

**Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners**

June 30, 2021

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Courthouse in Dove Creek, Colorado on June 30, 2021. Present for the meeting were Vice Chair Julie Kibel, Commissioner Steve Garchar, County Administrator Margret Daves and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner. Attorney Dennis Golbricht joined via Zoom. Commission Chair Floyd Cook was out due to a family emergency.

The meeting began with everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

Road and Bridge Secretary Linda Rehmert, Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Extension and Weed Board Secretary Oma Fleming, CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman, Social Service Director Malynda Evans, Sheriff Don Wilson, Deputy Assessor Amber Blackmore, Clerk and Recorder Lana Hancock, HR and Payroll Director Lenore Carhart, DCTreas, Treasurer Janie Stiasny, Mapping and Addressing Director Amber Fisher and Assistant Ashley Spigner, Senior Services Director Julie Bingham, Emergency Manager Keith Keesling, Public Health Nurse Mary Randolph, DCTV Manager Kendra Cook, Imagination Library Representatives Vangi McCoy, Karen Sheek, Chuck Forth, Jamie Howland and Kathi Marler

Payroll for June 30, 2021

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$7,854.59	6 Employees		
Commissioner Other	\$618.73		1 Part Time	
County Clerk:	\$3,100.20	3 Employees		
County Treasurer:	\$2,769.84	2 Employees		
County Assessor:	\$4,254.94	4 Employees	1 Part Time	
GIS:	\$1,206.83	1 Employee		
County Maintenance:	\$1,414.98	1 Employee		
County Sheriff:	\$13,888.95	10 Employees	3 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$371.30	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$1,006.17	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$1,914.22	2 Employees	1 Part Time	
DCTV:	\$546.31		1 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$480.22		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$64.64			1 Temp
Senior Services:	\$8,947.66	2 Employees	13 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$3,062.10	2 Employees		1 Temp
Mandatory Weed:	\$2,214.04	2 Employees	1 Part Time	1 Temp
Road & Bridge Dept.	\$1,298.50	1 Employee		
R&B Administration Other:	\$21,806.73	17 Employees	1 Part Time	
Social Services:	\$7,704.04	6 Employees	1 Part Time	
TOTAL:	\$84,655.48	61 Employees	24 Part Time	3 Temp

Agenda

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to accept the agenda.
Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.
Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Minutes

Presented for approval were the regular BOCC minutes from June 7, 2021 and the June 21, 2021 minutes.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the minutes.
Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.
Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Expenditures

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the expenditures.
Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.
Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Department Head Meeting

Treasurer: Janie Stiasny did not have anything to share.

Nurse: Mary Randolph had nothing to share.

Assessor: Berna Ernst was unable to attend. Deputy Assessor Amber Blackmore was present. Notice of Determinations were sent out yesterday. There were 16 Real Property protests with one approved and fifteen denied. There were no personal property protests.

Sheriff: Don Wilson mentioned the fire ban in place. Rico and Groundhog have been getting rains.

The Code Enforcement officer has been working on compliance issues in town.

A 1997 Chevrolet Tahoe was gifted to the Sheriff's Office. It is at a local shop being looked over.

The Deputies have been busy investigating burglaries. Arrests should be made in the near future.

Court Security Officer is still receiving training.

The Court Clerk is in search of a bailiff.

A side by side was purchased through grant funds for the Search and Rescue.

DCTV Manager: Kendra Cook Chamber of Commerce gave an update of all the happenings for the 4th of July weekend Pic-N-Hoe celebration.

Coroner: Aaron Hankins was not present.

Proceedings to the Board of County Commissioners End of the Month Meeting on June 30, 2021

Clerk and Recorder: Lana Hancock recently attended her first conference since COVID, in Fort Collins. Challenges continue to persist with staffing and services at hotels and restaurants.

No voting district boundary changes will be made until 2023, and then only if necessary.

A letter of intent was received from the school district for a ballot initiative regarding board member wages.

Road and Bridge: Secretary Linda Rehmert said the crew is busy preparing for a chip sealing project on Squaw Point. Supervisor Steve Davis said five miles will be chip sealed this year, with five next year and so on.

The PSC building is still being repaired from damages received from a water leak.

Social Services: Malynda Evans provided the monthly update for Social Services. Presented for approval was the Record of Proceedings for June 30, 2021 as well as the Financials and Reconciliation Summary through May 31, 2021.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the above-mentioned documents.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Tri-Hurst Construction was brought back to work on the front doors that weren't closing correctly. Warranty work and deadlines were discussed. The Owner's Rep is being copied on all forthcoming warranty issues.

Issues continue to persist with the security through Alpine Security. The state mandated programs are having fiber issues as Centurylink has not been able to provide a secure fiber line.

The annual Contract for Technical Support was presented with Vice Chair Commissioner Kibel signing.

Extension: Gus Westerman has been busy assisting with field visits. Numerous cases are for blue spruce trees that aren't liking the dry soil, winds and high temps.

The 4-H program is going well. The new livestock program is off to a good start with approximately \$2,000.00 raised that will be paid out to livestock members.

DCDC is moving forward with the residential solar system. The website has been launched and is ready for sign-ups that initiate a remote site assessment.

Extension and Weed: Secretary Oma Fleming said the weeds are everywhere. Weed sprayer Kenny Smith has been busy.

The Fair Board is gearing up for the first Jr. Rodeo the weekend after the 4th.

The fair will be opened up more so than last year, allowing more projects and activities.

Maintenance: Steven Stiasny was not present.

Proceedings to the Board of County Commissioners End of the Month Meeting on June 30, 2021

HR and Payroll Director: Lenore Johnson discussed the insurance issues employees are having with the current provider. There are 5 months left with this company. Monticello Hospital and Clinic are working with the County and are again billing for services.

EMS: Keith Keesling said due to a recent back injury, he has been working from home. The Zoom capabilities brought on by the Covid situation have allowed that work arrangement.

Addressing and Mapping: Amber Fisher has been busy putting up address signs. She has received a lot of calls with questions concerning commercial growth.

Senior Services: Julie Bingham presented the annual AAA contract for signatures. The contract amount was less than last year by 6%. Commissioner Kibel signed the contract.

Commissioner Kibel: discussed the field trip to Cottonwood Ranches to review the proposed subdivision. Also, visited was the West Fork Fire building site.

Several requests have been made for use of the kitchen during rentals of the Pioneer Center. A rental fee inclusive for an oversight employee's wage was discussed. The issue will be reviewed.

Commissioner Cook: was not present.

Commissioner Garchar: said Air Products and Kinder Morgan will be shut down until late August.

A Demand Management Webinar, the DWRP and a 4 Rivers Collaborative meeting were all attended via Zoom.

A San Miguel County Commissioner meeting was attended in Egnar. The County is asking if there is a use/need for the Egnar school.

A CCI Western District meeting was attended via Zoom, where Keith Caddy was appointed as Chairman and Cody Davis was appointed as Vice Chair.

The Wolf Reintroduction 3rd Phase discussing financial reimbursements was attended via Zoom. Mike Preston will be awarded the TOBE award.

A field trip was attended with Ray O'Neil from the Canyon of the Ancients to look at Road T.5.

Non-Binding Referendum Discussion/Decision

Commissioner Kibel suggested an ordinance or a resolution designating an OHV route as a test route. Conflicting discussion ensued with Commissioners Kibel and Garchar on opposite sides of the issue. Workshops with the public will be held in the near future.

Both Commissioners voiced their opinions regarding the Non-Binding Marijuana Referendum designed to gauge public opinion. The possible ballot issue decision will be made at the BOCC meeting on July 19th, with the public comment welcome.

County Road A Fence Discussion/Decision

Attorney Golbricht requested an executive session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) for the purpose of providing legal advice concerning a potential litigation issue related to road A. It was Golbricht's opinion that the matter constituted privileged attorney client information and therefore no recording or minutes would be kept.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to enter into the Executive Session.
Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.
Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

The Executive Session ended at 11:56 am. No decisions were made, directions were given to Attorney Golbricht.

County Board of Equalization Update

The BOCC opened as the County Board of Equalization. Deputy Assessor Amber Blackmore reported that the County's Assessed value was down \$2,250,213.00 from last year's abstract. There were no personal property protests. There were sixteen Real Property protests. One was accepted fifteen were denied.

Commissioner Kibel closed as the County Board of Equalization and reopened as the BOCC.

Rail Bar T Final Subdivision Exemption Approval

Rail Bar T Representative Ray Smith was present for the final Subdivision Exemption approval. A survey and plat map were provided by Huddleston Surveying.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving Resolution #06-21-02 and plat map.
Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.
Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Banks Boundary Adjustment Plat Review and Approval

Buddy and Kati Banks were present with a Boundary Adjustment Plat. Upon review of the plat, Commissioner Kibel noticed that the Right of Way Easement designated on the plat map did not include a legal description of the Easement. Attorney Golbricht visited with Surveyor Gerald Huddleston in regards to the discrepancy. A revised plat map, inclusive of the Easement legal description will be sent to the Banks. The revised Plat map will be signed by the BOCC upon receipt.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the revised Banks Boundary Adjustment plat map.
Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.
Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

West Fork Fire Building Bids Discussion/Decision

West Fork Fire Representatives Kevin Lovett presented a new Request for Proposal for a second round of bids on the to be constructed West Fork Fire Station. Mr. Lovett feels that one bid without an alternate bid for the apartment is best for comparable bids. Deadline revisions were discussed. Concrete being completed this fall and the metal building completion being 2022 was suggested.

After further discussion, it was decided to postpone the bid process until January 2022. Building costs and contractor availability were deciding factors in the bid postponement. Competitive bidding with a more detailed RFP will be drafted by Mr. Lovett.

Administrator Daves had previously reviewed the DOLA grant, and funds are available for use until December 31, 2022.

Imagination Library Presentation

Imagination Library Representatives Vangi McCoy, Karen Sheek, Chuck Forth, Jamie Howland and Kathi Marler presented the Why Early Literacy Matters and How Imagination Library Can Help from the Montelores Early Childhood Council. Funding to assist with continuing the project in Dolores County was requested. Administrator Daves will consider the request when planning the 2022 budget.

Veach/Cottonwood Subdivision Sketch Plan Approval

Cottonwood Ranch Subdivision Representative Corey Veach presented a Sketch Plan for approval by the BOCC. Mr. Veach met with the BOCC on a field trip to the location, earlier in the week. A workshop was then held with the BOCC as well as the Planning Commission board. Revisions were made according to the suggestions brought forth from the field trip and Planning Commission workshop.

The BOCC approved the Sketch Plan. The Sketch Plan will be presented to the Planning Commission Board at their next meeting.

New Business

There was no new business.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Commissioner Kibel adjourned the meeting.


Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners


Chair of the Board of County Commissioners



The seal is circular with a double border. The outer border contains the text "DOLORES COUNTY" at the top and "COLORADO" at the bottom, separated by a star on the right. The inner border contains the word "Seal" in the center.