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Press Release

ELBERT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SELECT CANDIDATES FOR MANAGER

Board Announces Slate of Three for Final Interviews

Kiowa, CO, August 24, 2017: In a public meeting held yesterday, the Elbert County Board of County Commissioners selected three finalists from among 17 applicants for the position of County Manager. The position has been advertised since June 26th of this year.

The three finalists are: Samuel Albrecht, Richard (Adam) Keele, and Guy Patterson.

Mr. Albrecht is an Elbert County Resident who holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA), offers over 25 years of leadership and management experience (primarily in the non-profit sector, and is the principle officer of Albrecht Consulting Solutions.

Mr. Keele is also an Elbert County Resident who holds a MBA with a concentration in Human Resource Management and offers lengthy experience in personnel and project management in the federal government sector. He is currently employed by the United States Air Force Reserve at Buckley Air Base in Aurora.

Mr. Patterson holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration and has extensive experience in local government including management of several small and medium sized western slope towns and a stint as a county administrator. He has also started and run several small businesses. His most recent employment was as Administrator of the City of Salida, Colorado.

"Its rare to get such a talented group of individuals applying for a position such as this", said County Commissioner Chris Richardson. "There were many top quality people among those who applied and I look forward to filling this key county position. I am confident our citizens will be well served by our eventual pick."

Prior to any final selection and job offer, each candidate will be interviewed by a panel of county elected officials, a panel of Elbert County municipal and special district leaders, and by each of the County Commissioners. Final selection will occur in a public meeting tentatively scheduled for mid-September.

Elbert County is located approximately 30 miles southeast of Denver and is home to over 26,000 residents. We are a unique mix of suburban bedroom communities and rural agricultural areas. The county provides essential statutory services and supportive infrastructure to our citizens in a professional, respectful, and cost-effective manner while creating a working environment that supports their endeavors, western lifestyle and rights as individuals. We strive to be viewed by our citizens and employees as the best place to live, work, and conduct business in Colorado; led in a responsive, effective, transparent, and professional manner.

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