

**Proceedings of the Dolores County Board of
County Commissioners**

February 19, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado on February 19, 2019. Present for the meeting were Chairperson Floyd Cook and Commissioners Julie Kibel and Steve Garchar. Also, present for the meeting were County Attorney Dennis Golbricht, Special Projects Manager Margret Daves and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner.

The meeting began with everyone standing to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

Emergency Manger Keith Keesling, County Treasurer Janie Stiasny, County Assessor Berna Ernst, Community Voice Representative Kim Alexander, County Social Services Director Malynda Evans, San Juan Forest Service Representatives Derek Padilla and Justin Mapula, Bureau of Land Management Representatives Connie Clementson and Tyler Fouss, and Sheriff Don Wilson

Approval of February 19, 2019 Payroll

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$9,042.63	8 Employees	
Transfer Station:	\$		1 Part Time
County Clerk:	\$3478.57	3 Employees	
County Treasurer:	\$2,515.08	2 Employees	
County Assessor:	\$3,996.83	4 Employees	
Traffic Enforcement	\$687.51		
GIS:	\$1,166.29	1 Employees	
County Maintenance:	\$1,394.57	1 Employee	
County Sheriff:	\$10,717.67	7 Employees	4 Part Time
County Coroner:	\$420.77	1 Employee	
EMA:	\$1,070.86	1 Employee	
Extension:	\$1,316.02	2 Employees	
DCTV:	\$1,535.16		9 Part Time
Veterans Office:	\$480.22		1 Part Time
Senior Services:	\$8,891.09	3 Employees	12 Part Time
Health & Nurse:	\$2,940.98	2 Employees	
Mandatory Weed:	\$533.69	1 Employee	1 Part Time
Admin Other:	\$23,166.84	19 Employees	1 Part Time
Social Services:	\$5,245.18	4 Employees	
TOTAL:	\$78,599.96	60 Employees	28 Part Time

Agenda, Payroll and Expenditures

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to accept the agenda, payroll and expenditures.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Minutes

Presented for approval were the January 31, 2019 End of the Month amended minutes, the February 4, 2019 BOCC minutes and the February 11, 2019 BOCC Special Meeting minutes.

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

Homestead Appeal

County Assessor Berna Ernst was contacted by a resident in regards to an unrecognized Homestead Exemption tax deduction that had been granted in 2017 for the exemption approval. A computer erroneously missed applying the deduction to the taxes due for 2018. After discussion, the BOCC approved the refund to correct the mistake.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to sign Resolution #2-19-02. The County Assessor made a request for a refund to a taxpayer to correct the Homestead Exemption deducted amount excluded on a tax bill. The amount will be refunded from the County abatement fund.
Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Social Services Update

Dolores County Social Services Director Malynda Evans presented the Record of Proceedings from January 22, 2019 and January expenditures.
Commissioner Kibel made a motion to accept the above-mentioned presented documents.
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

After interviews were conducted, Director Evans hired Angie Buffington to fill the administrative assistant position. Ms. Buffington will start on March 4, 2019.

There has been concern and a need for snow removal services to assist elderly residents in the area with the recent storms. The Community Voice has been contacted to possibly assist with funding options.

Recording Fees Discussion

County Clerk Lana Hancock was unable to attend the meeting. The discussion was postponed.

Public Comment

There was no one present from the public during the comment period.

Forest Service/BLM Update

Forest Service Representative Derek Padilla discussed the road to Groundhog. The road is seasonally maintained by the County. The Forest Service owns a large amount of the land that the road crosses. There is a gate on the north end that can be closed when roads become impassable. The County asked to relocate the gate and a road closure sign to assist potential travelers by turning around in a more user-friendly location. Mr. Padilla stated that it was within the County's scope of responsibility to manage the road for public highway safety and use purposes, and therefore granted permission for the gate and sign to be moved by County staff. Mr. Padilla requested that the County be mindful when relocating the gate so as to not allow traffic to off road around the gate while its closed to protect natural resources. Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis mentioned he'd like to install a gate on the south end of the Groundhog Road. The BOCC and Mr. Padilla agreed to allow the installation.

Mr. Padilla also discussed the land located in West Fork that will be granted to the County for a fire station. A Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment will be conducted. An archeological survey will be conducted in house by the Forest Service. The BLM will assist with the designation of the land use for transferal as well as a mineral assessment. A survey to verify wetlands as well as an archeological survey and a m will also be conducted. After costs for the needed assessments and surveys are estimated a collections agreement between the Forest Service and the County will be executed.

The Lone Pine Environmental Analysis draft will be put out for public comment next week for 30 days. A decision is expected by May or June.

Montrose Forest Products is ahead of schedule with the retooling of the Montrose Mill. They were anticipating a ready date of 2020, however, the fall of 2019 is looking is to be more accurate for being able to start harvesting Ponderosa Pine.

Mr. Padilla said the Forest Service will begin working with Montezuma County on a Sage Hen connection to the Lower Dolores River. The connection could be completed by this summer. There is the possibility for the discussed Rim Rocker Trail to access the Sage Hen to Lower Dolores Trail.

Ms. Clementson stated that Tyler Fouss will be acting as the temporary BLM Monument Manager until May.

Approval to issue the Areas of Critical Environmental Concerns (ACEC) was recently released. Notice is set to publish the press release with links to all the environmental analysis. The environmental analysis is open for a 45day comment period.

A SWRAC meeting will be hosted in Tres Rios on March 7th and 8th. The travel management process #1 with the 3 counties to the south will be discussed as well as initiating the stakeholder process for the second phase of the travel management process.

New Business

911 Discussion: Special Projects Manager Margret Daves discussed 911 Surcharges payments that the County receives throughout the year. Dolores County does not have a 911 dispatch line, therefore the services are contracted and provided through Montezuma County. It was recently brought to Ms. Daves attention that the payments could be sent directly to Montezuma County for simplicity with the booking keeping. Sheriff Don Wilson gave Ms. Daves contact information with Montezuma County to gather more information about the agreement currently in place. Discussion will continue at a later date.

Public Health Contract

Attorney Golbricht had previously reviewed a Public Health Contract via email from Dolores County Health Nurse Mary Randolph and gave approval for signing.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to approve the contract.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Planning Commission Letter of Recommendation

Planning Commission Secretary Margret Daves presented a letter of recommendation from the Dolores County Planning commission stating that a public hearing had been held on January 28, 2019 for Kinder Morgan's DC16 well and associated pipeline. The DCPC voted unanimously to approve the proposed development with the stipulation that a Gunnison Sage Grouse survey be submitted to the County upon its completion. The application was discussed and reviewed by the BOCC. A public hearing with the BOCC will be held on March 18, 2019 at 10 am.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Executive Session to Receive Legal Advice


There was not an Executive Session.

Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting.



Chairman to the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:


Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

