

**Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners**

November 16, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held via Zoom conferencing in Dove Creek, Colorado on November 16, 2020. Present for the meeting were Chairperson Julie Kibel, Commissioner Steve Garchar, Commissioner Floyd Cook, Attorney Dennis Golbricht, County Administrator Margret Daves and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner.

The meeting began with everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

DWCD Representative Ken Curtis, Community Voice Representative Ronda Lancaster, Senior Services Director Julie Bingham, Chamber of Commerce Representative Kendra Cook, USFS District Ranger Derek Padilla, Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Corey Veach, Sheriff Don Wilson, 2020 Census Specialist Brian Meinhart

Payroll for November 13, 2020

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$7,606.15	6 Employees		
Commissioner Other	\$783.69		1 Part Time	
County Clerk:	\$3,097.78	3 Employees		
County Treasurer:	\$2,636.60	2 Employees		
County Assessor:	\$4,051.19	4 Employees		
GIS:	\$1,186.00	1 Employee		
County Maintenance:	\$1,413.35	1 Employee		
County Sheriff:	\$13,361.81	9 Employees	1 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$361.61	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$2,022.03	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$448.08	2 Employees		
DCTV:	\$1,775.33		9 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$480.22		1 Part Time	
Senior Services:	\$10,120.72	3 Employees	12 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$3,556.49	2 Employees		1 Temp
Mandatory Weed:	\$2,049.60	2 Employees	1 Part Time	
R&B Administration Other:	\$21,806.06	18 Employees		
Social Services:	\$6,404.19	5 Employees	1 Part Time	
TOTAL:	\$83,160.90	60 Employees	26 Part Time	1 Temp

Agenda

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to accept the agenda
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Minutes

Presented for approval were the regular BOCC minutes from November 2, 2020.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to accept the above-mentioned minutes.
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Expenditures

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the expenditures.
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Road and Bridge New Hire Update

Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis discussed the recently advertised open position, applications received, interviews conducted and the person chosen to fulfill the vacancy within the department. Returning to Dove Creek and excited to serve Dolores County will be Dillon Sanders.

Road Report Discussion and Possible Action

Commissioner Garchar voiced concern over various county road conditions. Road Supervisor Davis has the mentioned roads on next year's maintenance list.

Control Burn Ban Termination Approval

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the removal of the fire ban due to the recent moisture received.
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

West Dolores Cemetery District Discussion

West Cahone Cemetery District Chairperson Steve Davis questioned what options are available to the District in regards to funding since the recent ballot initiative failed requesting a mill levy increase. Attorney Golbricht will dig deeper into the options and research contributions from the general fund. Maintenance has been being provided at basically a volunteer rate. The current maintenance providers are unwilling to continue to provide the needed services under the current arrangement.

American Whitewater Letter of Support Discussion and Possible Approval:

Commissioner Garchar shared details of the request for a letter of support to American Whitewater. Commissioner Kibel voiced concerns as did DWCD Representative Ken Curtis. A NCA meeting is planned for later this week. A decision will be made after the meeting.

Dolores/Norwood Road Closure Discussion

Property owner Corey Veach was present to discuss how the soon to be gated and closed Dolores/Norwood Road would be accessed if he still had cows on his property. Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis said if Mr. Veach needs access to call and an employee will meet him and open the gate. Due to ongoing issues with travelers being stranded from November through May 15 on the unmaintained road, gates are being installed and will be locked. Land/homeowners in the area can use OHV and snow mobiles for access during the road closure.

Title VI Funds Approval

Senior Services Director Julie Bingham discussed the CDOT Title VI funds application.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the application.
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

The date and signature line will be updated and presented for signatures.

Cahone Recreation Hall & Senior Center Memorandum of Understanding Approval

Commissioner Kibel explained the process of the Quality of Life mill levy funding pass-through from the non-profit to Senior Services. Attorney Golbricht drafted the MOU clarifying the funding situation.

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving the MOU.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Bureau of Land Management Update

Ms. Clementson was unable to attend the meeting.

Census Update

2020 Census Partnership Specialist Brian Meinhart shared a slide show presentation update detailing results from the 2020 outreach and thanked all the local participants for all their hard work and efforts.

Forest Service Update

San Juan Forest Service District Ranger Derek Padilla discussed the 504 Road conditions. Commissioner Garchar had received a complaint about the road and had passed that on to Mr. Padilla. Forest Service specs call for 16 feet of surface, which were implemented during upgrades in 2019. Due to numerous concerns and logging traffic use on the roads, the road was widened to 18 feet in 2020. Those specs will continue to be implemented as the Forest Service continues to upgrade roads. Budgeting for gravel maintenance is a major determining factor for the Forest Service in being able to maintain suitable road conditions.

The Ormiston road is slated for upgrades in 2021. The Forest Service is hopeful that funds will be allocated by Congress.

Montrose Forest Products requested utilization of the Boggy Draw road for continued harvesting. Contractual obligations mitigate the appropriate conditions of operation on winter roads. There are no active timber sales at this time.

Mr. Padilla stated that in the future there may be a request for use of the 514 road, east of the Kinder Morgan Compressor Station to Lone Pine into the Salter area. Dolores County does not provide road maintenance during the winter months in that area. An agreement for use will be determined at a later date that disallows public use of that non-maintained stretch of road.

Mr. Padilla informed the BOCC that the environmental analysis of the Salter has begun. Beginning in early January the comment period will be open to address any issues for maintenance.

Forest Service range permittees will be receiving a letter addressing the possible deferment of the 2021 grazing season or a possible decrease in herd numbers to appropriately manage the range. A predicted dry winter is to blame for the early concern.

Mr. Garchar thanked Mr. Padilla for the informative upcoming slash pile burning email. Mr. Padilla said smoke dispersal ratings did not allow any burning to take place as of yet.

Mr. Cook mentioned a recent conversation with Richard McClellan in regards to new coal seam fire. Mr. Padilla stated that yes there is a coal seam fire, however; it is not a new one and referred to a previous discussion detailing the fire. Earlier this fall a drone with heat sensing capabilities was deployed to evaluate the fire. The fire is along a steep ridge not easily accessed and will continue to be monitored over the winter and reevaluated in the spring.

New Business

Clara Ormiston Fund Resolution # 11-20-02: Social Services Director Malynda Evans previously reviewed and approved the request for funding assistance.

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving the resolution fund distribution.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Old Business:

Mr. Steve Davis discussed the Public Service Center's ongoing issue with leaking windows in the shop. The issue was addressed prior to the builder's warranty expiring but has yet to be resolved with positive results. Nunn Construction will again be contacted before weather becomes an issue.

Public Comment

Chamber of Commerce Representative Kendra Cook said that the annual Pic-N-Hoe celebration is looking doubtful due to the ongoing COVID situation.

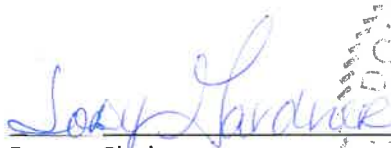
Dove Creek will be getting a new – old business. Charlotte Daves and associates are purchasing and opening a restaurant at the old Blue Mountain Restaurant location. The "Dinner Bell" opening is planned for January 1, 2021.


Midnight Trucking Owner Tim Meyer is discussing the potential purchase of the DCDC Industrial Park processing plant currently owned by David Cressler. Mr. Meyer plans to operate a wood pellet manufacturing plant at the facility.

Ms. Cook questioned the criteria basis used by the Road and Bridge department for scheduling road maintenance. Mr. Davis said there are several factors that go into determining that basis. The number of residents on a specific road, the amount of public traffic use on the road and a verified review of the need after a request has been made are all considered. Ms. Cook's specific inquiry was geared towards Road K between crossroads 5 and 6. The road contains numerous large rocks that surface due to the large farm equipment frequently used on it. Mr. Davis said he'd look into possibly using a grid roller to tame the large rocks.

Commissioner Kibel closed the meeting


Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners


Deputy Clerk
to the Board of County Commissioners



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