

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

February 28, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado on February 28, 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.

Guests

Dolores County Maintenance Supervisor Steven Stiasny, Dolores County Clerk and Recorder Lana Hancock, Dolores County Emergency Manager Keith Keesling, Dolores County Senior Services Director Julie Bingham, Dolores County Mapping and Addressing Specialist Amber Fisher, Dolores County Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Dolores County Extension and Weed Secretary Oma Fleming, Dolores County Social Services Director Malynda Evans

Pledge

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to approve the minutes from February 19, 2019 with changes and approved the expenditures.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Department Head Meeting

Assessor: Berna Ernst was not present. Deputy Assessor Joi Redshaw stated that this is a reappraisal year. A lot of sales took place which affected values.

Road & Bridge: Steve Davis said Road and Bridge is battling the continuous snow storms.

Clerk: Lana Hancock will be out for several trainings in the upcoming month.

The office received a new coat of paint that looks really nice.

Cost for a new service counter offering ADA compliance for access and functional needs will be researched.

Treasurer: Janie Stiasny said they are tracking three bankruptcy's and tax collections are down.

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Maintenance: Steven Stiasny didn't have anything to share.

Extension and Weed: Secretary Oma Fleming and Kenny Smith presented for the HPP and were awarded the funds to continue the east of the river project.

The Fair Board has the rodeo dates set. The facility has been scheduled for a couple upcoming rentals.

Extension: CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman was not present. Secretary Oma Fleming said he was at the Yellow Jacket Research Center working in the orchard.

Four well attended workshops were held. A pruning workshop will be held next week. Coming up will be a grafting workshop and the Ag Expo.

Folks from Palisade helped trim the orchard.

4-H kids are planning the Dog and Cat Clinic which will be held on April 13.

Nurse: Mary Randolph is working on a new implementation plan and budgets for the next year. Several trainings are coming up.

Sheriff: Don Wilson passed around a hemp product containing .3% or less THC that a local manufacturer is requesting be sold by retailers in Dove Creek. The product has no age restrictions for purchase. The product is packaged in an appealing to youth fashion. The product is advertised as a non-tobacco product for use as an aid in chewing cessation.

The Town of Dove Creek has a ordinance prohibiting marijuana, however the ordinance does not include industrial hemp, nor does it include fiber produced from the stalks, oil, or cake made from seeds of the plant, sterilized seed of the plant which is capable of germination, or the weight of any other ingredient combined with marijuana to prepare topical or oral administrations, food, drink, or other product.

Town Manager Sonny Frazier stated that the Town at the time of the ordinance acceptance the Town did not foresee this type of use. The Town is not in support of any type of product that can be injected. An amendment to the ordinance will be discussed.

Health Nurse Mary Randolph stated that other counties are implementing age limits and sales tax for the sale of vape product and smokeless tobacco products.

Sheriff Wilson had ordered office furniture; however, the boxes were damaged. Sheriff Wilson declined the order.

EMS: Keith Keesling will be asking for permission to remove snow at the ambulance barn for access to the search and rescue trailer.

New signage will be up throughout the Courthouse directing public to exits.

Mr. Keesling attended the SEMA conference. Mr. Keesling was asked to be a presenter by the State.

Social Services: Malynda Evans was not present. Janet Crawford said things are busy but going well.

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Human Resources: Finance and HR Specialist Lenore Carhart closed out the 2018 budget.

COERRA has a new app that helps with retirement planning that is highly recommended.

Senior Services: Julie Bingham had a meeting with the RAC board where she presented a proposal for funds and received preliminary approval.

Pictures were to Rick Flemming sent with a list of issues at the Pioneer Center with drywall and cracking.

The number of rides has increased. A new driver position may need to be added.

Addressing and Mapping: Amber Fisher discussed new 811 law requirements for the County when graders are doing ditch work. 811 is to be contacted twice a year for notification purposes. County right of way even with surface work is required.

County Administrator: Margret Daves shared that County vehicles would be parked by the Weed District building to free up parking spaces at the Courthouse. Checkouts will still be through the Commissioners office. Personal vehicles can be left at the Weed District while a county vehicle is being used.

Clerk and Recorder Fees Discussion

Clerk Lana Hancock discussed the possibility of a recording fee being included in the subdivision exemption application fees. Billing an individual for copies and recording fees after subdivision exemptions are approved is difficult for the Clerk's office as they do not always have a current billing address and some people refuse to pay even if they do receive the invoice. After discussion it was decided to leave the application fee amount as is but include the clerk's office recording fees on the application for any copies of plats or resolutions that the applicant may need.

Proof of Publication Discussion

Dove Creek Press Owner Kathleen Keesling discussed Public Notice Colorado. The Dove Creek Press is Dolores County's designated publication source. The County uses the Press for all of the County's publication needs.

A broadband initiative has been proposed where Counties can publicize on-line as opposed to using newspapers for proof of publication. The initiative failed this round, it is expected to pass within the next two years.

Finance Specialist Lenore Carhart requested legal notices and a monthly statement.

EANP Approval and Signing

Sheriff Wilson discussed the need for a notification system for every person traveling through Dolores County when extreme weather occurs. Inclement weather recently necessitated chains for travel on the highway. State Patrolmen directed traffic outside of the Town limits to chain up, however it was up to the Sheriff's department to notify traffic within the Town of the requirement.

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School Closure/County Closure Discussion

Ms. Daves discussed the recent office closure due to the weather. Questions were raised in regards to who makes the decision to close offices. Example: Does it fall on Elected Officials and Department Heads or on the Commissioners to close offices?

Commissioner Kibel stated that she feels a common sense approach is best. If an employee can't safely get to work then they should stay home. Communication is key with employees and Department Heads.

Commissioner Cook said if there is a school closure or delay perhaps the courthouse should follow suit with a 2-hour delay.

A courthouse Facebook page was discussed as well as a mass text messaging system for delays or closure notifications.

Mr. Keesling suggested a Nixel report. Sheriff Wilson will visit with Social Services Director Malynda Evans about the availability of a technology grant to assist with the costs of a Nixel account for Dolores County.

Ms. Carhart suggested an EZ Message system.

Employee time sheets in regards to tracking time was discussed during such closures. The personnel manual was referred to.

Public Comment

Commissioner Cook opened the meeting up for public comment. No one was present.

Meetings and Information

Commissioner Kibel: The EA's are out on the Lone Pine Vegetation Plan. Commissioner Kibel will be writing in on behalf of the County.

BLM travel Management Plans are coming out. Keith Fox will be in Dove Creek on February 7, 2019, taking public comments on any BLM roads and inventory road.

Commissioner Garchar: discussed a request for a letter of support by Housing Solutions for continuation of federal funding for Section 4 support for disasters and federal housing.

Mr. Garchar would like to attend an upcoming Southwestern Water Conservancy District meeting in Durango, CO on April 5, 2019.

Mr. Garchar mentioned the issue on the north of side of the PSC with snow drifts and accumulation from the roof between the two existing covers on the generator. The emergency exit door is un-openable. Breaker boxes and the water heater access are also blocked. A solution will be sought from Cruzan Construction that installed the two covers.

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Attorney Golbricht discussed a request of his services by the Ambulance Board. The BOCC felt that the request could present a potential conflict of interest between the two entities if a disagreement were to occur.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Resolution Opposing 2nd Amendment Infringement:

Sheriff Wilson discussed the extreme risk protection orders. House Bill 19-11 was discussed. Colorado's County Sheriff's Association is not in support of the bill.

Attorney Golbricht discussed other Colorado Counties that are becoming sanctuary counties. Montezuma County stated that they oppose any infringements on 2nd Amendment rights.

Sheriff Wilson stated that his department supports the 2nd Amendment and took oaths to protect that and other Constitutional Amendments or rights. Sheriff Wilson and his officers do not support and will not enforce the bill as they do not feel it appropriately addresses the mental health issue in the U.S. and infringes on an individual's rights. Sheriff Wilson believes that the current M1 hold, civil and criminal protection orders are in place to do what needs done through the judiciary system.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Letter of Support Request for Glass Recycling from the COG:

After discussion the BOCC signed the letter of support for the COG's glass recycling grant.

Old Business

Review Draft Letter of Request for Services for Waste Removal: Attorney Golbricht presented a letter for review, requesting waste removal services. After discussion the BOCC directed Ms. Gardner to send the letter to the four local waste remover providers. The BOCC agreed that the request for bids was not workable under the procurement policy and therefore said policy would not apply.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to write a letter for the RREO grant letter of support. Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Cook closed the meeting.

Attest: 
Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners


Chairman to the Board of County Commissioners

