

## Vanessa Conway

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2014 7:44 PM  
**To:** Vanessa Conway  
**Subject:** Hearing regarding the abandonment of Bonanza in Saguache County, on October 14th at 1:30pm. T

We will be unable to attend the hearing. If possible we would like the below statement read into the public record.

Regards,  
Will and Julie

My name is William Seay, last name pronounced "C". My wife (Julia Cook) and I own Lots 1-4 and ½ alley of Block K, Lots 1-4 of Block M, and Lots 1-4 of Block N in the Bonanza Colorado.

According to Wikipedia:

1. The official name is the "Town of Bonanza City"

Form of Government - Statutory Town

3. Statutory Towns have an elected mayor and a board of trustees composed of the mayor and four or six additional members elected at large.

This is the recent history, with regard to the Town of Bonanza, as we understand it. Sometime between 2006 and 2008, Bonanza resident, Gail Holbrook, petitioned the State on the grounds that Bonanza election results were invalid because the voters were not legally registered to vote in the State of Colorado and the elected officials were not legal residents of Bonanza. She won, and the town council was dissolved. The State gave Ms. Holbrook 5 years to form a town government for Bonanza. At the time of "Gail's win" there were possibly 7 residents (*Gail, Ed, Mary, Mark, Darva, Shakia (Kaaren), John?*) living in Bonanza city limits and, we understand, that Gail had a friend come to live there (or, at least hold a mailing address there), so he could be involved in city government, though we are not aware if he indeed was involved.

In 2009, Gail passed away and, to our knowledge, the residents of Bonanza never formed a "Statutory Town" government. In the 2014 Final Report to Bonanza Property Owners, the elected mayor, board of trustees, election ballots, and results were not presented. In our humble opinion, Mrs. Ashley and Ms. Holbrook started "acting in the best interest" of Bonanza, hence the financial transactions (this was due to the lack of a "Statutory Town" government) mentioned in the 2014 Final Report to Bonanza Property Owners. We are thankful that Mrs. Ashley and Ms. Holbrook acted "in the best interest" of Bonanza by conducting financial transactions. Hopefully, Mrs. Ashley can continue to do so, until this situation can be resolved.