

# This Old Courthouse

Ouray County Courthouse Restoration and Construction Project Newsletter  
May 2018

## Notable Updates and News

*County Elected Officials, Department Heads and Staff have been atwitter with activity in preparation for renovation and construction activities!*

- Ouray County was awarded \$1,000,000 in grant funding from the Department of Local Affairs for the Courthouse Restoration and Construction Project. The award reflects the full -funding of the County's grant request to DOLA. ***Combined with the grant funding award from the Underfunded Courthouse Commission, the project's grant award monies total \$1,832,075.00!***



- The Ouray County Board of County Commissioners entered into lease agreements for temporary office space in March 2018. County Staff is busy readying the spaces for relocation. County Departments continue to organize and pack their offices. Dates of relocation of specific offices will be announced well ahead of each department's move. Not sure where to go to conduct your County business? Give us a call at (970) 325-7320. As a reminder:

- County Sheriff and Emergency Manager will be located at 309 6th Avenue in Ouray;
  - The County Assessor, Clerk & Recorder, Treasurer & Public Trustee, Human Resources Director, County Administrator and Administrative Staff will be located at 112 Village Square West—2nd and 3rd Floors, Ridgway;
  - EMS Offices have relocated to the Ridgway Fire Department Facility, located at 421 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway (*Ambulance bays in Ouray will be maintained*); and,
  - District, County and Municipal Courts will be relocated to 630 Main Street in Ouray.
- Resulting from a request for proposal process, the Board of County Commissioners selected BB&T Bank as the financial institution for the provision of lease financing based upon best value to the County. The Board reviewed and approved the documents on April 19, 2018 and closed on the arrangement on April 26, 2018; \$6,585,500.00 was wired to the County shortly thereafter for the sole purpose of funding the Courthouse Restoration and Construction Project. Quarterly payments of \$124,000 will begin in 2019. For more information on how lease purchase financing works, check out the April 2018 Edition of "This Old Courthouse."
  - Monty Guiles, of Peyton Savage, LLC has been selected as the Owner's Representative for the project, following a request for proposal solicitation, and interview process. Mr. Guiles has spent many years working as a project manager on the Western Slope and nationwide.

## Did You Know...

...that the Courthouse basement originally contained a room for Ouray City Council, quarters for the Ouray Fire Department and hose cart? After the completion of the Courthouse in



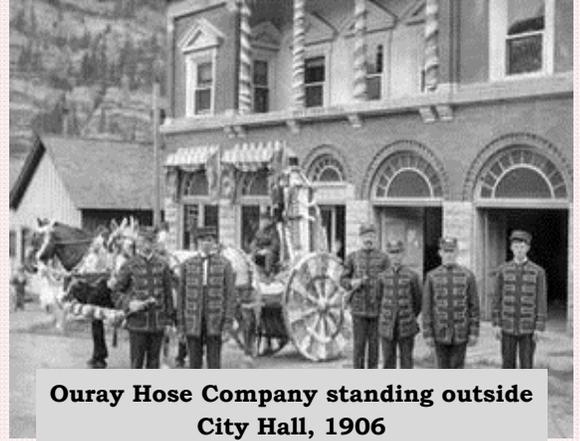
**Ouray County records, still covered with mud and dirt from the 1965 flood.**

1888, City Council found that so much room had been provided for the Hose Company and their apparatus that

the council rooms were much too small; City Council eventually found a permanent home in City Hall, and the Hose Company outgrew their space and was moved to a separate location.

The basement level has likely seen numerous partition changes over the years. Most notably, several windows were bricked and the “moat” was filled with concrete after the Courthouse flooded

in 1965. Restoration plans propose reinstallation of the Courthouse “moat” and historical windows in order to allow more light and improved drainage.



**Ouray Hose Company standing outside City Hall, 1906**

## Project Milestones / Next Steps

- General Contractor Request for Proposal Development, Solicitation, and Interviews—May 2018
- County Departments relocation to temporary office spaces—Staged beginning in June 2018 (*check [www.ouraycountyco.gov](http://www.ouraycountyco.gov) for updates*)
- Construction begins—October 2018

**Follow Along! More information regarding the Courthouse Restoration and Construction Project can be found on the [Ouray County website](http://ouraycountyco.gov), ([ouraycountyco.gov](http://ouraycountyco.gov)) or on the Ouray County Courthouse [Restoration and Construction Project Facebook page](#). Questions, Concerns, or Comments can be directed to Ouray County Administrator at (970) 325-7263.**