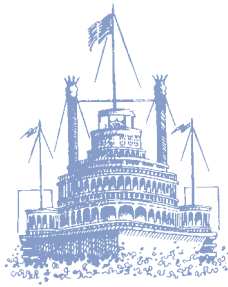


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Steamboat Springs Middle School science teacher Lisa Lorenz shows off her mad scientist costume as she prepares to do a lab exercise with her class Wednesday. For the story, see page 4, and for more pictures, see page 13.

Justice center lacks permit

County officials downplay building occupancy transgression

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The Routt County Justice Center has been operating since mid-September without a certificate of occupancy for the controversial \$18 million building.

County officials readily admit the building lacks a certificate of

occupancy — or even a temporary permit — but have downplayed the significance of using the building in a technically illegal manner.

“It’s probably bending the rules,” said Carl Dunham, director of the Routt County Regional Building Department.

Routt County Manager Tom Sullivan said there are two

minor items holding up the process, both of which are requirements of the city of Steamboat Springs, where the Justice Center is located.

Sullivan said the county’s hands were tied by the fact that Routt County courts had set a fixed date to move from the Routt County Courthouse on Lincoln Avenue to the new

Justice Center on Shield Drive. “The courts needed to move,” Sullivan said.

The items holding up approval are two additional sprinklers requested by Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue and the removal of a light pole in front of the building. Despite the fire department’s

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