clerk Andis verified that her office gave notice of the meeting in accordance with Resolution TC 2026-1.

**Conflicts of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest

**Agenda Changes**

There were no agenda changes

**Citizen Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

There were no Citizen Comments

**Consultant Reports**

Consultant Attorney – not present  
Consultant Engineer – not present

Mayor Hazelton reminded the council not to speak over each other for the purposes of getting an accurate recording for the meeting.

**Items for Consideration**

**Update - Garfield County Emergency Manager – Chris Bornholdt**

Administrator Dave Reynolds introduced Garfield County Emergency Manager Chris Bornholdt. Administrator Reynolds said he asked Mr. Bornholdt to give an update since

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the fire season is here and what it might look like for this summer and how emergencies are handled.

Mr. Bornholdt said the county has gone into Stage 1 Fire Ban and looks like the county will move into Stage 2 by the end of the month. With the fire ban fireworks have been banned for the county anywhere outside of the municipality and there's no fireworks selling or use of fireworks. Mr. Bornholdt said there is no relief in the future forecast and we are just that dry that is the reason for moving into Stage 2 fire ban. Mr. Bornholdt explained how evacuations work. He said the county has gone to a Ready, Set, Go plan.

**Ready – possible evacuation in your area. Prepare, monitor and pack your valuables.**

**Set – Short notice evacuation likely in your area. Prepare for sudden evacuation; leave now if you need extra time.**

**Go – Evacuate immediately from your area. LEAVE NOW!  
Danger in your area.**

Mr. Bornholdt said he has updated the county's website to help explain the evacuation procedure. It helps residents prepare for pre-evacuation, evacuation and what to do when you get back home.

Mr. Bornholdt said the fire team is working on build zones for the entire county that will work the county's GIS. He said he would come back to the council and town administrator to talk about zoning the town. This is something he wants the town to do and to figure out the zones the town wants to have for evacuations. Councilor Mariscal said there are different forms of Spanish. Mr. Bornholdt said they tried to make the translation as basic as they could.

Mr. Bornholdt explained how the incident command works during an event. He said the incident will either start in the fire district or in the municipality and will start small. He no matter what the incident it is will start local and end local. Mr. Bornholdt said if the incident is a fire then the fire district will take over. As the fire gets bigger and homes are being evacuated it will then be out of the fire districts control, then move onto county then to state and federal control. He said when you have responsibility for something, you have the fiscal responsibility and your statutory responsibility, whatever that is, depending on the incident. He said once that happens, the county comes in, then we then take over the fiscal responsibility, and we take over the statute responsibility of that jurisdiction. He said there will be a large team coordinating the fire, the county would still have authority over the incident, but the team is managing the fire. Then, the agency that has been the authority will be able to do what needs to be done, but the county is still in the loop. Mr. Bornholdt said all of the delegations have to go through the PIO's. Then, the PIO can do local news releases and not just to Denver. Mr. Bornholdt said incident management teams are Type 1 and Type 2. They bring in the resources they need, whether they need 30 people or need 200 people. They bring those resources with them when they come, depending on the size of the event that they're dealing with at the time. He said the county will monitor the fire until there is no more smoke and call it 100 percent out. Mr. Bornholdt reminded council to support staff and the town administrator when there is an incident happening. He said he is the commander of the Emergency Operations Division for the Sheriff's Office, and we are

doing search and rescue, wildfire, flooding. The county does HAZMAT or the DARA for the county. He said the county has a lot of equipment and different things. They are ICS instructors and they can teach an ICS class. Councilor Carey asked if we are integrated as we can be for the Ready, Set, Go process for the residents. Mr. Bornholdt said additional word out about Ready, Set, Go. Ready, Set, Go is a fairly new approach with the county. He said it's messaging through newsletters and the e-news about having your go bags ready. Councilor Carey said the town could pin, like, Ready, Set, Go information, or links to their stuff on our Facebook page, or on the town's website. Mr. Bornholdt said to use the Garco County Emergency Response website and to pin that to the town's website. Councilor Carey asked what the town needs to do to be in-line with the county as far as the fire ban and fireworks ban. Mr. Bornholdt said he sends out update notifications to all town managers and it would be up to the municipalities to adopts the county plans or not. Administrator Reynolds said staff will get the word out in the e-newsletter and Facebook right before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July about the fire ban and the fireworks ban. Administrator Reynolds asked Mr. Bornholdt to explain what kind of aerial support the county has. Mr. Bornholdt said usually have a Type 1 helicopter, which is a big helicopter. Then we usually have a Type 3 helicopter, which usually is the one that has the bucket hanging underneath it, and then usually one or two seats at the base. He said aerial support has not been at the airport much because they have been sent to other fires for support. He said the Grand Junction's base is a lot bigger, that's where they're get the hotshot crews from. He said any large tanker will come from the Front Range. He said The Type 3, which is similar to a medical helicopter with a bucket underneath. Then the Type 1 are the bigger helicopters that actually suck the water into them, and then dump the water out of an actual tank that's hanging under there. Most of the time, it's the big Sky Crane, that's the one that's got the big opening in the middle of it. A Sky Crane, is a Type 1 helicopter. Mayor Hazelton thanked Mr. Bornholdt for the update.

### **Presentation – YouthZone**

Administrator Reynolds introduced Executive Director Jaime Hayes to council. Ms. Hayes reviewed her presentation with council (**Exhibit A**).

Councilor Riddile said the CYDC number seems to be proportionally high compared to the organization at New Castle. Is there any insight why that might be. Ms. Hayes said the majority of the cases are in Carbondale, Glenwood and the Colorado River Valley. Therefore, there are many fewer cases in a large region. She said the CYDC cases typically are referring to a violent situation. It reflects what we see as those second, third, or fourth reasons for referral. The kids are getting more and more aggressive. When they get mad or when there's substance involved.

Councilor Leifeld said the incidents was first marijuana and alcohol was third. How many clients were in each tier. Ms. Hayes said she was unsure and would need to look into it. Ms. Hayes said YouthZone is working with the New Castle Polic Chief on public campaign and marketing. They do receive money from the Office of Gun Violence and Prevention which also bring into the area Division of Criminal Justice. She said YouthZone would like to enlist the help of our town councils in order to help YouthZone think about what's the

best way Newcastle sees to get information out. Ms. Hayes said she would like to have a further conversation about collaborating around the campaign for the reduction of violence.

Councilor Carey asked what Riverside Middle School response was because the high school is doing a good job. Does the schools have access to the screening YouthZone does. Ms. Hayes said YouthZone has worked hard with the school district administration and have a standing formalized MOU that allows for YouthZone and the school district to share information. She said with the help of the SRO's designed a referral system. When someone puts a referral in from the school, they automatically updated every single time there's a status update with the youth. The person who put in the referral has a direct line of conversion with the person providing the care and treatment plan.

Administrator Reynolds asked if YouthZone is part of opioid settlement to receive funds from the state. Ms. Hayes said YouthZone does receive opioid dollars from the state. The money is for infrastructure. YouthZone partnered with City of Glenwood Springs to redo their building in Rifle.

Mayor Hazelton thanked Ms. Hayes for the update.

#### **Update – LoVa Trail Expansion– Jeanne Golay**

Mayor Hazelton welcomed Executive Director Jeanne Golay. Ms. Golay reviewed her power point presentation with the council (**Exhibit B**).

Ms. Golay said currently there were no plans to add onto the new pedestrian bridge that crosses Elk Creek. She said she is proposing a joint grant funding project. She said adding a trail or sidewalk from the west end of the pedestrian bridge to Elk Creek Elementary School seemed like a good grant project. She said has spoken with the school district about the project since the sidewalk would be on school property. The school district own, maintains and maintain a sidewalk. Ms. Golay said she is working with CDOT to build an additional 30 or 40 feet of sidewalk than what CDOT was originally agreed to do. The total amount of sidewalk that the town and CDOT would be responsible for would be 70 feet. The total length of the sidewalk would be 775 feet. She said the sidewalk would be built to the town's and CDOT's requirements. The sidewalk would be skirting around the fields since there are two existing baseball diamonds and then kind of make a 90-degree turn and go right to the existing parking lot. Ms. Golay explained a few different grant options that LoVa Trail could apply for. She explained the reason for the sidewalk was for connectivity from RFTA bus stop to the school or trailhead.

Ms. Golay said the first grant program is the First Last Mile Mobility which is an RFTA grant. The grant creates connectivity to transit stations after bus stop is a good connection. The second option is to apply for a joint fall FMLD grant with the town. The third option is a federal grant Safe Roads to School and Transportation Alternatives Program. The federal grant is much more involved and more expensive because there's more resources that have to go into the project management. Ms. Golay said the RFTA grant would need to be applied for by the town because RAFTA will only grant this program to member communities. RFTA would allow the town to pass the funds through, so the town wouldn't be holding and managing the project in any way. The funds would transfer directly to the school district and the school district would manage the whole

project. Ms. Golay said RFTA is hold money for LoVa Traill In 2018, there was a ballot issue to increase the property availability for transportation which was an initiative with RAFTA. She said as part of campaign, RFTA agreed to earmark \$2 million for the LoVa Trail, and the ballot issue passed. Therefore, RFTA has been holding the money for the LoVa Trail for any community that wants to build a segment of the LoVa Trail.

Councilor Riddile said as of right now the pedestrian bridge at the end of the project's going to be turned over to the town. The bridge will remain in CDOT's right away. The agreement will be with CDOT and the town to have license for the pedestrian bridge. The agreement will be signed once the project is finished. He said as long as the town is comfortable with the maintenance and ownership of the 70-foot sidewalk to CDOT's right-of-way. That will all need to be done. Administrator Reynolds said CDOT's is willing to extend it at 40 feet so that it can curve down to meet the school property, and the school would take over the trail from that point.

Mayor Hazelton asked about the alignment of the trail and how it goes around the second ballfield and curves to the north so far into the school property. He said the idea of the trail would be to connect it to something that would go towards Coal Ridge High School. Ms. Golay said there is a plan for the LoVa Trail to continue to the west, sharing the Ware and Hinds Ditch service trail platform with the mountain bike trail. The Back to School Trail parallels the ditch and is fairly flat. There is a shared use agreement and LoVa Trail does get funding to build the trail through that are, they would be able to continue working with the ditch company and the Tallbott Family. Ms. Golay said if the trail went to the south into the trees, there's a hill, and it's thick with trees, and would need to pave the sidewalk over roots. Administrator Reynolds said the constraint is the school has needs to be ADA compliant to be on school grounds, and to get over the hill would need to remain ADA compliant and that would be difficult to do. He said the other concern the school had was the sidewalk would be to far out onto the highway and wouldn't serve as a route to the school. Building the sidewalk as shown would be ADA compliant and creating a path that would connect to the front door of the school. The town would be providing a safe route to school, and then LoVa Trail would then pick up the trail from there and piggyback off it to become the LoVa Trail.

Mayor Hazelton asked for more explanation of the grant options. Administrator Reynolds said option one is there's RFTA money that is set aside for LoVa Trail. The idea is not to have the school district or the town out of pocket for any part of the sidewalk. That money can be either seed money or match money for any of the grants. The first grant option would be going to RFTA for the First Last Mile, then the town would be the applicant for that grant. With that grant RFTA would want to see some sort of logic and activity, whether it's getting kid to school, or getting people closer to the bus stop, or getting bikers over the pedestrian bridge to get to the trailhead. He said another option is to the school district apply for an FMLD grant and then the town would partner with the school district and RFTA as a joint partnership. Administrator Reynolds said the town has already committed to partner with the middle school for a joint Fall FMLD grant for their playground equipment. If the middle school is not ready to move forward with the grant then, the town could partner with RE2 or LoVa Trail for the Fall FMLD grant with LoVa Trail being fiscal agent for the grant. Administrator Reynolds said with the RFTA First Last Mile

Mobility Grant puts the town as fiscal agent for the grant but then hands the money over to the school and trusts them to complete the project. Since this is a partnership grant the town is the recipient the town would make the project get done. He said the third option is more difficult because it's federal grant.

Councilor Leifeld asked Administrator Reynolds does staff have enough resources to fulfill the work that needs to be done. Administrator Reynold said with grants, they are done in house. Staff will help write the grant and will make sure the grant is correct. Ms. Golay said she would be willing to help with either one of the grants. Administrator Reynolds said the first option would probably take more staff time because of the coordination with the school and to make sure the project that is taking place on school property is done correctly and it's a little bit more for the finance department. He said he was not sure how the First Last Mile Mobility worked whether it is a funded up front or funded at the end. He said the school would have to be willing to front the money for the construction, with the understanding that once it's passed, approved, and then the money passes through. He said typically with FMLD grants the town would get the money once the project is complete, that is easier for the finance department to manage.

Councilor Sampley said she is completely agree with the sidewalk to the school because it would open up the downtown for the kids to get to school safely.

Councilor Carey said since the town has already committed to partner with Riverside Middle School, could the town apply for the RFTA First Last Mile Mobility grant and then apply for the Spring FMLD grant. Ms. Golay said option two wouldn't happen until next year because doesn't want to compete with the middle school. Councilor Carey said try for option one, and if that doesn't work, then this time next year Ms. Golay would come back to the town and have a conversation about option two. Councilor Riddle said option 2 doesn't happen unless option 1 goes through. Because you would have that match money for it. Administrator Reynold said the match money would come from the LoVa money. He said option 2 doesn't need the option 1 money. Option 2 could be a standard alone. Mayor Hazelton said option 1 makes since because the town has been members of RFTA for several years and there is money available for these types of projects. The town has not applied for First Last Mile Mobility before. Council decided to move forward with option 1.

### **Fire Resiliency Review**

Administrator Reynolds said the risk of wildland and urban fires continues to increase throughout Colorado due to continued drought conditions, weather patterns, and expanding development within wildfire-prone areas, it is important to understand how wildfires and ember storms can impact homes, neighborhoods, and entire communities. He said Colorado law that require local governments to adopt wildfire resiliency standards and building code provisions for development occurring within designated Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) areas. Administrator Reynolds said the 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code (CWRC) is a state-mandated minimum code for wildfire-prone areas that requires ignition-resistant construction and defensible space standards. He said municipalities with mapped Wildland-Urban Interface areas are required by state law to adopt a code meeting or exceeding the state's minimum standards. While the statute does not currently establish specific fines or financial penalties for non-adoption, failure to adopt could place

a municipality out of compliance with state law and expose it to legal or legislative remedies. He said the state requirements reflect a growing recognition that communities must proactively address wildfire risk through land use planning, building design, and construction practices. As homeowners, developers, insurance providers, and local governments increasingly focus on reducing wildfire risk, there is growing demand for homes and neighborhoods that are built to modern resiliency standards. Research indicates that wildfire-resistant construction practices can help reduce property losses, improve community survivability during wildfire events, and may positively influence insurance availability, ratings, and premiums over time. Administrator Reynolds said wildfire-resilient building codes such as the WUI and CWRC fit within the broader framework of modern building regulation. Just as building codes in earthquake-prone regions incorporate seismic standards and coastal communities adopt hurricane-resistant construction requirements, wildfire-prone communities are increasingly utilizing WUI and related code provisions to address the unique hazards associated with wildfire exposure. Clerk Andis showed two video clips on how fire treated wood works. Administrator said when talking about the WUI Code and fire resiliency code are a little different. The codes address not using wood siding that has not been treated and making simple adjustments to landscaping and the perimeter of the property. Councilor Liefeld said he has a better understanding of the WUI Code and how this might affect the insurance companies, as well as the cost of building in New Castle. He thanked staff for showing the videos. Administrator Reynolds said the town goes through an insurance institute audit and is ranked based on the result of the audit. Councilor Liefeld asked if the town has the ability to restrict the building permits if the HOA's doesn't upgrade to the town's standards. Administrator Reynolds said no because the HOA's have updated the town's standards. The standard ranks the fire resiliency of certain siding materials. He said there are wood siding materials that should be the Class A ranking, so Lakota Canyon Ranch is welcome to use those. Administrator Reynolds said Lakota Canyon Ranch as a very strong design review and has to look a certain way. He said as long as they are meeting the code it would be fine.

### **CIRSA on Boarding Video**

Administrator Reynolds said staff will present a short CIRSA video as an introduction to the topic of Council and staff roles, actions, and responsibilities.

Clerk Andis showed the video to the council. Administrator Reynolds said CIRSA is the town's insurance company, they do the liability insurance, automobile insurance and property casualty insurance.

### **Consent Agenda**

Items on the consent agenda are routine and non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member or citizen requests it, in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda.

May 19, 2026, minutes

June 2, 2026, minutes

**MOTION: Councilor Mariscal made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Carey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

### **Staff Reports**

**Town Administrator** –Administrator Reynolds said there was a Letter to the Editor in the paper from Bob & Elaine DuBois commended CRFR for their response in saving their home when it was struck by lightening, the also commended the New Castle Police Department. Administrator Reynolds said he had received a call from somebody who would like to put in a vending machine in of the town’s parks. He said he reviewed the code and the code doesn’t allow for it. He said there is provision in the code where if somebody really wanted to, they could come to town council and council could consider it, but, as staff, there’s also part of the code that says that staff can review it and say yes or no. Administrator Reynolds said his inclination would be to stay in line with what the town already has in place. He said there is a shaved ice stand with teenage girls running it, that is allowed under the state’s Lemonade Law. Administrator Reynolds said he had a meeting with CIRSA for the annual meeting. He said Colorado is one of the worst states to insure because of police department. He said Colorado has passed laws to make it easy to sue police departments. CIRSA wants to know what kind of lawsuits they would encounter based on claims against the police department. Colorado has written laws that are fairly liberal and allow a lot of latitude for being able to sue the police departments. Administrator Reynolds said on Memorial Day the cemetery was designated as a historic landmark. He said Mike Miller who helps takes care of the cemetery had noticed the plaque that was placed for the designation had a date of 1889 however, the sign about it says 1888. Administrator Reynolds said the cemetery was created in 1888, but the first burial was in 1889. He said it would be brought back to Historic Preservation Commission for a review, and the plaque may need to be redone. Administrator Reynolds said he and Planner Paul Smith met with MOO, LLC the owners of the ice cream parlor. They were thinking about having music on their property. MOO LLC has decided not to move forward with the idea at this time. Administrator Reynolds said the town has hired Employee Council for HR. He said he has already used them for some employee questions, and they were amazing. Administrator Reynolds said VIX parking lot has switched sides of the street for construction work. The signage on the street has been changed. Administrator Reynolds said Sunlight Mountain Resort was looking at teaming up with our New Castle Trails for a race on Burning Mountain. He said he had a meeting with a member of New Castle Trails and they had decided to pull back from the race and look at again for next year. Administrator Reynolds reminded council CML Conference is next week in Westminster. Administrator Reynolds passed around a card for Barry Stout. He said Mr. Stout owns Stout Ranch and every year Mr. Stout has a Polo Match on the ranch called the Devereaux Cup. He said all the money raised from the event Mr. Stout donates to the New Castle Museum. Administrator Reynolds said former Councilor Bruce Leland had heart surgery and is recovering. Administrator Reynolds said Bob Johnson, the owner and Chief Operator of Integrated Property Management, has passed away. Mr. Johnson was on the Lakota Canyon Ranch board for many years.

**Town Clerk** – Clerk Andis said she and Assistant Michelle Huster is continuing to train on the new agenda, minutes and packet platform. The new platform will go live at the end of June. Clerk Andis reminded Councilor Carey and Councilor Leifeld about the CEC meeting on Thursday.

**Town Treasurer** – not present

**Town Planner** – not present

**Public Works Director** – not present

### **Commission Reports**

**Planning & Zoning Commission** –have not met

**Historic Preservation Commission** – have not met

**Climate and Environment Commission** – have not met

**Senior Program** – have not met

**RFTA** –Councilor Copeland said there was a presentation about e-bikes. She said RFTA would be entering a proposed cost sharing strategy with Rifle and Silt for the next couple of years for the Hogback Route.

**AGNC** –Mayor Hazelton said meeting tomorrow in Grand Junction. He said the meeting is in person only no ZOOM options. He said the Associate Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior, will be the roundtable speaker.

**GCE** – have not met.

**EAB** – have not met

**POSTR** – Administrator Reynolds asked Councilor Sampley if she would be available to have a meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 4pm at VIX Park. Councilor Sampley said she would be.

### **Council Comments**

Councilor Mariscal said the Children's Market and the Chamber Block Party last week was fun and a great turn out.

Councilor Leifeld said Tomorrow night, 8–10-year-old softball plays their first game of the season. Come out and support your local children's teams. The game will be at Elk Creek Elementary. He said he would not be at the next council meeting.

Councilor Carey said the Polo Match was great. She asked Administrator Reynolds if has met with RE2 School District Superintendent about the unmitigated area behind the houses behind the middle school. She said people walk it thinking it is a new path along the raw water irrigation ditch because it is a fire hazard. Administrator Reynolds said he has not met with him.

Councilor Riddile said he would not be at the next council meeting.

Councilor Sampley said she would be out of town for the next council meeting but would be able to ZOOM into the meeting.

Mayor Hazelton said he would be attending the Tuesday CML Conference Session. He said the maps that were being restored are done. He said the Subakdo Studio is losing their lease. He said he spoke with Dustin Chapin. Mr. Chapin said he is getting a lot of trespassers on his property to get to the trail on Mt. Medaris which is closed. Mayor Hazelton said Mr. Chapin is worried about rocks coming down.

### Items for Future Council Agenda

There were no items for future council agenda

### Adjourn

**MOTION: Mayor Hazelton made a motion to adjourn.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Town Clerk Mindy Andis, CMC



  
Mayor Grady Hazelton



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## YouthZone presentation

### MISSION

YouthZone provides comprehensive assessment and advocacy to inspire healthy relationships between youth, families, and communities.

### VISION

Hopeful Youth, Strong Families, & Safe Communities

### CORE VALUES

Inspire with Integrity, No judgements, Stewardship and believe in Possibilities, Inclusiveness, Restoration and Encouragement

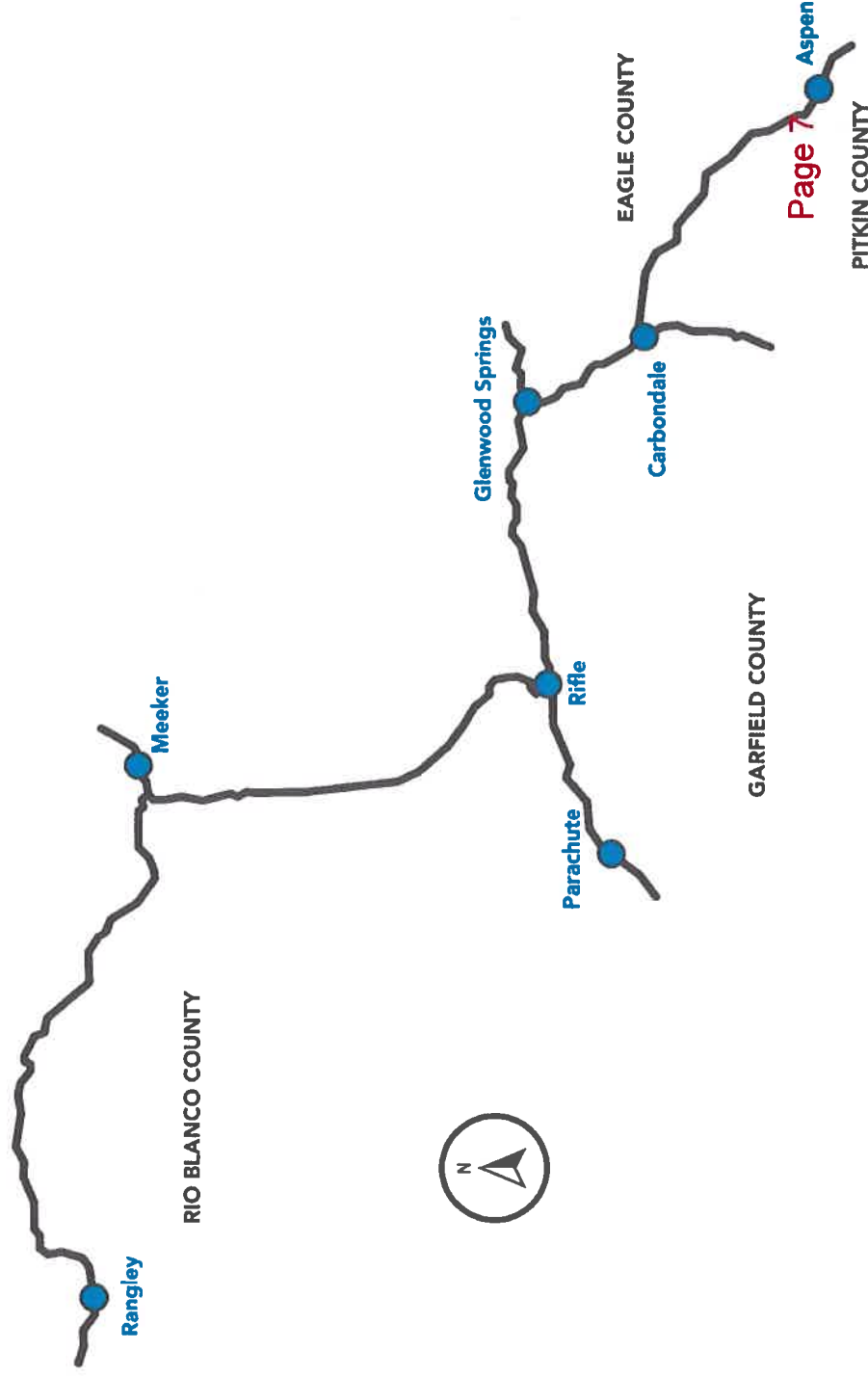




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## YouthZone presentation

# 9th Judicial District and YouthZone





## YouthZone presentation

# GOALS AND OUTCOMES



- To intervene with youth who exhibit risky, disruptive or criminal juvenile behaviors,
- YouthZone:
  - Provides youth tools and resources to **reduce risk** and elevate success
  - Supports the entire family unit and promotes **healthier family** relationships
  - Supports **mental health** through coaching, counseling and education
  - Intervenes with **substance** use through intervention, education and counseling
  - Heals communities through **restorative processes**



## YouthZone presentation

### SCREENING FOR POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

*\*Evidence Based: Sensitive to program effectiveness, completion, and client recidivism. The screener includes 60 questions, of which seven are identifying and demographic. Staff collect quality screening answers, as well as assets and risks. The screener is at a 7th-grade reading level and takes about 15 minutes to complete.*

**The YouthZone survey measures the following five domains:**

- Substance Use
- Alcohol Use
- Optimism and Problem Solving
- Delinquency and Community Engagement
- Trauma





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# PROGRAMS & SERVICES



### Youth Services

Assessments – Youth and Family  
Youth Advocacy - Case Management  
Counseling – Individual  
Substance Use Counseling & Education  
Restorative Justice  
Victim/Offender Mediation  
Peer Support Groups  
Useful Public Service  
Deferred Sentencing Programs through Courts  
Diversion  
Life Skills Classes  
Youth Coaching  
CYDC Detention Screening 9<sup>th</sup> District

### Parent Support

Parent Consultation  
Parent Education  
Family Mediation  
Peer Support Groups

[Online Referral Form](https://www.youthzone.com)

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## YouthZone presentation

### COST & SOURCES OF INCOME

- \$200 fee per client to initiate services- Sliding fee schedule for reduced or waived fees
- Average overall cost per youth is \$2,000-\$4,000 for a 3-6 month program
- Avg. cost to detain a youth is \$66,000 for 6 months
- FY25.26 budget at \$2.0m
- FY26.27 budget at \$2.1m





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## YouthZone presentation

### OUR GOALS:

- 1) Leverage **community partnerships** for better outcomes and outreach. This includes coordinating with schools and law enforcement agencies to identify pre-ticket youth
- 2) Reduce **barriers to access**, including transportation, language, cost, and timeliness.
- 3) **Improve capacity** to serve youth and families in need of mental health and substance use intervention



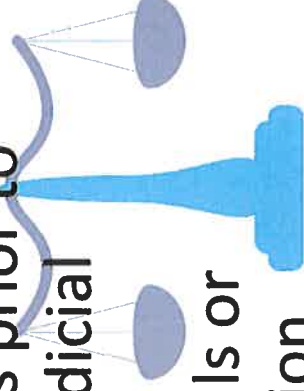


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## YouthZone presentation

### DEMOGRAPHICS AND OUTCOMES

- 56% of referrals come from courts, offering both pre- and post-file diversion.
- 30% of referrals are from schools and pre-ticket law enforcement contact, allowing us to provide preventative services prior to formal engagement with the judicial system.
- 15% of referrals are self-referrals or referred by a partner organization.
- 6% of our clients are adults.





## YouthZone presentation

### DEMOGRAPHICS & OUTCOMES

|                                 | Organization-wide       | New Castle              |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Top Reasons for Referral</b> | Possession of marijuana | Possession of marijuana |
|                                 | Possession of alcohol   | Petty theft             |
|                                 | Petty theft             | Possession of alcohol   |
|                                 | Criminal mischief       | Harassment/Menacing     |
|                                 | Parent consultation     | Reckless driving        |
| <b>Top Referral Sources</b>     | Garfield District Court | Glenwood Muni Court     |
|                                 | Glenwood Muni Court     | Garfield District Court |
|                                 | Rifle Muni Court        | New Castle Police       |
|                                 | Garfield County Court   | Garfield County Court   |
|                                 | Carbondale Muni Court   | Internal/Other          |





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## YouthZone presentation

# DEMOGRAPHICS & OUTCOMES

|                                | Organization-wide                   | New Castle                          |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Total assessments              | 449                                 | 48                                  |
| Unique clients                 | 378                                 | 38                                  |
| Total community members served | 1020                                | 113                                 |
| CYDC cases                     | 50                                  | 9                                   |
| Non-recidivism rate            | 84%                                 | 87%                                 |
| Contract completion rate       | 92%                                 | 83%                                 |
| Survey improvement             | 48%                                 | 35%                                 |
| Gender                         | 39% female, 61% male                | 35% female, 65% male                |
| Ethnicity                      | 44% Caucasian, 49% Latino, 7% other | 43% Caucasian, 51% Latino, 6% other |





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## YouthZone presentation

### Support Staff and Key Consultants



Jami Hayes, ED



Ali Naaseh-Shahry-  
Development Director



Lyn Williams, Director of Ops



Vanessa Otero,  
Administrative Assistant



Tania Beltran, Business  
Manager





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# YouthZone presentation

## Direct Service Staff

### Substance Program



Michelle Medrano,  
Substance Coordinator



Erin Greenwald,  
Substance Specialist  
and Youth Advocate



Keri Sorenson,  
Substance Specialist  
and Youth Advocate

### Restorative Justice Program



Airen Goodman,  
Program Director



Pete Durrance,  
Restorative Justice  
Specialist

### Mental Health Program



Clarissa Fortier, LSW  
Mental Health  
Counselor

### CYDC/Diversion Program



Zyra Guyon, LPC  
Clinical Supervisor



Airen Goodman,  
CYDC/Diversion  
Coordinator



Aida Bonilla,  
Pretrial and  
Diversion Specialist



Abigail Jurado,  
Youth Advocate

### Municipal and County Court Program



Mariah Dickson,  
Court Coordinator



Becca Paturalski,  
Youth Advocate



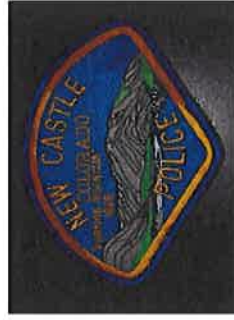
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# YouthZone presentation

## Key Partnerships



COLORADO

Department of Human Services

COLORADO

Division of Criminal Justice

Department of Public Safety



Helping families thrive in Garfield County

Office of Gun Violence Prevention

Colorado Youth Detention Continuum (CYDC)

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# Elk Creek Elementary Sidewalk

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# CDOT is replacing the Highway 6 bridge over Elk Creek, including a new pedestrian bridge.

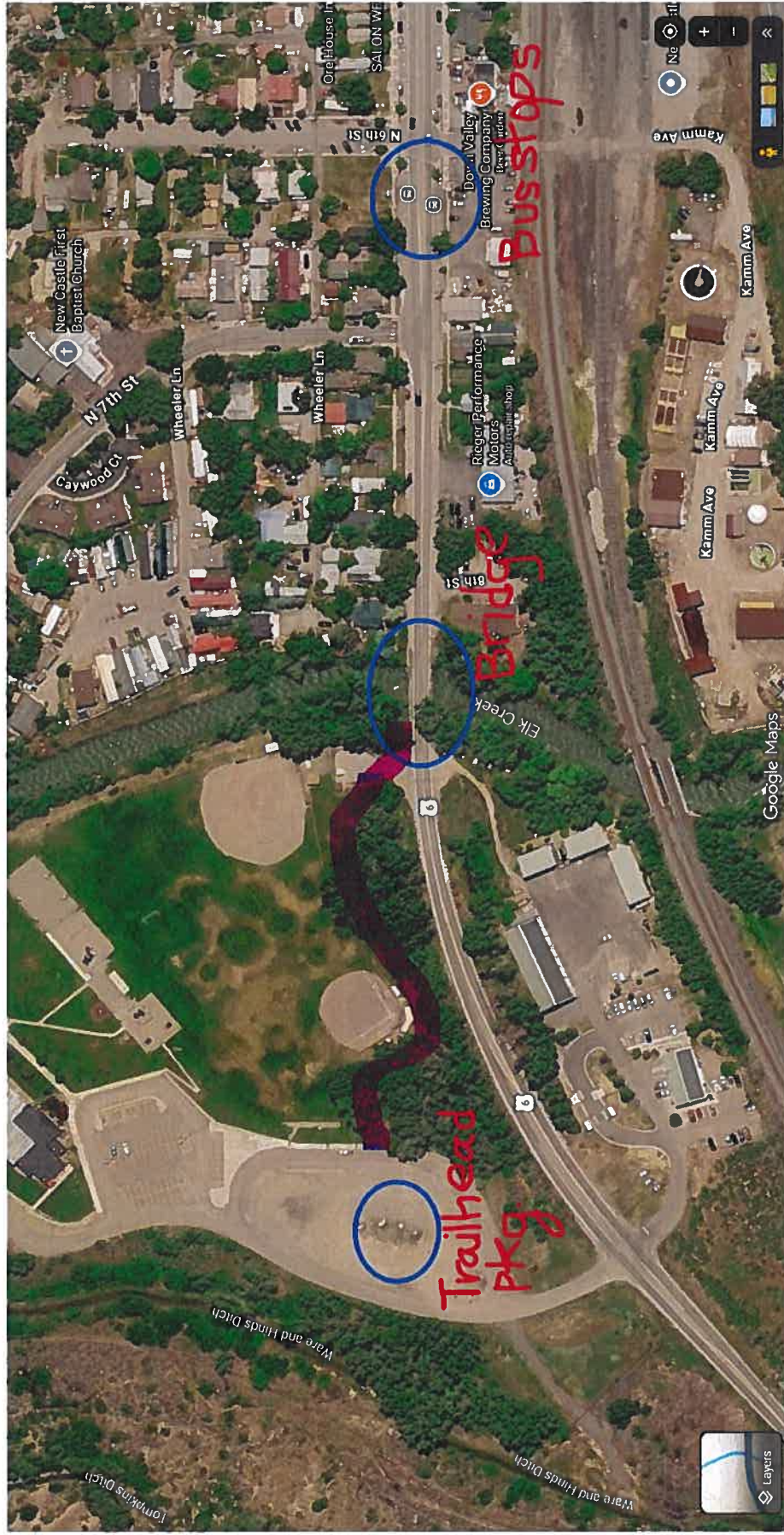
- Plans call for CDOT to build a 30' path extending from the west bridge abutment, parallel to the highway
- It will have a negative 5% grade (ADA-compliant) to bring it down to the existing asphalt surface
- No additional pedestrian corridor is planned along the shoulder of Highway 6 to the west

# NEW PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE



# LoVa proposes to seek grant funding to build a new sidewalk connecting the bridge to Elk Creek Elementary

- The new sidewalk will connect from the west bridge abutment to the existing sidewalk at the school parking lot.
- Sidewalk length is approximately 700 linear feet. It will be built to CDOT and Town specifications of 10' wide concrete, 6" thick with a 30-year lifespan.
- It will lie entirely on RE-2 School District property.
- The School District will build, own and maintain the sidewalk.
- Project construction will be at no cost to the Town or School District.





# PROJECT ATTRIBUTES

## **SAFETY**

- Provides a safe, separated path for students and families to the school campus
- Directs non-school related traffic away from school buildings, ball fields & students

## **CONNECTIVITY**

- Connects downtown to the school, Burning Mountain trailhead and eventual LoVa Trail alignment to the west

## **TRANSIT**

- The RFTA bus stop is just east of the bridge
- The parking lot supports RFTA operations as an official bus turnaround/ staging location

# PROJECT BUDGET (draft)

|                                  |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| • Survey, design and engineering | \$13,000       |
| • Construction                   | \$325,500      |
| • Transit stop signal beacons    | \$10,000       |
| • <u>Contingency</u>             | <u>\$1,500</u> |
| • Estimated total project budget | \$350,000      |

# POTENTIAL GRANT SOURCES

Grant match provided by RFTA funding earmarked for the LoVa Trail

## **OPTION 1** (August 2026 award for 2027 build)

- RFTA First-Last Mile Mobility (FLMM) program grant

## **OPTION 2** (Summer 2027 award for 2028 build)

- Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District Joint Grant Program  
-combined with-
- RFTA FLMM grant

## **OPTION 3** (October 2026 award for 2028 build)

- Safe Routes To School federal grant program -combined with-
- CDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

# TOWN OF NEW CASTLE OBLIGATIONS

- LoVa will prepare the grant application in collaboration with Town staff
- FLMM grants must be awarded to a RFTA member-community
- If awarded, the Town will pass funds through to the School District for project management and construction
- Town will coordinate with LoVa, RFTA and New Castle Trails on signage, messaging and promotion

# QUESTIONS/ CONCERNS

What's the alternative?

- No build, “bridge to nowhere”
- Dangerous situation for pedestrians stranded on the shoulder of Highway 6
- Random trespassing on school property
- Lack of connectivity to transit



