



## ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO

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### **IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Archuleta County to Swear in New County Officials on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Pagosa Springs** – Archuleta County will swear in three elected officials at 9 a.m., Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at the County Courthouse, 109 Harman Park Drive. Re-elected District 1 Commissioner Warren Brown, Commissioner-Elect District 2 John Ranson, and Coroner-Elect Brad Hunt, will take their oath of office and become officially ‘official’ at the ceremony.

The 2025 Inauguration Ceremony will be unlike years past taking on a more formal twist. The event will begin with the posting of the colors, followed by an honor song harmonic, and an opening prayer. The newly elected officials will then be sworn in by Judge Fay. Closing remarks are to be followed by a light brunch offering.

Commissioner Warren Brown will be taking oath of office for a second consecutive term. As representative of District 1, Brown looks forward to continuing County improvements in 2025. “The natural beauty and resources that attracted people to Archuleta County today are for the most part the same reasons why the early inhabitants of our area made this piece of paradise their home. We will do well to protect the legacy that has been left to us, while responsibly planning and preparing for the future generations to come,” expressed Brown. “I am honored, and I know it is a privilege to have been reelected as your District 1 Commissioner. I am approaching this opportunity and responsibility with the utmost intent to make Archuleta County a better place to live, work, and raise our children.”

Newly elected Commissioner John Ranson, who ran unopposed in the 2024 election, will take the seat of District 2 departing Commissioner Ronnie Maez. Ranson was previously elected commissioner in 2008, serving from 2009-2011, and looks forward to serving his community once again. “Thank you, Archuleta County residents, for electing me to represent all of you for Commissioner in District 2”, said Ranson. “I look forward to working with Commissioner Brown and Commissioner Medina. It is my hope to work together and provide transparency for all.”

Coroner Brad Hunt, who also ran unopposed in the 2024 election, will join Ranson and Brown. After being appointed interim Coroner in 2023, Hunt has continued to serve his community and improve on his department. “The Archuleta County Coroner’s Office has a long and proud history of caring for and assisting the recently deceased and their

families,” Hunt said. “I am honored and humbled to be elected Coroner, and I look forward to continuing to provide a high level of care for all residents of Archuleta County.”

Ronnie Maez, a hairdresser by trade, will be transitioning into a new life after serving the County for eight consecutive years.

A light brunch will follow the event giving residents a chance to congratulate their new representatives, as well as thanking Commissioner Maez for his eight years of dedicated service to the community. This event is free and open for the public to attend.

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