

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

December 16, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the board room in Dove Creek, Colorado on December 16, 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

Dove Creek Ambulance Board Member Tom Myers, Dove Creek Ambulance Director Marc Garlinghouse and spouse Kristie Garlinghouse, Dolores County Sheriff Don Wilson, Farmers Telephone Representative Terry Hinds, Social Services Director Malynda Evans, Dove Creek Press Representative Veronica Voelker, Dolores County Assessor Berna Ernst, Dolores County Deputy Assessor Joi Redshaw, Dolores County Septic Inspector Jeff Carhart, BLM Representative Connie Clementson, USFS Representatives Derek Padilla and Pete Merkel

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$9,023.80	7 Employees	
County Clerk:	\$3,289.95	3 Employees	
County Treasurer:	\$2601.36	2 Employees	
County Assessor:	\$3,974.28	4 Employees	
Traffic Enforcement	\$1,324.94	1 Employee	
GIS:	\$1,166.29	1 Employee	
County Maintenance:	\$1,394.57	1 Employee	
County Sheriff:	\$10,487.10	8 Employees	1 Part Time
County Coroner:	\$420.77	1 Employee	
EMA:	\$1,058.86	1 Employee	
Extension:	\$1,230.85	2 Employees	
DCTV:	\$924.09		7 Part Time
Veterans Office:	\$480.22		1 Part Time
Senior Services:	\$8,185.95	3 Employees	12 Part Time
Health & Nurse:	\$2,857.51	2 Employees	
Mandatory Weed:	\$533.86	1 Employee	1 Part Time
Admin Other:	\$21,999.09	19 Employees	2 Part Time
Social Services:	\$5,830.75	5 Employees	
TOTAL:	\$76,784.24	61 Employees	24 Part Time

Payroll and Expenditures

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to accept payroll and expenditures.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

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Agenda

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

Minutes

Presented for approval were regular BOCC meeting minutes from December 2, 2019.

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.

Road and Bridge Belly Dump Bid Opening

Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis said that there were no bids received.

Ambulance Board Vacancy Discussion and Possible Decision

Dove Creek Ambulance Board Director Marc Garlinghouse notified the BOCC that a special meeting was to be held later that day to review three applications that had been received in an effort to fill an open board seat. The open seat is nearing a 60-day vacancy. The BOCC may appoint someone if the Ambulance Board cannot do so in a timely manner. Mr. Garlinghouse will notify the BOCC of the outcome. A potential deadlock exists as there are 4 members on the board currently. The BOCC placed the Ambulance Board on notice that if the position is not filled in 30 days, the BOCC will appoint someone to the open seat.

Farmer's Telephone Update

Farmers Telephone Company Manager Terry Hinds was present to discuss the existing phone line services currently provided to the County and the possible addition of WI-FI. Mr. Hinds asked if it would be possible to add four antennas to the DCTV tower located at the Courthouse. The addition of the towers would allow Farmers to provide Wi-Fi services in a nine-mile radius to Dove Creek residents. A similar service was recently tested in Cortez, Colorado by Farmers Telephone and was found to be successful. DCTV Representative Dan Fernandez was not available to visit with Mr. Hinds about tower space availability.

Budget Adoption Public Hearing

Commissioner Floyd Cook opened the budget public hearing. Dolores County Employee Joi Redshaw was present to request more detailed side notes be added to the budget therefore making it easier to understand. There were no further comments made or attendees.

Commissioner Cook closed the public hearing session.

Anti-Wolf Introduction Resolution 12-19-10

Resolution 12-19-10 opposing any efforts to introduce or expand the populations of wolves into Dolores County, Colorado was reviewed. Attorney Golbricht's draft resolution supported recommendations from the Colorado Wolf working group adopted by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife commission in 2005, and supporting the position taken by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission in its Resolution 16-01.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving Resolution 12-19-10 opposing efforts to introduce or expand wolf introductions.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Timber Haul Discussion

US Forest Service Representatives Derek Padilla and Pete Merkel were present to discuss the 2019 summer Glade Road project. Mr. Merkel was very appreciative of the efforts of the Road and Bridge Department and the success of the end result. Funds will be available to the Forest Service for the next 5-10 years in the amount of \$500,000.00 annually, due to the timber haul projects and road maintenance necessity. Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis stated that the 16-mile project this summer was overwhelming for his department with the demands of their normal duties. Smaller sized projects were discussed as well as scaling back on the County services provided to the Forest Service on other roads. The Commissioners want to allow the local vendors the opportunity to participate by subcontracting and providing their services.

Social Services Update

Social Services Director Malynda Evans presented the Record of Proceedings from November 18, 2019 as well as the reconciliation summary and expenditures through November 30, 2019.

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

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Child Welfare Allocations and The Family First Act were discussed as Director Evans recently attended the CCI Winter Conference.

Ms. Evans shared the details of a five County Regional Disability Navigator Program contract required from the state and requested permission to be the programs fiscal agent. A 10-15% administrative fee would be requested by the County to assist with the wage and responsibility costs of Ms. Evans time as the fiscal agent.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to accept the responsibility associated with being the Disability Navigator fiscal agent.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

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Ms. Evans requested approval of the annual CDHS Certification of Compliance for County Personnel and Merit System for the 2020 fiscal year.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to sign the CDHS certification.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

The Community Health Clinic merge with Axis Health and the need for mental health services was also discussed as response times and services continue to be an area of much needed improvement.

BLM Update

Bureau of Land Management Representative Connie Clementson discussed preparations for an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate a proposed transfer of approximately 17,700 acres of federal surface/mineral estate, and an additional 6,300 acres of federal surface acres to the State of Colorado. The BLM is opening a 21-day public scoping period, beginning December 2, 2019. The BOCC had some questions and discussed drafting a letter opposing the transfer of approximately 1200 acres within Dolores County to the State Land Board for a multitude of reasons. The federal government is finalizing land transfers to the State of Colorado per an agreement between the entities dating back to Colorado's statehood in 1876.

The RAC committee recently met in Montrose, Colorado. A resolution was passed allowing the fee increase at the Canyons of Ancients.

The BLM is entering a scoping period on the Painted Hand access road and parking lot improvement. The access road was on private property and will now be moved onto BLM lands and widened to a 20' two lane road. A parking lot installation is also planned at the trailhead.

The Cut Throat Castle trail was previously designated closed by and RMP. The BLM would like to make it accessible as an equestrian trail.

Both Painted Had and Cut Throat Castle are located in Montezuma County on BLM lands.

The Sand Canyon parking lot refurbishment has been completed.

Forest Service Update

United Forest Service Representative Derek Padilla shared that the majority of the burn piles for the year have been completed.

The Lone Pine objections are being worked through with resolutions likely.

The Aspen Environmental Assessment project had no objections. Mr. Padilla signed the decision so those areas will be ready for implementation next summer. The Taylor Mesa and Stoner Mesa timber projects will be priority.

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The Forest Service received the Rocky Mountain Restoration Initiative Award. Funding from the project will be used for forest and private land road improvement projects.

A Colorado Forest Landscape Initiative proposal will be submitted next month. The initiative if awarded would provide four million in funding for the next 10-years for improvements.

The West Fork Fire land conveyance project is in the final stages of transferal.

Mr. Padilla will provide vendor data on cattleguard sizes, prices, installations and maintenance standards per the Forest Service specs.

David Newton and Clayton Campbell Land Use Discussion

County Resident David Newton was present to discuss a new structure on his property and the need for a functioning septic system per State Regulation 43 standards. Regulation 43 onsite waste water requirements mandate that a functioning septic be present in all types of occupied dwellings. Mr. Newton failed to install a functioning septic system or fill out an application for the structure on his property inhabited by a couple working for him.

Board of Health Meeting:

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to close as the BOCC and open as the Board of Public Health at 2:44pm.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Attorney Golbricht briefly summarized the previous discussion and details at hand. The current dwelling is considered temporary according to Mr. Newton, therefore causing issue with the installation of a permanent system. Attorney Ivan Call previously submitted photos of the dwelling lacking a functioning system.

After discussion, it was agreed that plumbing lines would be run to a holding vault for containment purposes with regular pumping's required as needed. Pumping records are required to be submitted to the BOH upon request. Septic Inspector Carhart was asked to install the temporary system by Mr. Newton. Jones and Demille Engineering Firm will inspect Mr. Carhart's installation for compliance. Mr. Newton was allowed two weeks for installation compliance with the needed system. Mr. Newton will be required to have a complete permitted and inspected system in place by June 1, 2019. Mr. Newton stated on the record his agreement to comply with the terms.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to close as the Board of Health at 3:01pm and to reopen as the BOCC.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

New Business

Resolution to set Mill Levies 12-19-04 A Resolution levying property taxes for the year of 2019, to help defray the costs of government for Dolores County, Colorado for the 2020 Budget Year. The amount necessary from property tax revenues is \$3,402,641.00.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving Resolution 12-19-04 to set mill levies.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Resolution to set Mill Levies for Tax Abatements 12-19-05 A Resolution levying property taxes for the year 2019, to help defray the costs of government for Dolores County, Colorado for the 2020 budget year. The 2019 Valuation for assessment for Dolores County as certified by the County Assessor is \$121,465.928.00.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving Resolution 12-19-05.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Resolution Appropriating Sums of Money 12-19-06 A Resolution Appropriating sums of money to the various funds and spending agencies, in the amounts and for the purposes as set forth below for the County of Dolores, Colorado, for the 2020 Budget.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving Resolution 12-19-06.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Resolution 12-19-07 Budget Adoption A Resolution summarizing expenditures and revenues for each fund and adoption of the budget for Dolores County, Colorado, for the calendar year beginning on the first day of January 2020 and ending on the last day of December 2020.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving Resolution 12-19-07.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Fund Transfer Resolution 12-19-08 The Dolores County Treasurer made a request to Transfer Funds from the Conservation Trust/Lotto Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$6,298.13 for UPS training for 2019

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving Resolution 12-19-08.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
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Fund Transfer Resolution 12-19-09 The Dolores County Treasurer made a request to Transfer Funds from the UPS Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$990.54 for 2019

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving Resolution 12-19-09.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Dolores County Social Services Budget Amendment authorizing expenditures in excess of the amount approved in the Social Services Budget for the calendar year 2019.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the budget amendment.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Old Business

Closed Road Assistance Process Discussion was postponed awaiting Sheriff Wilson's site visit report.

Public Comment

County property owner Corey Veach had mentioned during a phone call he may possibly attend but did not call or attend.

Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting.

Floyd L. Cook
Chairman to the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Joan Gardner
Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

