

RESOLUTION No. 16 (2021)

A RESOLUTION ADVOCATING FOR GARFIELD COUNTY'S CONTINUED REPRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF CRAIG AS A MEMBER OF THE WESTERN AND RURAL GOVERNMENTS COALITION

WHEREAS, the City of Craig has been and would ask to have Kirby Wynn, Oil and Gas Liaison for Garfield County, continue to represent Craig as a member of the Western and Rural Governments Coalition (WRLG); and

WHEREAS, the City has been part of the Coalition for the past 2 years and understands that Oil & Gas production has been under a continued barrage of rulemaking and financial assurance enhancements that make the operation of low producing wells difficult to maintain and comply with the myriad of new rulemakings emanating from the legislature and the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the objective of the Coalition is to have an industry expert, like Kirby Wynn provide for issues research, testimony preparation, filings, etc. on behalf of the WRLG and communicate necessary information to the Coalition members; and

WHEREAS, the City of Craig realizes specific funding benefits from Oil & Gas production in the form of Direct Payments from Severance and FML Distributions to Moffat County and the City of Craig, as well as Energy Impact Grant Funding for necessary capital improvements; and

WHEREAS; it is important we work to protect these streams of revenue as long as we have Oil & Gas extraction activities in the region, to include Moffat County and Resident Employees living in Moffat County and the City of Craig;

WHEREAS, the City Council understands that up to now these services provided by Garfield County have been provided at no cost to the City and it is projected that going forward there would likely be no request for financial participation and if funding were requested the City could choose to opt out of the Coalition at any time; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Craig, Colorado, that we find it valuable to support and advocate for the 23 Coalition partners who desire to grow and facilitate the expansion and health of the Oil & Gas industry by being a member of the WRLG;

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Craig, Colorado, on June 22nd, 2021.

Jarrod Ogden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Liz White, City Clerk

