

**Dolores County  
Board of County Commissioners**

**May 18, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held via Zoom conferencing in Dove Creek, Colorado on May 18, 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 Commissioner Kibel reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guests**

Emergency Manager Keith Keesling, Bruin Waste Management Manager Chris Trosper, DCTV Director Dan Fernandez, Community Voice Representative Ronda Lancaster, Dove Creek Press Owner Kathleen Keesling, Mapping and Addressing Specialist Amber Fisher, HR and Finance Specialist Lenore Johnson, Chamber of Commerce Representative Kendra Cook, Public Health Nurse Mary Randolph, Weed District Secretary Oma Fleming, Sheriff Don Wilson, DWCD Representatives Eric Sprague and Ken Curtis, BLM Representative Connie Clementson, Forest Service Representative Derek Padilla, Jones and Demille Representatives Danny Flannery and Jamison Christensen, Tri-Hurst Construction Representative Cooper Sharp and Chase Doucet, CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman, Dolores County STEM and Assessor Berna Ernst

**Payroll for May 15, 2020**

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$7,755.39	6 Employees		
County Clerk:	\$3,328.51	3 Employees		
County Treasurer:	\$2,636.60	2 Employees		
County Assessor:	\$4,033.73	4 Employees		
GIS:	\$1,186.00	1 Employee		
County Maintenance:	\$1,413.35	1 Employee		
County Sheriff:	\$13,569.15	9 Employees	3 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$361.61	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$3,090.60	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$1,269.00	2 Employees		
DCTV:	\$2,151.13		9 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$34.63		1 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$480.22			1 Temp
Senior Services:	\$8,931.09	3 Employees	13 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$3,059.02	2 Employees		1 Temp
Mandatory Weed:	\$2,049.60	2 Employees	1 Part Time	
R&B Administration Other:	\$23,428.15	19 Employees	1 Part Time	
Social Services:	\$6,490.89	5 Employees	1 Part Time	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$81,438.25</b>	<b>61 Employees</b>	<b>29 Part Time</b>	<b>2 Temp</b>

**Agenda**

Commissioner Cook made a motion to accept the agenda with the cancelation of the West Dolores Cemetery District Funding Discussion.  
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Expenditures**

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving the expenditures.  
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Bruin Waste Management Discussion:** Bruin Waste Manager Chris Troser joined the BOCC to discuss issues at the transfer station.

Rates were discussed as there have been some community members voice dissatisfaction over the current rates. Mr. Troser will visit with the Transfer Station employee in regards to how yardage is figured for accuracy.

Mr. Troser will add a phone number to the sign with pricing for the public to be able to contact Bruin as opposed to the County for issues.

The Commissioners had previously reviewed an invoice received from Bruin, for cleanup of the transfer stations various piles that Bruin handled after takeover. The BOCC agreed to pay the invoice.

**West Fork Fire Station Building Grant Continued Discussion:** CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman shared details from emails with DOLA Representative Patrick Rondinelli in regards to questions concerning a grant application request for funding for a fire house building for the West Fork Fire Station. After discussion, concerning the need for annual operating and maintenance funds the BOCC decided to give the West Fork Fire group until June 15<sup>th</sup> to provide proof of annual funding. If funding is procured, the County will proceed with the DOLA grant application assistance effort.

**Courthouse Hours of Operation and Staffing Discussion:** Health Nurse Mary Randolph gave an update on the zero count of COVID-19 cases in Dolores County.  
The County's exclusion letter request to Governor Polis' orders was sent to CDPHE last week. There has been no response to date.  
There was discussion of opening the Courthouse to the public. County offices are in the process of having plexi-glass dividers installed to protect employees and public during business interactions. The Courthouse offices will remain closed to the public until the dividers are in place.

Commissioner Kibel discussed having County employees return to their normal 35-hour work week. A workshop with employees, department heads and elected officials will be held on Thursday.

**Retroactive Action by the BOCC Courthouse Stay-at-Home Operations:** Due to the COVID-19 original Stay-at-Home Orders the DCBOCC, in order to protect citizens and employees implemented the following:

The Courthouse will be closed to the Public (Monday through Thursday), however, will conduct business as usual through the mail, drop box, emails and phone. (Fridays will be reserved for deep cleaning). Staff will be reduced to comply with social distancing requirements.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to implement the above mentioned.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Boat Launch Fee Discussion and Possible Action:** Possible implementation of a boat launch fee for businesses that access the Dolores River during rafting season took place. Maintenance on roads and for services will be contacted. Discussion will continue at a later date as more information is gathered. Ms. Clementson will share a list of the local river rafting business.

**Cabin Creek and Ferris Campground Spring Maintenance Discussion:** County Administrator Margret Daves had been in contact with Forest Service Representative Tom Rice to coordinate efforts to unlock the gates and ready the Cabin Canyon day use facility and the Ferris Campground for the upcoming holiday. County employees will mow, weed eat and clear the walking path later in the week.

**CDPHE Contract Approval:** The WIC contract had previously been sent to Attorney Golbricht for review. Mr. Golbricht had no concerns with the annual contract.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to granting Health Nurse Randolph permission to sign the WIC contract.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Homestead Exemption Resolution # 05-20-03:** A resolution of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners, joined by the elected officials of Dolores County, opposing the State of Colorado Joint Budget Committee staff recommendation to suspend the senior citizens' and disabled veterans' real property tax homestead exemption provided under state statute C.R.S. 39-3-203.

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving Resolution #05-20-03.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Dove Creek Mandatory Weed Advisement for Frost Property:** Weed Secretary Oma Fleming shared the details of a parcel in need of weed management. Certified letters have been sent with no response.

**Farmer's Telephone Proxy Vote Discussion:** Commissioner Kibel filled out the proxy in accordance with the wishes of the BOCC.

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**Social Services Update:** Presented for approval were the Record of Proceedings for April 20, 2020 and the Reconciliation Summary for the period ending on April 30, 2020.

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving the above-mentioned documents.  
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Director Malynnda Evans shared details on budget cuts where funds are being re-appropriated. State sanctioned laptops were received last week. Increase in applications for food assistance, Medicaid and TANIFF. Ms. Evans estimates to over spend child welfare funds during the next fiscal year, however, only 20% of that expense is funded by the County, the rest comes from the State.

Prevention and Intervention funds were received in the amount of \$45,000.00 for the 2019-2020 fiscal years. The funds need to be spent by the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2020. Ms. Evans requested that the funds be deposited into the County for a grant system for Youth Behavioral Health services.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to accept the funds from Social Services with specific guidelines to come.  
Commissioner seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**DWCD Update:** Dolores Water Conservancy District Representative Ken Curtis gave an update in regards to the snow melt and amount of water actually making it to McPhee River this spring. Precipitation amounts for the 2020 year to date were shared. Runoff amounts have not been what was estimated prior to the mountainous snow melting in the 8000 to 10000 feet range.

Farmers are now on a 17-acre feet allotment.

**BLM Update:** Tres Rios Office Field Manager Connie Clementson mentioned that the window of opportunity for prescribed burns has all but passed with the increasingly dry spring we have had. Neighboring Counties have already implemented fire restrictions. The Forest Service is in a Stage 2 fire restriction. Ms. Clementson requested input. Sheriff Don Wilson expressed his concerns after having been across the river recently. The BLM will notify the County of any restrictions they implement.

Tri-State may soon be flying the new wires for the power line across the river canyon. Ms. Clementson will notify the County when a date is set.

The BLM has received a lot of calls with interest from the public in camping facilities. County Administrator Margret Daves informed Ms. Clementson that the two facilities that the County maintains would be worked on later in the week in time for the Memorial Weekend Holiday.

Firewood permits are available online.

A community meeting will be held on the Dawson Creek Project with San Miguel and Dolores Counties.

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**Forest Service Update:** SJNF District Ranger Derek Padilla attempted to answer questions in regards to a bill received from the Alkali fire in 2018. Billing in a timely manner is an issue as the County doesn't carry a line item budget over for two years. More information will be gathered by Charles Lanoue from the state. A dispute may be pursued by the County.

**Possible Decision on Finalizing the Social Services Bids and Contracts:** Guaranteed maximum pricing was discussed. Some finalizing of numbers indicates that numbers are fairly stable at a project amount of \$900,000.00. A stand-alone Special Provisions document will be drafted by Attorney Golbright and attached to the addendum. A bond savings will be adjusted due to Colorado requirements of a 50% bond.

Jones and Demille will issue a notice to proceed at the end of next week.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price agreement with the vault specifications to be determined.


Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

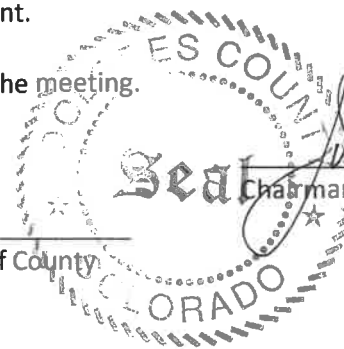
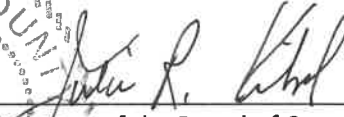
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Kibel closed the meeting.

  
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Deputy Clerk to the Board of County  
Commissioners

   
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Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners