A monument's new Town Clerk Laura Hogan was sworn in by Monument Mayor Jeffrey Kaiser on April 17 at the Board of Trustees meeting. Photo by Lisa Hatfield.

Features over $5,000

As part of the consent agenda, the trustees unanimously approved the following checks over $5,000:

- Lytle Water Solutions LLC, water engineering for four projects – $8,306
- Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority, 2017 dues and transit loss – $5,933
- CIRSA Insurance, second-quarter workers’ compensation insurance – $18,279
- CIRSA Insurance, second-quarter liability insurance – $29,056

Public comments

Laramie Cummings of The Independence Center addressed the trustees with concerns about accessibility and safety for people with disabilities trying to cross Highway 105 to get to the Safeway Shopping Center. She said the rock gravel was difficult to walk on and caused people to have to walk in the road to get to the parking lot.

Public Works Director Tom Tharnish said he was already working with Safeway, the Colorado Department of Transportation, and El Paso County on this issue, since adding sidewalks there is not in the town’s jurisdiction.

Trustees’ comments

Trustee Greg Coopman thanked Donala District Manager Kip Petersen for his presentation at the last meeting about sidewalks. He also stated that the board discuss some of the characteristics of the Monument Planning Commission as it compares to the board.

Mayor Pro-Tem Don Wilson mentioned his appreciation for all the work that went into the Chamber event. He also said that a second round of open houses regarding the Planning and Environmental Linkages Study (PEL) would occur on April 25 and 27 regarding widening I-25 between Monument and C-470. See photo on page 28.

Trustee Kelly Elliott thanked all those volunteers and town staff involved in completing the 2017 Monument Comprehensive Plan.

Trustee Dennis Murphy said the last several meetings had been very good, “more of a team approach. I love it. Thank you to all.”

Kaiser announced that the first phase of the extension of North Powers Boulevard (SH 21) would start this winter, taking 12-18 months to build through mostly vacant land to reach Voyager Parkway. The second phase, from Voyager to I-25, should follow that. The project is estimated to cost $326 million and will be funded through development and residential growth, he said.

Kaiser said that on April 19 the newly-formed I-25 Gap Coalition had a kickoff meeting, and that it might rename itself “Southern Gap” to differentiate from the North I-25 Coalition lobbying for improvement of I-25 between Denver and Fort Collins.

Kaiser mentioned that House Bill 17-1242 was coming up for a vote. If approved by the Legislature and then by