

**Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners**

March 31, 2021

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Public Service Center in Dove Creek, Colorado on March 31, 2021. Present for the meeting were Chairperson Floýd 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

Emergency Manager Keith Keesling, HR Director Lenore Johnson, Mapping and Addressing Director Amber Fisher, Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Clerk and Recorder Lana Hancock, Extension and Weed Board Secretary Oma Fleming, Social Service Director Malynda Evans, Senior Services Director Julie Bingham, DCTV Manager Kendra Cook, Community Voice Representative Anita Fernandez, Treasurer Janie Stiasny and Sheriff Don Wilson

Agenda

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

Minutes

There were no minutes presented for approval.

Expenditures

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

Department Head Meeting

Assessor: Berna Ernst was not present.

Treasurer: Janie Stiasny did not have anything to share.

Nurse: Mary Randolph was not present.

Human Resources: Lenore Johnson the new insurance company has started paying claims. A GAP form is required to be filled out for the supplemental payment on an annual basis.

First quarter will be closed out soon.

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Sheriff: Don Wilson said the Deputies have been extremely busy. A tool box was installed in the Dodge pickup by the Road and Bridge crew. Another toolbox was purchased for the Ford that has yet to be installed.

Ms. Elliot will be attending a VIN Inspection class in the near future.

Clerk and Recorder: Lana Hancock didn't have anything new to report.

DCTV Manager: Kendra Cook said DCTV is going well.

A Special Events application was submitted to the Planning Commission for the Chamber of Commerce and will be coming to the BOCC in the near future.

Road and Bridge: Steve Davis said the crew pulled all the wings off the graders to start blading roads. The guys will start applying mag chloride as soon as there is water in the canals. The high-country roads will begin to be opened around April 15.

A request was made for county vehicles that are washed in the wash bay to please clean up the bay afterwards.

Maintenance: Steven Stiasny was not present.

EMS: Keith Keesling has recently written grants requesting \$49,000.00 in funds for EMS equipment.

A meeting will be held to establish an IGA for jurisdictions across stateliness to be able to assist one another. Border County meetings and Border state meetings have begun happening weekly.

There are still a few spots open for the April 6 Salamander training.

Senior Services: Julie Bingham said they are taking bids for the bus barn to receive a concrete floor.

The Pioneer Center will open on May 3 to begin offering in person meals.

Extension and Weed: Secretary Oma Fleming said the water leak search began yesterday.

The Jr. Rodeos will operate in the same fashion as last year with a 2day event separated by age.

The Dog and Cat Clinic is being planned drive through style.

Social Services: Malynda Evans shared that there is an opening for a Child/Adult Protection position.

Reviews have been conducted on programs that passed with flying colors.

An OAC meeting will be held next week.

Extension: Gus Westerman was not present.

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Addressing and Mapping: Amber Fisher has been assisting Septic Inspector Carhart with septic and driveway inspections. An overlay map is being created to show the septic and driveway permits for each parcel.

The West Fork Fire was assigned an address.

Address signs are ready to be put up when the weather allows.

Administrator Daves: shared details from the Planning Commissions recent meetings with applications for Special Events. The Chamber of Commerce requested use of the Cahone Park over the 4th of July for a Car and Truck Show. The Ride of the Ancients (ROTA) requested the use of Dolores County roads in the Rico area for a bike ride that starts and ends in Montezuma County.

Commissioner Kibel: has been working with CSU Extension Range with Restoration Project also known as Restore Net. Plot surveys on land with and without sage brush are being sought for possible vegetative restoration within the area to evaluate how the drought and CRP programs effect the plots. The project ties in well with the habitat conservation efforts with the Gunnison Sage Grouse. Mr. Westerman and Ms. Kibel will be attending a field trip to see if there is interest from land owners. Ms. Kibel wants to distinguish that the project does not tie into the Federal 30x30 program.

The Catalyst Predator Group is working on Sage Grouse predator plot studies. There should be no more two ravens or crows within two square kilometers. Research is showing that numbers are a thousand-fold to that. The group is trying to figure out how to work around the Migratory Bird Treaty Act that protects the ravens and crows since they are staying year-round and no longer migrating. Discussions have included destroying nests, keeping dumpsters within town closed and having CDOT clean up road kill to remove food sources.

Ms. Kibel completed a draft letter to Congresswoman Diana Degette in regards to the Colorado Wilderness Act proposal within Dolores County. The letter will be reviewed and signed by the BOCC.

All three Commissioners have been attending NCA meetings.

Ms. Kibel said that 9Health is now 9Health 365. They will be attending a BOCC meeting in the near future to discuss their new program that offers telehealth to small business employers.

Approximately two years ago Dolores and Montezuma County's applied for the RESTORE grant and did not receive it at that time. They County's resubmitted the grant request and were awarded \$265,000.00. They will begin searching for a coordinator.

Commissioner Cook: said the proposed CCI Legislative action not allowing County Commissioners to set on the Board of Health was amended. Annual training will be required for County Commissioners sitting as the BOH.

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Commissioner Garchar: has recently attended virtual Club 20 meetings discussing the Colorado River District.

Colorado has the cleanest and most dense natural gas, nuclear energy and coal in the world due to the elevation and formations. Thirty percent of Colorado's households are considered energy burdened. Rising energy costs affect those households immensely.

Mr. Garchar attended a RAC meeting that was informational only. Connie Clementson will be the acting Southwest District Manager for 60 days.

Colorado Rising is against Oil and Gas in Colorado. Tax Rebates for Oil and Gas are going to possibly be taken away.

Attorney Golbricht: raised concerns regarding the effectiveness of writing a resolution against the introduction of wolves within Dolores County. After further discussion, it was decided to move forward with a resolution hence the wolf introduction in order to demonstrate the importance of the issue to Dolores County.

Fire Hydrant Pressure Discussion with Town of Dove Creek and Dove Creek Fire Protection District: the discussion was postponed until the April 5, 2021 meeting.

New Business

Ormiston Resolution: The Board of County Commissioners received a request for the distribution of funds from the Clara Ormiston Trust Fund. It was found that the applicant qualified as determined by the conditions of the Ormiston Trust Fund for \$1000.00 for cancer treatment assistance.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving Resolution #03-21-02.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Discussion Regarding Zoom Meetings: The BOCC discussed opening their meetings up to the general public and if Zoom should be offered. After discussion, it was decided that Zoom is more efficient and effective, as well as easily available to the public. Meetings will continue to be open to those representing an agenda item. For anyone not on the agenda that wishes to attend the meeting, please contact Jody Gardner in the Commissioner's office so arrangements can be made for an in person visit.

West Dolores Cemetery Board Appointments: Four letters of interest were received for the two open West Dolores Cemetery Board member positions. Linda Rehmert, Lonnie Pribble, John Nielson and Stacy Hankins all submitted letters.

The BOCC discussed the responsibilities of the positions and the many upcoming actions that will be need to be addressed. Attorney Golbricht explained that board members should not be doing actual district tasks.

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The BOCC was appreciative of the interest received by the submitting parties and would like to use the knowledge of those not chosen as board members as a resource in the future.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion appointing Linda Rehmert and Stacy Hankins were chosen to serve as the new members for a six-year term.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Executive Session

Attorney Golbricht stated that the matters constituted privileged attorney client communications and therefore no minutes or recordings would be kept pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) for the purpose of providing legal advice concerning a potential litigation issue.

Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting.



Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners





Chair to the Board of County Commissioners