

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

**January 27, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the Courthouse in Dove Creek, Colorado on January 27, 2021. Present for the meeting were Commissioner Vice Chair Julie Kibel, Commissioner Steve Garchar, County Administrator Margret Daves and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner. Commissioner Chair Floyd Cook and Attorney Dennis Golbright participated via Zoom.

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

**Guests**

Weed and Fair Board Secretary Oma Fleming, Road Supervisor Steve Davis, Deputy Assessor Takara Harrington, CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman, Mapping and Addressing Specialist Amber Fisher, Clerk and Recorder Lana Hancock, DCTV Manager Kendra Cook, Community Voice Representatives Ronda Lancaster, Anita Fernandez and Robyn Nelson, Axis Health, Treasurer Janie Stiasny, Clayton Campbell and spouse, Sheriff Don Wilson and Septic Inspector Jeff Carhart

**Agenda**

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to accept the agenda.  
Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.  
Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Minutes**

There were no minutes for approval.

**Board of Health**

Commissioner Kibel opened as the Board of Health to address a Cease-and-Desist Hearing for David Newton and Clayton Campbell. The hearing was continued as 48-hour notice was not given. The hearing was continued to February 1, 2021 at 1:00 pm. Mr. Campbell and his wife were present and informed of the new date for the hearing. Mr. Newton will be provided new notice.

**Department Head Meeting**

**Assessor:** Berna Ernst was not present. Deputy Assessor Takara Harrington said their office is quiet at this time and will pick up in the spring with this being a reappraisal year.

**Treasurer:** Janie Stiasny sent tax notices out the week of January 11<sup>th</sup>. To date over 1000 receipts have been written for taxes paid. The tax roll is still not available to post.

**Nurse:** Mary Randolph was not present.

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

**Sheriff:** Don Wilson was not present.

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**Clerk and Recorder:** Lana Hancock's office has slowed down since the election but is still busy with a more "normal" pace.

**EMS:** Keith Keesling assisted the Town of Rico with an audio video set up purchased with COVID19 funding that will allow meetings to be archived and shared directly with their website for viewers.

Mr. Keesling assisted the Health Department with the delivery of COVID19 vaccinations to Rico in an Emergency Manager capacity.

The new Squaw Point repeater has been installed.

The Regional and All State Hazards grants funding for 2019 has yet to be received.

All the County AED's have been updated.

Renewals for CPR class certifications are not allowed in person due to COVID19 restrictions. Mr. Keesling has begun training to be a certified CPR class instructor.

Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) is available upon request from the Emergency Manager.

The Pioneer Center and the Pubic Service Center have both been approved as official Red Cross Shelters.

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

**Extension and Weed:** Secretary Oma Fleming said the Jr. Rodeo dates are set.

There is a water leak at the Fair Grounds.

Changes to the shooting range are being discussed with the Sheriff's office.

Ms. Fleming is working on the application for the HPP grant for assistance with costs east of the river.

4H enrollments have been completed and meetings will be moving forward.

Ms. Fleming has fielded historical information requests. Colorado Historical Society grants for scanning documents will be researched so that information can be accessed by the public.

**Social Services:** Malynda Evans was not present.

**Road and Bridge:** Steve Davis has had crews out plowing with the recent snow storms.

Groundhog Road calls and complaints have died down with the snow accumulations.

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

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**Extension:** Gus Westerman said CSU Extension has had several changes administratively.

Kendra Cook is the new DCTV manager in place of retiring manager Dan Fernandez with Mr. Westerman as the department liaison.

Mr. Westerman has begun working with Montezuma County with Suicidal Assistance. Axis Health is also involved and assisting.

Mr. Westerman is now a Region 9 representative.

DCDC is applying with the Solar Forward Program. DCDC will be the fiscal agent. DCDC is working with Montezuma county on the project to assist interested residents in obtaining solar project by placing bulk material orders. Skills training for local high school students will be offered through local electrician Tom Dickson of Dickson Electric. Students will be trained and ready for the workforce upon graduation.

Through DCDC 4 county business have received \$3000 in emergency loan funding with flexible payments and low and deferred interests.

A Drought Advisors Group program is being launched to assist individual producers with resource connections.

Mr. Westerman will begin pruning at the CSU Extension Yellow Jacket Research Center orchard next week. The annual pruning workshop will be held via zoom this year.

4H in person meetings with leaders is still uncertain at this time. The in-person meetings may be determined by the County's COVID19 matrix status. The new livestock program kinks are being discussed and worked through.

The Cattle and Forage Growers first workshop was held with approximately 125 attendees.

**Addressing and Mapping:** Amber Fisher is working on an in-house document that details how each department handles the permitting process. A spreadsheet was created that houses all permits so that all applicable permits are obtained.

HERE Maps called in regards to the Dolores/Norwood Road annual closure and non-maintained time period and will update their site to show the closures.

Commissioner boundary redistricting may take place after census stats are released.

Ms. Fisher is assisting Administrator Daves with a GOCO grant application for Cahone Park that will be applied for in June.

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**Commissioner Kibel:** said that the County will be staying with the current insurance company.

Department Heads and Elected Officials are responsible for sharing details with staff on snow days.

The Equal Pay Act took effect in January 2021 mandating very detailed job descriptions and an ability to articulate pay differentials. That will require annual reviews.

**New Business**

**Dove Creek Ambulance District Annual License Renewal Approval:**

Commissioner Kibel made a motion upon review of the submitted application and supporting documentation to approve the Dove Creek Ambulance District operating license.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

Both 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.

Commissioner Kibel closed the meeting.

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Chair to the Board of County Commissioners

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Deputy Clerk  
to the Board of County Commissioners