

Mesa Open

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County asked to leave COG

Mesa County should be removed from the Colorado West Area Council of Governments, more than 3,000 county citizens indicated in signed petitions Monday.

The petitions were presented to Mesa County commissioners by the Mesa County Chapter of the Committee to Restore the Constitution. Chapter President Danny R. Hawkins of Mesa made the presentation.

Hawkins asked commissioners to set up a public hearing, at which the constitutionality of the COG and other regional concepts,

such as land use planning, control of water, building codes, gun control and taxation, would be debated.

Commissioners Chairman Errol Snider told Hawkins and about 15 other persons in the audience commissioners will set a date for the hearing. Snider said the decision will be made within a week and the hearing will be in about 30 days.

In their letter to commissioners, members of the Committee to Restore the Constitution said commissioners have the power to remove Mesa County from the


COG by giving 90 days notice to that group. Hawkins told commissioners he feels continued membership is a "real and present danger" to the constitution. He said he feels a regional council is a violation of the U.S. Constitution and usurps the rights and freedoms of citizens.

Snider told Hawkins the commissioners are willing to hold the public hearing. But he told the group there will be comment from both sides, if persons who are pro-Council of Governments wish to testify. He said elected officials who participate in COG will be invited to appear, if they

wish to do so.

In other business, commissioners told Gary Gavin they will allow use of county roads on the Redlands and from Mack to the Utah state line for bicycle races May 15 and May 21, after a check to be sure there are no legal complications.

Commissioners gave approval to the final plat for a minor subdivision in Blue Heron Industrial Park, west of Road 24½ and south of the River Road. They included among stipulations that water used for landscaping must come from irrigation supplies and not from treated water.



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United Way receives record sum

At a victory dinner Thursday night, directors of United Way recognized the volunteers and major donors whose combined efforts raised \$176,939.34 to finance

man Guy Cherp hoped to receive.

The dinner also marks a change in administrative responsibilities. Phil Frey of Public Service Co. will be installed as president of the board, succeed-

Two directors, Enos Stone and Baird Brown, are new on the board. They succeed Kent Webster, completing a three-year term, and Jim Alvillar, who resigned. The seat vacated by an-

The Daily Sentinel, Grand Junction Steel Fabricating Co., Public Service Co., and the First National Bank.

The agencies already have been informed of their allocations for the current fiscal year.