

ELDORADO

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The County Liaison recently spoke with the Project Manager of the County for repaving part of the Hike/Bike path from the end of Vista Grande to Balsa Road. The project is State funded in the amount of \$100K. The project went out to bid, and an existing vendor will be completing the project. The project will begin once the State releases the funds.

There are two \$16K contracts with Horex Engineering for alignment studies of Azul and HWY 285 to Torreon trail systems. The contracts are currently in the legal department and should be released this month. ECIA's Operations Manager is the contact for the County for this project.

The Board President and Treasurer met with the sheriff on August 24th to discuss community safety, following a recent armed robbery. The sheriff explained there are 100 deputies in the County, 16 assigned on patrol and one deputy on duty to cover Eldorado and Old Las Vegas HWY. He stated the crime rate in Eldorado is much lower than the rest of Santa Fe County. The sheriff believes the robbery was an isolated incident and the offender may already be in custody. The sheriff recommended residents place a front door camera on their home, maintain awareness of self and neighbors, participate in a neighborhood watch program, and contact the sheriff if an issue arises. The sheriff did not think it would benefit ECIA to have a security guard for such a large community. A security guard would ultimately contact the sheriff if there were an incident and cannot do much in regard to detaining an individual. The sheriff and other deputies were invited to utilize the Community Center for bathroom breaks, coffee, to completed paperwork, etc. to have a more visible presence in the community.

The Board members and sheriff also spoke about installing license plate reader cameras on the three entrances into Eldorado. The Board is waiting for a response from the Sheriff in regard to how ECIA can assist in acquiring the equipment. The management of the system would be with the Sheriff Department. This is a preliminary plan and more needs to be learned about cost and process. This will be discussed with community residents prior to any action.

The Water Company is still moving forward on the construction of their facility on the easement received from ECIA near the stables. It would be ideal for ECIA to transfer the property to the Water Department. The Land Use Department was contacted and they agreed to meet with the County Liaison and other residents to review proposals for a survey and the transfer of the ECIA property at a cost of approximately \$10K.