

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

January 6, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the board room in Dove Creek, Colorado on January 20, 2020. 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

Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Social Services Director Malynda Evans, Dolores County Sheriff Don Wilson, Axis Health Representative Hailey Leonard, West Dolores Cemetery District Board member Ray Smith, Dove's Nest Representatives Brandi Curtis and Gregg Liming, Emery Telecom CEO's Brock Johansen and Jared Anderson, Town of Dove Creek Representatives Brett Martin, Sonny Frazier and Grant Allen, Community Voice Representative Ronda Lancaster, SWCOG Representative Miriam Gillow-Wiles, DCDC Representative Gus Westerman and County Property Owner Corey Veach

Payroll for December 30, 2019

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$9,023.80	8 Employees	
Commissioner Other:	\$1,075.89		1 Part Time
County Clerk:	\$3,289.95	3 Employees	
County Treasurer:	\$2601.36	2 Employees	
County Assessor:	\$3,974.28	4 Employees	
Traffic Enforcement	\$1,365.94	1 Employee	
GIS:	\$1,166.29	1 Employee	
County Maintenance:	\$1,394.57	1 Employee	
County Sheriff:	\$11,282.79	8 Employees	2 Part Time
County Coroner:	\$420.77	1 Employee	
EMA:	\$1,058.86	1 Employee	
Extension:	\$1,230.85	2 Employees	
DCTV:	\$1,535.57		8 Part Time
Veterans Office:	\$480.22		1 Part Time
Senior Services:	\$8,899.24	3 Employees	13 Part Time
Health & Nurse:	\$2,857.51	2 Employees	
Mandatory Weed:	\$533.86	1 Employee	1 Part Time
Admin Other:	\$21,905.21	19 Employees	1 Part Time
Social Services:	\$5,830.75	5 Employees	
TOTAL:	\$79,927.71	62 Employees	27 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.

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 16, 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.

Right of Way Resolution #01-20-01 Approval

Attorney Golbricht asked if there was any further discussion or comment in regards to the Right of Way draft presented at an earlier BOCC meeting. The BOCC confirmed they were content with the draft as previously presented. Attorney Golbricht also shared a Right of Way fee schedule proposed by Road and Bridge and sought approval. Attorney Golbricht will work on formatting of the Right of Way Fee Schedule and application, including driveway permitting.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to approve Right of Way Resolution #01-20-01 and the revised fee schedule submitted by Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Cemetery District Budget and Funding Discussion

West Cemetery District Board President Steve Davis and board member Ray Smith were present to discuss the cemetery districts current mill levy. The district is currently at .378 mills which was approved in 1974. To meet the needs of the budget costs a suggested mill of 2.0 was discussed. The original mill levy was set during the special district's establishment process. The Cemetery Board members will discuss actual costs with the grounds keeper and get back with the BOCC to with their choice of action.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to pursue an increased mill levy for the West Cemetery District on the November 2020 ballot.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Social Services Business Opportunity Discussion and Possible Decision

Social Services Director Malynda Evans was present to discuss a statewide epidemic with undeliverable mail to Social Services program benefit recipients. A request was made by the State of Colorado to all Counties interested in taking on the operation of a Consolidated Mail Return Center. The State is offering funding in the amount of 3.1 million to be used over a three-year term to assist the State of Colorado with the distribution of 1.8 million pieces of mail with insufficient contact information. The business opportunity if awarded to Dolores County could potentially provide multiple full and part-time positions at no cost to the County. A workshop will be planned to work on the details of the proposal. The application submittal deadline is January 17, 2020.

Federal Transit Administration Letter of Support:

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to sign a letter of support for the Southwest Colorado Council of Government's application for the Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility pilot program. Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Cooperative Wildfire Protection Agreement Approval: Approval was postponed to allow content review by Attorney Golbricht.

Old Business

San Juan County Road Maintenance Discussion and Possible Decision: There was discussion concerning several calls from concerned Bug Point, Utah residents that had previously received road services provided by Dolores County. Maintenance on the Utah roads has been re-assumed by San Juan County Road Department. Attorney Golbricht drafted a press release that will be shared with the public stating the fact that San Juan County has decided not to have Dolores County perform snow removal on Bug Point, even though Dolores County is willing and able to do so.

Norwood Road Blocking Discussion and Possible Decision: Sheriff Don Wilson and Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis were present to request that the Dolores Norwood Road be temporarily gated and closed to motor vehicles. Search and Rescue has to date rescued 7 different vehicles. The road is posted in 5 locations as not maintained beginning annually on November 15, however, GPS and Google Maps show the road as an alternative route to Norwood.

After discussion regarding the installation of a gate it was decided that such installation would be difficult at this time due to snow and frozen soil. Existing berms are being driven over and around.

Due to the ongoing dangers to the public, potential damage to the road, and costs of rescues, Commissioner Garchar made a motion to close the Dolores Norwood Road to motor vehicles until further notice.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

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The BOCC directed Road Supervisor Steve Davis to install more prominent barriers and signage as soon as possible. Snowmobile access will as always be permitted to the many property owners and winter enthusiasts that enjoy the Groundhog area. Attorney Golbricht noted that the closure was authorized as an emergency measure pursuant to CRS § 42-4-111(2)(v). The Dove Creek Press will be notified and the County website will be posted.

COSI Grant Funding Decision: The Community Voice Representative Ronda Lancaster confirmed that TCV was willing to partner with COSI to administer funds, determine the scholarship criteria and award scholarships. TCV requested that the County match their \$1,000.00 donation. The BOCC as well as TCV both fund STUD who was also suggested as a possible fund donor. It was decided that STUD would be approached to assist with funding the grant.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Public Comment

County Land Owner Corey Veach was present to discuss the County's application to plow Roads. Per Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis' request Mr. Veach and other applicants are required by the County to fill the application out on an annual basis as opposed to the previous application period of three years. Applicants are required to submit proof of insurance annually with the completed application.

Mr. Veach balked at wording within the agreement that has been in place due to court proceedings between the County and Mr. Veach since 2008. Mr. Veach has signed the application numerous times since 2008, with the most recent being in 2016. County Attorney Golbricht advised against any language changes in regards to assumptions of liabilities by the applicant due to plowing activities.

Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting.


Chairman to the Board of County Commissioners

Attest: 
Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

