

COHOPE Report - March 13, 2008

We did not have a guest speaker scheduled for the March meeting. Commissioner Kevin McCasky attended the meeting and was given an opportunity to say a few words. He talked a little about budget issues and the Commissioners efforts to find ways for county government to be more productive and efficient. They have managed to reduce the budget by about \$10 million. There may still be further cut backs and trimming of personnel and services. He also mentioned that a citizen's budget committee has been formed to provide input to the Commissioners. Commissioner McCasky also discussed his efforts in support of the completion of the 470 beltway - from Golden up to the Northwest Parkway. He believes this would be a major asset for the County, greatly improve transportation mobility through the County and keep growing traffic off residential streets especially with the projections of at least an additional 4000 plus homes in the northwest part of the County. Sheriff's Deputy Grey LeCerte passed out his crime statistics which showed most of the categories at about normal levels. The Part 2 Crimes category, Property did take a large jump but that was attributed to an incident of vandals breaking a large number of car mirrors a couple of weeks ago. Deputy LeCerte also expressed hope the mostly recently revised version of his anti-graffiti bill will get through the Judicial Committee and passed on to the legislature. The Foothills Park and Recreation representative briefly mentioned the on going search for a new Executive Director for Foothills. Currently four applicants are being interviewed and the hope is a candidate will be in place prior to the upcoming election. He also mentioned the mill levy increase ballot is going forward and the importance of that increased funding to Foothills. There were no other County representatives and the meeting. It was decided that COHOPE's next highway trash pickup day will be April 26<sup>th</sup>.