

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

November 18, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado on November 18, 2019. Present for the meeting were Chairperson Floyd Cook, Commissioner Julie Kibel and Commissioner Steve Garchar, County Attorney Dennis Golbricht, County Administrator Margret Daves and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner.

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

Guests

Senior Services Board Member Linda McCart, County Resident Kendra Cook, Southwest Health Alliance Steering Committee Representative Suzann Phare, Local First Director Monique DiGiorgio, Peak Health Summit Representative Tamara Drangstveit, Senator Michael Bennet’s Office Representative Janet Wolf, United States Forest Service Representatives Justin Margole, Walt Brown, Pat Seekins and Jason Mosher, County Property Owner Richard McClellan, Community Voice Representatives Shauna Snyder, Ronda Lancaster, Robyn Nelson, Ellen Warren and Cecil Martin, Dolores County Sheriff Don Wilson, Road and Bridge Supervisors Steve Davis, Lonnie Pribble and John Nielson

Approval of November 15, 2019 Payroll

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$7,539.74	6 Employees	
County Clerk:	\$3,289.98	3 Employees	
County Treasurer:	\$2,563.28	2 Employees	
County Assessor:	\$4,001.55	4 Employees	
Traffic Enforcement	\$1,389.12	1 Employee	
GIS:	\$1,166.29	1 Employee	
County Maintenance:	\$1,394.57	1 Employee	
County Sheriff:	\$11,032.89	8 Employees	2 Part Time
County Coroner:	\$420.77	1 Employee	
EMA:	\$1,070.86	1 Employee	
Extension:	\$1,238.51	2 Employees	
DCTV:	\$1,726.14		8 Part Time
Veterans Office:	\$480.22		1 Part Time
Senior Services:	\$9,613.75	3 Employees	13 Part Time
Health & Nurse:	\$2,866.17	2 Employees	
Mandatory Weed:	\$2,007.70	2 Employee	1 Part Time
Admin Other:	\$21,830.99	19 Employees	2 Part Time
Social Services:	\$5,822.81	5 Employees	
TOTAL:	\$79,455.34	61 Employees	25 Part Time

Approval of November 18, 2019 Special Payroll

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$2,266.99	3 Employees	
Co Commissioner Other:	\$46.17		1 Part Time
Transfer Station:	\$304.75		1 Part Time
County Clerk:	\$1,438.35	2 Employees	
County Treasurer:	\$678.05	1 Employee	
County Assessor:	\$2,410.11	3 Employees	1 Temp
Traffic Enforcement	\$707.05	1 Employee	
GIS:	\$784.14	1 Employee	
County Maintenance:	\$732.14	1 Employee	
County Sheriff:	\$5,779.88	7 Employees	4 Part Time
County Coroner:	\$420.77	1 Employee	
EMA:	\$784.14	1 Employee	
Extension:	\$707.05	1 Employee	
DCTV:	\$1,228.22		10 Part Time
Veterans Office:	\$369.40		1 Part Time
Fair Board:	\$106.20		1 Temp
Senior Services:	\$7,594.97	3 Employees	13 Part Time
Health & Nurse:	\$1,439.19	2 Employees	
Mandatory Weed:	\$1,896.09	2 Employees	1 Part Time/2
Temp			
Administration Other	\$14,416.84	19 Employees	2 Part Time
Social Services:	\$2,941.73	5 Employees	
TOTAL:	\$46,631.46	52 Employees	33 Part Time/4 Temp

Agenda

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

Payroll and Expenditures

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to accept payroll and expenditures.
 Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.
 All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Minutes

Presented for approval were the End of the Month meeting minutes from October 31, 2019 and the regular BOCC meeting minutes from November 4, 2019.

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

Senior Services CDOT Contract Signing

Senior Services Director Julie Bingham presented for signing a CDOT Administrative and Operating contract previously reviewed by Attorney Golbricht.

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

Cattle Guards on County Road Discussion

Dolores County Residents and cattle owners Jeremy Redshaw and Michael Fury were present to continue the discussion of a previous request for a cattleguard installation.

The previously discussed and attempted fake cattle guard painted rubber strips worked for a short time period, however, at night the visual image no longer detoured the livestock. A removable cattleguard that sets on the ground idea was presented so as to not impact the county road. The BOCC will consider the option, as well as other issues related to cattle guards.

Peak Health Summit Presentation

Present to speak on behalf of Peak Health Summit was Southwest Health Alliance Steering Committee Representative Suzanne Phare and Local First Director Monique DiGiorgio, via phone was Summit County Representative Tamara Drangstveit. A community needs assessment was conducted in Region 9, with the finding that there was a need for reduced health insurance costs in Southwest Colorado. The highest health insurance costs in the State of Colorado are found in Region 9.

Ms. Drangstveit assisted Summit County on a journey of local control where a purchasing alliance for services was implemented. Local providers were contacted for reduced premium rates that were then offered to individuals and small group markets.

If the County joins, the plans would be open to local businesses and individuals within the County, including governmental entities like the school and town. Implementation could be as soon as 2021. Dolores County HR and Finance Specialist Lenore Johnson would act on behalf of the County as a member of the steering committee.

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The rough estimate of the total regional cost to join the negotiating group is \$50,000. The cost for joining would be divided among the participating groups in the area. Actual costs would be determined and collected once participation is determined. There would be no obligation to actually purchase any particular plan, and the County could terminate the arrangement at any time.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to execute a letter of intent, allowing the participation by the County.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Community Prevention Discussion

STUD Coordinator Kay Daves was present to share the details of the Community Prevention Organization. Community Prevention was started to provide lifelong continuing education and healthy living skills for all ages of community members for a safe and healthy community. Community Prevention activities coincide with the STUD program that is offered through the Dolores County School system for school aged kids.

Some of the classes/trainings offered have been Developing Healthy Relationships, Budgeting/Financing, Youth Mental Health and First Aid, First Aid and CPR, Family Wellness, QPR Suicide Prevention, Nutrition and Gardening.

Dolores County assists STUD and Community Prevention with funding on an annual basis.

Update from John Whitney's Office

Constituent Advocate Janet Wolf from Senator Bennett's office was present to visit with the BOCC in regard to the Summary of the Student Apprenticeship Act and the Two-Year Request for Reauthorization of the PILT and SRS programs, among other topics.

Social Services Update

Social Services Director Malynda Evans presented the Record of Proceedings from October 21, 2019 as well as the reconciliation summary and expenditures through October 31, 2019.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to accept the previously mentioned documents.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

BLM Update

Acting Monument Director Heather Sauls discussed the upcoming closures of the South Sand Canyon Trailhead/Parking area. In April 2019, Montezuma County installed a parking area for 20 vehicles adjacent to County Road G. In December 2019, the BLM will begin construction on the existing San Canyon parking lot to level and expand the parking lot to accommodate another 20 vehicles.

There will be new hours of operation at the Canyons of the Ancients Visitor Center and Museum. The BLM is reducing the days and hours during winter months to match the slower visitation period. The Center will be still be open 6 days a week for 8 months of the year beginning March 1 through October 31, closed on Mondays. See attached schedule for other days of operation.

The Center is also taking comments in regard to a fee increase at the visitor center. The fee is currently \$3 with an increase to \$6 being considered. Comments are due November 29, 2019. RAC will make a tree and firewood permits will be sold in Dove Creek on December 6,7, 13 and 14th. The location and times have yet to be determined.

BLM Representative Connie Clementson said the Bradfield Bridge campground and parking area will be mowed by the BLM in 2020; a tractor and operator are now available to the BLM. The County Road and Bridge Department had assisted with mowing in the years prior.

There will be a RAC meeting on December 12, 2019 in Montrose, Colorado. Ms. Clementson will share the location and time when it's decided.

The ACEC received one protest from San Miquel County from a consortium of groups in regards to the Gunnison Sage Grouse. The protests requested that there not be a size increase with the ACEC.

Tri-State has requested a reconsideration of the period they are able to continue working on the new line.

State Director Jamie Conol requested a BLM district boundary change. Comments are being sought on how the previous boundary adjustment may have affected the County.

USFS Update

United States Forest Service Representatives Justin Margole, Walt Brown, Pat Seekins and Jason Mosher from the were present to answer questions presented by County property owner Richard McClellan concerning the Coal Seam Fires and underground minerals in the area. The previously productive North Star Coal Mine is near where the Coal Seam Fire is currently burning. Mr. McClellan owns minerals 100 feet from where the fire is burning underground. A second coal seam fire was noticed on November 10, 2019. The second fire is approximately 2.5 miles away from the first. Both fires are within Dolores County and within the 2018 Plateau Fire burn scar. According to the Colorado Mine Association per Mr. McClellan, the goal at this time is to not agitate the fire. The plan is to monitor the fire until spring so weather cannot become a detrimental factor. Opening up the ground would add more oxygen therefore fueling the fire. The USFS geologist says their plan is to monitor and plan over the winter. Within the Dakota Sandstone are many layers so the potential of the fire burning itself out is likely.

The West Fork Fire Station proposed conveyance of Forest Service Property contract was presented. Attorney Golbricht will review before signing. Expenditures in the neighborhood of \$5000.00 are estimated.

New Business

Road and Bridge Belly Dump Bid Opening: there were no bids received on the belly dump.

Road and Bridge Water Truck Purchase Discussion: Road and Bridge Supervisors Steve Davis, Lonnie Pribble and John Nielson were present to share the details of a water truck found for purchase.

Clara Ormiston Fund Distribution Decision: Resolution 11-19-01 requesting the distribution of funds from the Clara Ormiston fund. Social Services Director Malynda Evans previously reviewed the application and verified that all requirements had been met.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to approve the distribution of funds mentioned in Resolution 11-19-01.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Old Business

Public Service Center Use Discussion: Community Voice members were present to discuss with the BOCC the office hours, the cleaning schedule and scheduling for usage of the meeting room at the Public Service Center.

Bruin Waste Management Waste Removal Decision: Commissioner Garchar discussed the removal of the e-waste, furniture and metal piles at the transfer station. The waste piles exist from the previous County operation time period and need to be removed now that Bruin Waste Management is operating the transfer station.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to pay for the removal of the above-mentioned waste piles up to the estimated \$5,800.00 removal cost presented by Bruin Waste Management.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Public Comment

There was no one present during the public comment period.

Adjourn

Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting.

Floyd L. Cook
Chairman to the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Jocelyne Gardner
Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

