

**Dolores County  
Board of County Commissioners**

**October 19, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held via Zoom conferencing in Dove Creek, Colorado on October 5, 2020. Present for the meeting were Chairperson Julie Kibel, Commissioner Steve Garchar, Commissioner Floyd Cook, Attorney Dennis Golbricht and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner. County Administrator Margret Daves was not present.

The meeting began with everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guests**

District Ranger Derek Padilla, Tres Rios Field Manager Connie Clementson, Emergency Manager Keith Keesling, Sheriff Don Wilson, Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Extension and Weed Secretary Oma Fleming, Ann McCoy Harold, Peak Health Alliance Representative Monique Digiorgio and Associate, Community Voice Representative Ronda Lancaster, Senior Services Director Julie Bingham, HR and Payroll Specialist Lenore Johnson, Chamber of Commerce Representative Kendra Cook, and DCTreas

**Payroll for October 15, 2020**

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$7,588.17	6 Employees	
Commissioner Other	\$783.69		1 Part Time
County Clerk:	\$3,097.78	3 Employees	
County Treasurer:	\$2,636.60	2 Employees	
County Assessor:	\$4,033.73	4 Employees	
GIS:	\$1,186.00	1 Employee	
County Maintenance:	\$1,607.28	1 Employee	
County Sheriff:	\$13,082.35	10 Employees	
County Coroner:	\$361.61	1 Employee	
EMA:	\$1,743.41	1 Employee	
Extension:	\$1,269.01	2 Employees	
DCTV:	\$1,521.72		9 Part Time
Veterans Office:	\$480.22		1 Part Time
Fair Board:	\$115.44		1 Temp
Senior Services:	\$8,924.33	3 Employees	13 Part Time
Health & Nurse:	\$3,593.34	2 Employees	1 Temp
Mandatory Weed:	\$2,049.60	2 Employees	1 Part Time
R&B Administration Other:	\$22,054.87	18 Employees	1 Part Time
Social Services:	\$6,451.96	5 Employees	1 Part Time
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$85,179.26</b>	<b>61 Employees</b>	<b>28 Part Time 2 Temp</b>

### **Agenda**

Commissioner Cook 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 the regular BOCC minutes from September 21, 2020, the End of the Month minutes from September 30, 2020 and the regular BOCC minutes from October 5, 2020.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to accept the above-mentioned minutes with corrections to the September 21, 2020 minutes.  
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.

### **Ordinance Regulating the Use of Off-Highway Vehicles on Public Roads in Unincorporated Areas of the County Discussion and Possible Implementation**

Sheriff Don Wilson discussed a Colorado Counties legislative implementation at the State level that could require OHV users to register and license their vehicles. An ordinance adopted by another Colorado County was reviewed and discussed. The Town of Dove Creek Ordinance was also discussed as a possible guideline.

Commissioner Kibel said the use of county roads near her home is not an issue of concern for her personally. She wants the residents of the County to be able to enjoy where they live and the local attractions. Ms. Kibel commented on tourism opportunities that could bring income to the local businesses by promoting OHV's. Commissioner Garchar commented on what he sees as disregard for the law by some local users, by allowing underage children to drive and sit in the front of OHV's uncontained.

The BOCC would like to hear from the residents of the County. Attorney Golbright will research putting the issue on an upcoming ballot. Workshops with local OHV and trail enthusiasts will be planned to gather information on which roads are the most used and needed to access focal points within the County.

### **Squaw Point/Dolores County Repeater Placement Discussion**

A lengthy discussion regarding a location for a repeater, again ensued. Tower installation costs, VHF and UHF coverage capabilities, electrical connections and timeliness were all issues of concern.

Attorney Golbricht contacted DCBN Representative Wayne Johnson for his opinion. Mr. Johnson provided a contact number for a company he is currently working with that will be in the area next week. Mr. Keesling will contact that company as well as one capable of providing the best coverage area, repeater location.

### **Mandatory Weed District Areas of Concern Discussion**

Weed District Secretary Oma Fleming and Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis were present to discuss a recent request from Commissioner Garchar to provide a cost estimate to spray the County bar ditches for Kochia Weed and Russian Thistle. Commissioner Garchar wanted to compare the cost of spraying versus the cost of mowing.

The above-mentioned weeds are not currently on the Mandatory Weed Districts Noxious Weed list. Commissioner Kibel questioned if adding the weeds to the Districts' January reorganization list should be the place to start. She also mentioned the difficult additional task of filing watershed reports if spraying is undertaken.

Ms. Fleming shared concerns of how their office would handle privately owned parcels that also have the weeds present. With the current workload plus the additional spraying possibility, a part time sprayer may be needed if that route were pursued. With 567 miles of County roads within the County and two passes necessary to apply Method and then 2 4-D, the chemical costs, application labor, loading and mixing the chemicals, the cost to spray would quickly accrue. Ms. Fleming mentioned that in a perfect world with no wind or rain the project could take up to 2.5 weeks. She also mentioned the NPDES status. Ms. Fleming's initial cost estimate for spraying, if the Weed District did it, was in the \$30,000.00 range. The Weed Board had yet to be consulted due to timeliness between their monthly meetings.

Mr. Davis stated that due to the summer drought, mowing along the ditches did not occur in 2020 for fear of the possibility of sparking a fire. On a more normal year, the Road and Bridge crew mows the County ditches once and sometimes twice during the summer months, depending on the amount of moisture received. Equipment for mowing is owned by the Road and Bridge department and the labor to complete the mowing is included in the normal workload schedule.

Commissioner Garchar suggested that perhaps R&B employees holding chemical certifications could do the spraying. That would however pull them away from their other duties. Ms. Fleming did not want to speak for the Weed District Board as to whether spraying equipment would be loaned or rented to the County, assuming that the equipment was available.

Attorney Golbricht suggested that the County-wide Weed Advisory Board should be asked to provide an opinion on the issue.

**CARES Act Committee Meeting Discussion**

Commissioner Kibel requested that an expedited committee be put in place to begin the task of expelling CARES Act funding before the end of the year. Emergency Manager Keesling does not have all the expenditures tallied. A meeting was set for October 27, 2020. A weekly meeting will be held until the time for expenditure allocations has passed.

**Forest Service Update**

San Juan Forest Service District Ranger Derek Padilla said the Ormiston Timber sale was awarded to Montrose Forest Products. A beginning haul date was certain but should be at some point this year.

The 504 and 509 roads to Big Water Springs are continuing to be improved for public use and upgraded for the overweight timber hauling requirements.

The fall grazing permits are winding down for the season. Permittees made necessary number adjustments to compensate for the dry conditions.

Commissioner Cook asked about the possibility of putting a County owned receiver on Forest Service towers for increased communication in the high country. Mr. Padilla shared contact information for the person that could provide an answer to that inquisition.

Commissioner Cook also mentioned a meeting that sounded encouraging for an unloading and parking area at the West Fork Fire property for the grazing permittee cattlemen to use.

**BLM Update**

Tres Rios Field Manager Connie Clementson discussed the Ebberts Gravel Pit in San Miguel County. Commissioner Cook forwarded a letter of commitment that had been previously drafted. Negotiations between Dolores and San Miguel Counties are ongoing at this time.

Ms. Clementson said the Tri-State wire pull is going really well due to the dry and calm weather conditions. The second hunting season that begins on October 24 should not be impacted with closures. The Biologic emailed updates on the Tri-State project will be shared with the County. Sheriff Wilson said his office has only had one complaint from the projects' road closure and that was by someone whose route was altered while gathering firewood.

Ms. Clementson said firewood permits are on sale online and they plan for Christmas tree permits to be available online also.

**New Business**

**Region 9 Homesfund CDBG Intergovernmental Agreement Discussion and Possible Implementation:** After review of the IGA and supporting documents, Sheriff Wilson and Attorney Golbricht raised concerns over a law enforcement policy adoption required by the program that appears unrelated. The signing was tabled.

*Proceedings to the Board of County Commissioners Meeting on October 19, 2020*

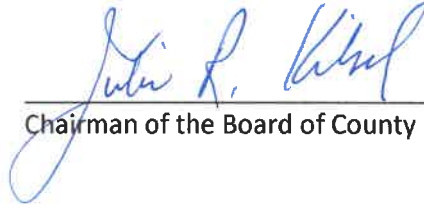
**Old Business:**

There was no old business.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Kibel closed the meeting.



Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners



Deputy Clerk  
to the Board of County Commissioners