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## **Arapahoe County Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld named Board Chair in 2011**

*Commissioner Nancy N. Sharpe is Chair Pro Tem, Commissioner Susan Beckman is Financial Officer*

LITTLETON, CO --- Arapahoe County Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld has been named chairman of the 2011 Board of County Commissioners with Commissioner Nancy N. Sharpe serving as Chair Pro Tem and Commissioner Susan Beckman as Financial Officer.

Each year, the Commissioners select officers to oversee the Board. The appointments, which were made during the Board's Jan. 11 swearing-in ceremony, are effective through Jan. 10, 2012.

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 served as Board Chairman in 2010 and 2006.

He represents Arapahoe County on a number of boards and committees, some of which include the Arapahoe County Water and Wastewater Authority, Aurora Economic Development Council, Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority, the Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority and the Regional Economic Advancement Partnership in eastern Arapahoe County. He also served as chairman of the Denver Regional Council of Governments in 2010 and is the current past chairman.

Nationally, he serves as chairman of the Fiscal Policy subcommittee of the Finance and Intergovernmental Steering Committee for the National Association of Counties.

Among his goals for 2011, Bockenfeld says he wants to continue making progress on Align Arapahoe, the County's strategic plan and performance management system.

"Align Arapahoe is helping our organization align and prioritize our day-to-day work with our overall strategic goals," Bockenfeld said. "With Align Arapahoe we are becoming a strategic, results-oriented government by using performance measures to monitor progress and make better program, service and budget decisions."

Sharpe, who represents District 2, which includes Centennial, Greenwood Village, Cherry Hills Village and unincorporated Arapahoe County, is serving her first term. She joins the Board after serving 16 years representing the City of Greenwood Village, including six years as a city council member and the last seven years as mayor.

"It is truly a privilege to be elected to this position and to be able to represent the residents of District 2 and the entire county," Sharpe said. "We have an outstanding county and I will be doing everything in my power

to ensure that it remains that way. Arapahoe County must continue to be financially strong so that we can fulfill our responsibilities and provide quality services to the residents of Arapahoe County.”

Beckman, who represents District 1, which includes Littleton, Englewood, Sheridan and portions of Centennial, is serving her third, four-year term. She was first elected to the Board in 2001 and served as Board Chair in 2003, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

In addition to Bockenfeld, Sharpe and Beckman, the remaining members of the Board include new Commissioner Nancy Jackson, who is serving her first term representing District 4 and Commissioner Frank Weddig, who is serving his second, four-year term, representing District 5.

To learn more about the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners, or to find out which commissioner represents you, visit the County’s web site at [www.co.arapahoe.co.us](http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us) and click on departments, Commissioners’ Office.

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**Media Note:** A group photo and individual portraits of the 2011 Board of County Commissioners are available for download by clicking on the County’s FTP server at: <ftp://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Pub/CM/Commissioners/>

**2011 Board of County Commissioners:** (Back row from left) Commissioner Susan Beckman, District 1; Commissioner and Board Chairman Rod Bockenfeld, District 3; Commissioner Frank Weddig, District 5. (Front row) Commissioner Nancy Jackson, District 4; Commissioner and Chair Pro-Tem Nancy N. Sharpe, District 2).