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Boulder County commissioners create pair of road repaving districts

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BOULDER -- Boulder County expects to bill each property within the Pine Brook Hills Local Improvement District up to about \$10,461 for that property's share of the projected costs of issuing and repaying bonds to finance road rehabilitation projects -- if the bond sale gets approval from a majority of the district voters casting ballots on that proposal this fall.

Within the Crestview Estates Local Improvement District, the county would charge each property up to an estimated \$10,565 for the bond-related expenses of financing that area's road rehabilitation work -- again, if a majority of the Crestview district's voters participating in this fall's election OK the bond sale to pay for the road work in their rural Boulder County neighborhood.

Those estimated per-property assessments -- which property owners could pay in annual installments over a period of years -- are stated in resolutions that County Commissioners Cindy Domenico and Will Toor adopted on Thursday to formally create the Pine Brook Hills and Crestview Estates road-improvement districts. Commissioner Ben Pearlman did not attend Thursday's meeting.

The Board of County Commissioners already has advanced the Pine Brook Hills and Crestview Estates bond-sale proposals to this fall's ballot.

The county is asking eligible voters within the Pine Brook Hills Local Improvement District for a decision about the county should sell \$2,654,593 in bonds for the road reconstruction and asphalt repaving work in that area west of Boulder. That also would cover costs related to issuing the bonds as well as the actual projected construction expenses of the road work. The maximum cost of repaying those bonds, including interest, has been projected at \$4,644,700.

The county is asking Crestview Estates Local Improvement District voters whether they'll support issuing about \$871,561 in bonds for the road projects in an area southwest of Lefthand Canyon Drive and U.S. Highway 36, with a maximum \$1,357,600 repayment cost estimated for that proposed bond issue.

In each of those districts, the proposed bond-financed improvements would include "rehabilitation of all existing public paved surface roads within the district, including the placement of hot bituminous pavement, drainage and shoulder improvements," according to the resolutions the commissioners adopted Thursday.

County Transportation director George Gerstle said in an interview that county officials have identified about 441 Pine Brook Hills-area properties would be charged the flat-rate assessment for the costs of repaying the bonds the county would sell to finance for the road projects in that improvement district, if the bond issue passes.

Gerstle said the county has identified about 135 Crestview Estates properties that would be charged for the costs of issuing bonds for that district's road improvements, if that district's voters approve the bond issue for their subdivision's road work.

Gerstle emphasized that there are still opportunities for people to comment on, and register objections to, the proposed road projects and projected property assessments, before the Nov. 1 date by which mail ballots have to be returned to the Boulder County Clerk and Recorder's Office.

County commissioners have scheduled Oct. 27 public hearings on the question of proceeding with the Pine Brook Hills and Crestview Estates road improvements projects, and property owners can submit written protests or complaints beforehand.

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