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## **Arapahoe County ratifies letter ending Public Works services** *County agrees to transition public works services to Centennial by July 1, 2008*

**LITTLETON, CO ---** The Board of County Commissioners Tuesday ratified a letter signed by Arapahoe County and the City of Centennial that will end the County's Public Works services on July 1, 2008.

Arapahoe County has provided public works and law enforcement services to the City of Centennial since its inception in 2001. Arapahoe County will begin the transition process on Jan. 1, but will continue to provide public works services to the city through June 30, 2008.

"Our goal – as it was seven years ago – is to ensure the seamless transition of services and the success of Arapahoe County's second largest city," said Commissioner Susan Beckman, who was on the board when Centennial incorporated in 2001. "Arapahoe County and Centennial have done a great job working together to serve our citizens. We've always done what was in the best interest of Arapahoe County, the best interest of the city and most importantly, what was in the best interest of the citizens. It's the end of an era and we wish them much success as they move forward during this next phase in their history."

Arapahoe County continues to work with Centennial to negotiate a 10-year contract for law enforcement services.

"The relationship between the County and the City has been a very positive one for the citizens," added Commissioner Jim Dyer, who serves as the lead negotiator for the Board. "Our contract has provided economies of scale and efficient use of public funds, which has resulted in good services at a very reasonable cost. "Our employees have done an admirable job of providing services to Centennial and have done so in the spirit of our *First in Colorado, First in Service* mission, vision and values."

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