

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

**October 29, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the Public Service Center in Dove Creek, Colorado on October 29, 2020. Present for the meeting were Commissioner Steve Garchar, Commissioner Floyd Cook, Attorney Dennis Golbricht, County Administrator Margret Daves and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner. Commissioner Kibel was unable to attend.

The meeting began with everyone standing to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guests**

Community Voice Ronda Lancaster, Senior Services Director Julie Bingham, Extension Secretary Oma Fleming, CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman, Deputy Treasurer Machel Jones, Social Services Director Malynda Evans, HR and Finance Specialist Lenore Johnson, Mapping and Addressing Specialist Amber Fisher, Road and Bridge Secretary Linda Rehmert, Assessor Berna Ernst, Clerk and Recorder Lana Hancock, Emergency Manager Keith Keesling, Dove Creek Press Owner Kathleen Keesling, Treasurer Janie Stiasny, Maintenance Supervisor Steven Stiasny, Sheriff Don Wilson, DCTV Representative Dan Fernandez, DCBN Representative Wayne Johnson and Associate

**Agenda**

Commissioner Cook made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of an old business discussion regarding the Squaw Point repeater.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Minutes**

Presented for approval were the regular BOCC October 19, 2020 minutes.

Commissioner Garchar requested that approval of the minutes be postponed until the Monday, November 2, 2020 meeting.

**Department Head Meeting**

**Assessor:** Berna Ernst will conduct certification mid-November.

**Treasurer:** Janie Stiasny is preparing for tax sale.

**Nurse:** Mary Randolph has had four positive cases with one active case that ends the quarantine phase today. Neighboring Utah area hospitals are considering implementing active care cases. Not all hospitalization increases are due to COVID as the influenza season has begun. Hospital averages stays are at 5 days for the range for 59-year old people.

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**Human Resources:** Lenore Johnson was not present.

**Sheriff:** Don Wilson's number one complaint is from dispatchers that are dealing with FEDEX packages that are not associated with the County offices or employees.

Several applications have been received for the open dispatcher position. Interviews will begin after the November 6 submission deadline.

Senate Bill 217 equipment requirements are being met with grant funds. Contact cards are required by all deputies for all stops.

**Clerk and Recorder:** Lana Hancock shared the number of ballots that had been received to date from early drop off and mail in voters. At this time approximately 50% of Dolores County registered voters have responded. Ms. Hancock explained the process involved with counting and verifying the ballots. Ms. Hancock shared that Colorado has been using the mail voter system for 7 years. She is very confident with the system in place.

Ms. Hancock thanked the Road and Bridge crew for their assistance with the installation of the Rico ballot box. She also thanked Mr. Keesling for his assistance with the camera that was also installed. Additionally, the election staff, Commissioner's and Attorney Golbricht were thanked for their assistance in making things run smoothly.

**EMS:** Keith Keesling discussed the CARES Act funding distribution to private businesses that request the available \$500 if they can provide a financial affidavit proving they incurred a loss, hardship or expense due to COVID.

**Senior Services:** Julie Bingham was not present.

**Extension:** Gus Westerman was not present.

**Extension and Weed:** Secretary Oma Fleming was not present.

**Social Services:** Malynda Evans reported business as usual.

**Road and Bridge:** Steve Davis was not present. Secretary Linda Rehmert reported that 4 applications had been received. One did not have a CDL. Another was withdrawn by the applicant. Two interviews will be conducted upon the return of all staff from quarantine.

**Addressing and Mapping:** Amber Fisher was not present during the department head meeting.

**Maintenance:** Steven Stiasny was not present.

**County Administrator:** Margret Daves updated everyone on the possible transition to United Advantage Health. All full-time employees receiving health benefits will need to complete enrollment packages upon receipt.

**Attorney Golbricht:** stated that a letter had been sent to the BLM in regards to the County's interest in the Ebberts gravel pit in San Miguel County.

**DCBN Tower Discussion**

DCBN Representative Wayne Johnson and Associate as well DCTV Representative Dan Johnson were present to discuss freeing up some space on the antenna located at the Courthouse. Mr. Johnson recommended that the tower be evaluated every 10 years. Mr. Fernandez said the RHONE 90 tower had been inspected approximately 15 years ago. Thin Air will be in the area next weekend and will test the tower for safety and a possible upgrade. Thin Air was also contacted to inspect and make recommendations for possible installation of the two towers the County recently acquired through a donation.

**New Business**

**Nationwide United Advantage Health Insurance Discussion and Possible Decision:**

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving the transition to United Advantage Health. Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion. Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Old Business**

**Region 9 CBDG Intergovernmental Agreement Signing:**

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving signing of the Region 9 CBDG Intergovernmental Agreement. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Squaw Point Repeater Discussion:** Emergency Manager Keith Keesling said the coverage area location would provide 30% more coverage if it were located at the Squaw Point Firehouse Tower as opposed to the County Shop location. Another point was that the FCC would require filings if the repeater were moved to the County Shop location.

Commissioner Cook had previously discussed the tower location with Commissioner Kibel and she was on board with the Squaw Point location for the repeater.

After discussion it was determined that the repeater would be installed on the Squaw Point tower as soon as possible.

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving that the repeater be placed on the Squaw Point Fire District tower. Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion. Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

The County Attorney was directed to draft a simple MOU with Dove Creek Fire Protection District for the placement of the antennae and repeater.

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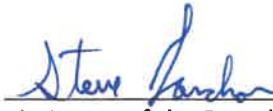
**Executive Session**

There was no executive session.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Garchar closed the meeting.



Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners



Deputy Clerk  
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