

**Dolores County  
Board of County Commissioners**

**February 16, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Public Service Center in Dove Creek, Colorado on February 16, 2021. Present for the meeting were Chairperson Floyd Cook, Vice Chair Julie Kibel, Commissioner Steve Garchar, Attorney Dennis Golbricht, County Administrator Margret Daves and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner.

The meeting began with everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guests**

Community Voice Representatives Ronda Lancaster and Anita Fernandez, Remax Realtor Marti Spitzer, Sheriff's Lieutenant Braiden Banks, Sheriff Don Wilson, Emergency Manager Keith Keesling, Dove Creek Press Owner Kathleen Keesling, DCTreas, Cindy Rippee, Town Manager Sonny Frazier, Emery Telecom Representatives Jared Anderson and Brock Johansen, Forest Service District Manager Derek Padilla

**Payroll for February 12, 2021**

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$7,729.68	6 Employees	
Commissioner Other	\$365.80		1 Part Time
County Clerk:	\$3,100.20	3 Employees	
County Treasurer:	\$2,769.84	2 Employees	
County Assessor:	\$4,050.18	4 Employees	
GIS:	\$1,187.25	1 Employee	
County Maintenance:	\$1,414.98	1 Employee	
County Sheriff:	\$13,759.91	10 Employees	2 Part Time
County Coroner:	\$371.30	1 Employee	
EMA:	\$1,554.51	1 Employee	
Extension:	\$1,242.90	2 Employees	
DCTV:	\$1,615.89		5 Part Time
Veterans Office:	\$480.22		1 Part Time
Senior Services:	\$10,753.30	3 Employees	13 Part Time
Health & Nurse:	\$3,881.55	2 Employees	1 Temp
Mandatory Weed:	\$2,058.41	2 Employees	1 Part Time
R&B Administration Other:	\$23,587.62	19 Employees	1 Part Time
Social Services:	\$6,748.24	5 Employees	1 Part Time
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$86,671.78</b>	<b>62 Employees</b>	<b>25 Part Time 1 Temp</b>

**Agenda**

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of a road and driveway plowing discussion.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Minutes**

Presented for approval were the regular BOCC minutes from January 19, 2021, the regular BOCC minutes from February 1, 2021 and the Special Meeting minutes on January 8, 2021.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the minutes listed above.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Expenditures**

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the expenditures.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Continuation of Sheriff's Evidence Storage Facility Discussion**

There have been recent discussions by the BOCC and Sheriff Wilson regarding the need for an Evidence Storage and Processing Facility. Several options have been suggested.

Estimates for a 30x40 prefab building were requested from a couple of local contractors.

A building in the Town of Dove Creek is listed for sale that could be an option. Remax Realtor Marti Spitzer reported to the BOCC that she had not received answers on the property listed in town.

The soon to be vacated offices in the Social Services Department were discussed as possible options for evidence storage. Sheriff Wilson voiced his concerns with conducting evidence processing within the courthouse due to possible explosives or drug contaminations.

Grant funding assistance for purchasing or constructing a facility was also discussed. Until further information could be gathered the discussion was tabled.

### **Tax Implementation and Ballot Initiative Discussion**

The Board discussed possible ballot issues for November 2021. Attorney Golbricht stated that at this point, the Clerk and Recorder believes that there will likely be a consolidated election, which would minimize costs. The Board discussed possible initiatives, non-binding referendums and ballot issues, including:

- Public Safety Tax
- County Sales Tax
- County use tax
- Lodging Tax
- West Dolores Cemetery Mill increase
- Marijuana referendum
- OHV Referendum

The Discussion will continue at upcoming meetings.

### **Rippee Preliminary Subdivision Exemption Request**

Attorney Golbricht shared the details from a previous subdivision exemption situation that was processed through the Court system involving the same applicants. Attorney Golbricht recommended that the proposed subdivision on this specific property should also be processed through the Courts not through the County. Ms. Rippee was advised to contact the court clerk. The application fee that was paid to the County will be refunded. Attorney Golbricht requested documentation of all court decisions.

### **Emery Telecom Update**

Emery Telecom Representatives Brock Johansen and Jared Anderson discussed the many various projects they have going on in surrounding areas. As always permitting is the hold up, once projects begin, they move smoothly and quickly. The permitting on our project is still pending. The cost of attaching fiber to Empire Electric's poles is three times that of other areas that Emery has worked in. Working with CDOT on this project that crosses state the line from Utah has presented some issues by requests for fiber that triple the total project cost. The determination has yet to be made on aerial verses buried line from Monticello to Dove Creek. In the town of Dove Creek, the lines will be aerial. Once the project begins a monthly progress update will be given to the BOCC.

### **Snow Plowing Private Drives Discussion**

Sheriff Wilson voiced his frustration with the snow windrow left, which blocks driveways by County snow plows as roads are plowed, as it hinders emergency response times. Sheriff Wilson asked if the plows could back up and clear the windrow as they go. Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis explained the steps and time involved if that request were granted. Mr. Davis said the time taken to do so would not allow the crew to get the road cleared for any type of emergency response or public use. Also stated was driveways are personal property outside of the County Right of Way. Property owners assume complete responsibility of all necessary maintenance upon purchase.

**Road Update**

Commissioner Garchar asked about snow plowing where county roads meet BLM. The Road and Bridge crew push snow from the county road on the cattle guards that access the BLM to prohibit the public from continuing onto roads that don't receive winter maintenance. By request of the BLM and Emergency Management to mitigate road damage and Search and Rescue operations the snow is piled at the cattle guard. Snowmobiles still have access to the BLM lands by opening the gate next to the cattleguard.

Commissioner Garchar mentioned some conversations he had with Air Products in regards to putting another chip seal layer on County Road R. Commissioner Garchar had been in contact with Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis on the cost to add the layer and had relayed that to Air Products for consideration. He was also asked by Commissioner Garchar what the County does with the annual funds received by Air Products and Kinder Morgan. Mr. Davis explained that County Road L had just received two miles of new rock and that the County Road T (County Line Road) had just gotten three miles of new rock.

Commissioner Garchar asked if Tri-state would owe anything for road impacts on M.4 and M.9. Mr. Davis said that those roads are due for new rock but he wouldn't be asking for any funds from Tri-State because a road condition study had been conducted prior to their project and the roads were in the same condition then.

Commissioner Garchar asked if the Road and Bridge Department had been receiving negative calls about not plowing private drives. Mr. Davis said he had only received nice calls, thanking him and the crew for all the years of assistance. Mr. Davis said when he explains that it is private property and shares the list of local contractors that will plow, people are understanding.

**Forest Service Update**

US Forest Service Representative Derek Padilla joined the meeting and provided road updates.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Old Business**

**West Dolores Cemetery District Discussion:** Attorney Golbricht and Administrator Daves shared details from a recent West Dolores Cemetery District meeting regarding the lack of funding due to decreased funds through the districts mill levy.

Attorney Golbricht discussed a drafted Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Dove Creek, Dolores County and the Cemetery District. Permission to present the IGA to the Town of Dove Creek was granted to Attorney Golbricht by the BOCC.

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**Newton Non-Compliance Septic Discussion:** Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner said that a porta-john had been delivered on the previous Friday by a Blanding company to the Campbells. A receipt for the first month's services had been presented. Sheriff Don Wilson was present during the john drop off.

Commissioner Cook closed the meeting.

*Floyd A. Cook*

Chair to the Board of County Commissioners

*Jody Gardner*

Deputy Clerk  
to the Board of County Commissioners

