

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

February 27, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the board room in Dove Creek, Colorado on February 27, 2020. Present for the meeting were Chairperson Julie Kibel, Commissioner Steve Garchar and Commissioner Floyd Cook, 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

Dolores County Senior Services Director Julie Bingham, Dolores County Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Dolores County Payroll and HR Specialist Lenore Johnson, Dolores County Mapping and Addressing Specialist Amber Fisher, Dolores County Deputy Braiden Banks, CSU Extension Office Secretary Oma Fleming, Assessor Berna Ernst, Health Nurse Mary Randolph, Clerk and Recorder Lana Hancock, CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman, Resident Ernie Williams, Town of Dove Creek Manager Irvin Frazier, Emery Telcom COO Jared Anderson, COG Representative Miriam Gillow-Wiles, and Ag Expo Representative Spark Reed

Agenda

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

Minutes

There were no minutes for approval.

Department Head Meeting

Assessor: Berna Ernst said things are going well in her office.

Maintenance: Steven Stiasny was not present.

Road & Bridge: Steve Davis didn't have anything to share.

Treasurer: Janie Stiasny was not present.

Clerk: Lana Hancock gave an update on the Presidential Primary ballots received to date. Local caucus dates are schedule for March 7.

Grant for election equipment was awarded in the amount of \$58,000.00.

Ms. Hancock and Deputy Clerk Taylor Funk attended an election training the end of January.

Nurse: Mary Randolph handed out the 2019 Dolores County Public Health annual report.

Is making plans for a potential Coronavirus Disease outbreak in the US.

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Human Resources: Lenore Johnson mentioned some issues within the handbook in regards to comp time.

Questioned if it was time for the County to pursue revenue sources to supplement income sources.

EMS: Keith Keesling was not present.

Extension: CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman has had a busy month. The 2020 4-H enrollment is going well. A 4-H leader training was conducted as a new mandated requirement passed down from CSU.

The County Directors meeting was held.

Mr. Westerman gave a fruit tree presentation in Gunnison, Colorado.

CSU has a new Vice President of Engagement which is the title Extension falls under. There is some possible rebranding and redrawing of the regions. A new reporting system is being implemented. A new standardized evaluation process will be used to assess if needs are being actually being met.

There have been numerous reports of the elm seed bug invasion. According to Mr. Westerman the bug is a new pest reported in the last 3 years. Best practice results for elimination are to have an exterminator conduct a barrier spray.

Sheriff: Don Wilson was unable to attend due to an injury. In his place was Deputy Braiden Banks.

A structure fire was lost on County Road N over the weekend. There were no injuries.

Extension and Weed: Secretary Oma Fleming said Jr. Rodeo dates are set for this summer.

VFW planning on shooting events at the Shooting Range this summer.

Ms. Fleming requested support on the Facebook page Molly Silvers.

Social Services: Malynda Evans was not present.

Senior Services: Julie Bingham said they are busy with reports.

Addressing and Mapping: Amber Fisher is working on the annual data call information that she will share with Montezuma County to send to the state.

Ms. Fisher and her assistant Ashley Spigner are updating the cemetery plots.

Ms. Fisher is assisting with the Census organization.

Special Projects Manager: Margret Daves discussed the upcoming Census preparations. A presentation will be given at the grade school in March.

Ms. Daves attended a grant awards ceremony in Denver from the USDA.

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Attorney Golbricht: gave an update on the Birthday Cake Case saying they are in a holding pattern waiting on the Court of Appeals to make a decision.

The Board of Assessment is set for a hearing on August 20. A list of witnesses will be compiled as the date nears.

Attorney Golbricht discussed a possible legislative push to reform hard rock mining laws and extractions.

Commissioner Garchar: mentioned a COGCC zoom conference he listened in on.

Commissioner Garchar was appointed to the RAC committee.

Commissioner Cook: has been attending CCI legislative hearings in Denver and on conference calls.

Commissioner Kibel: The RESTORE Grant was completed last week by Commissioner Kibel and County

Commissioner Kibel thanked everyone for attending the End of the Month meetings as it provides the opportunity for information to be shared throughout departments.

Broadband Workshop

Emery Telcom COO Jared Anderson, COG Representative Miriam Gillow-Wiles and previous Dolores County Commissioner Ernie Williams met with the BOCC to discuss the existing dark fiber the County owns and the possibility of Emery using that fiber during their upcoming project. Dolores County Mapping and Addressing Specialist Amber Fisher shared maps with current fiber locations. Mr. Anderson stated that Emery would look at the County fiber and possibly inspect the specifications of the conduit and fiber and contact the County regarding the desire of Emery to utilize that fiber in its project. If Emery has a desire to utilize all or some of the County fiber, negotiations over the terms of use will commence. COG Representative Miriam Gillow-Wiles will be contacted regarding such negotiations.

New Business

Donation Request for Ag Expo: Montezuma County Ag Expo President Spark Reed was present to request a donation for the upcoming Ag Expo and to explain the changes that can be expected with a more ag related itinerary.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the donation of \$1000.00 to the Ag Expo.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

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Commissioner Kibel closed the meeting.

Julia R. Kibel

Chairman to the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Lois Gardner

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

