



Left to Right: LaDonna Richardson Eubanks & Melanie Collins

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

WHAT ARE THE ESSENTIAL DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT?

The main duty of the Building Department is to assist local citizens and contractors with the building process. We achieve this through plan review, permitting and inspections of construction projects including new homes, additions and remodels, commercial buildings such as the Dollar General in Rangely, industrial buildings for Natural Soda, Chevron, and others, communication towers and on-site wastewater treatment systems (better known as septic systems).

WHO IS IN YOUR DEPARTMENT AND WHAT ARE THEIR ROLES?

The Building Department is one of the County's smaller departments. We operate with two employees, a Building Official - LaDonna Richardson Eubanks and an Administrative Assistant - Melanie Collins.

WHY IS YOUR DEPARTMENT PROUD TO SERVE RIO BLANCO COUNTY?

Rio Blanco County is such an amazing place to live, and it is our passion to help the people who have chosen to live here build their dreams. Sometimes it's a new home and sometimes it's a back deck - it doesn't matter the size of their project, we are here to help that dream become a safe reality.

WHAT IS A SURPRISING OR INTERESTING ROLE YOUR DEPARTMENT SERVES IN RIO BLANCO COUNTY THAT THE PUBLIC IS MOST LIKELY NOT AWARE OF?

In most jurisdictions, Public Health or Environmental Health permit and inspect on-site wastewater treatment systems (septic systems), but in Rio Blanco County, the building department has taken on that role. Another surprising thing about our department is that contrary to popular belief regarding building inspectors, we really are nice and love to be helpful.

WHAT IS A SPECIFIC PROJECT YOUR DEPARTMENT IS WORKING ON NOW?

Outside our essential duties of plan review, permitting and inspections, we are slowly revamping our webpage to give it a friendlier feel and make it easier for the citizens of Rio Blanco County to use. We encourage all citizens to check it out (www.rbc.us/165/Building-Division).

