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Media Note: Photos of Commissioners Susan Beckman, Rod Bockenfeld, Frank Weddig and District Attorney Carol Chambers are available for download at the County's FTP server by clicking on: <ftp://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/pub/cm/photos>

## **Commissioners Beckman, Bockenfeld, Weddig begin new terms**

*Arapahoe County Commissioner Susan Beckman named chairman of board for 2009*

LITTLETON, CO --- Arapahoe County Commissioners Susan Beckman, Rod Bockenfeld and Frank Weddig, along with 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney Carol Chambers were sworn into office during a ceremony Tuesday.

In addition to the swearing-in ceremony, the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners also named Commissioner Susan Beckman as Chairman, Jim Dyer as Chair Pro Tem and Commissioner Pat Noonan as Finance Officer for 2009.

Beckman, who represents District 1, which includes Littleton, Englewood, Bow Mar, Sheridan and portions of Centennial, is serving her third, four-year term. She was first elected to the Board in 2001 and previously served as Board Chair in 2003 and 2008.

Beckman is well known for her commitment and dedication to improving Arapahoe County and is a strong advocate for quality of life issues, such as senior services, human services, transportation and the preservation of open space.

"I feel very fortunate to have the consistency on the Board of County Commissioners and with our elected officials as we move forward into a challenging year," said Beckman. "With the help of the most dedicated employees in the state of Colorado we have a lot of work to accomplish and we look forward to working together to serve the citizens of Arapahoe County for the next four years."

Bockenfeld, who represents District 3, which includes the communities of Watkins, Bennett, Byers, Strasburg and Deer Trail in eastern Arapahoe County, as well as the Town of Foxfield and portions of Centennial and Aurora, is serving his second, four-year term. He was first elected to the Board in 2005 and served as Board Chairman in 2006.

Bockenfeld, who has a background in banking, finance and criminal justice, is committed and dedicated to improving Arapahoe County and representing his constituents and the County on a variety of issues.

"We know that this is a tough time for local government and Arapahoe County is no different," Bockenfeld said. "But Arapahoe County also is prepared to weather this financial storm and we will do so in a manner that allows us to continue to provide services to our citizens."

Weddig, who represents District 5, which includes Aurora, is serving his second four-year term. He was first elected to the Board in 2005 and served as Board Chairman in 2007. He has a strong commitment to public service as demonstrated by his work as a County Commissioner and his previous work as a member of the Aurora Planning Commission, Aurora City Council, State Representative and State Senate.

“We are all very fortunate to live in Arapahoe County, one of the best places to live in the world, in my view,” Weddig said. “The next four years are going to be a challenge, but with the team that we have in place, we will meet those challenges and we will continue to prosper. It is a real honor to serve as County Commissioner and I look forward to representing the citizens and this community for another four years.”

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