

**Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners**

April 19, 2021

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Courthouse in Dove Creek, Colorado on April 19, 2021. Present for the meeting were Commission Chairperson Floyd Cook, Vice Chair Julie Kibel and 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

COGCC Representatives John Messner and Hannah Hickman, Community Voice Representatives Ronda Lancaster and Anita Fernanadez, Chamber of Commerce Representative Kendra Cook, Montezuma Water Company Manager Steve Bowman, DCVFD Representatives Grant Allen and Michael Fury, Dove Creek Press Owner Kathleen Keesling, BLM Representative Chris Krassin, Dove Creek Schools Representatives Ty Gray, Shane Baughman and Charlotte Forst, Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Mapping and Addressing Director Amber Fisher and Public Health Nurse Mary Randolph

Payroll for April 15, 2021

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$7,761.93	7 Employees		
Commissioner Other	\$659.93		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:	\$1,206.83	1 Employee		
County Maintenance:	\$1,414.98	1 Employee	1 Part Time	
County Sheriff:	\$13,727.95	10 Employees	2 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$371.30	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$1,758.24	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$1,242.90	2 Employees		
DCTV:	\$1,502.48		4 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$480.22		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$77.57			1 Temp
Senior Services:	\$9,914.98	3 Employees	13 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$3,618.08	2 Employees	1 Part Time	1 Temp
Mandatory Weed:	\$2,058.41	2 Employees	1 Part Time	
R&B Administration Other:	\$23,723.60	19 Employees		
Social Services:	\$5,234.95	4 Employees	1 Part Time	
TOTAL:	\$84,674.57	62 Employees	25 Part Time	2 Temp

Agenda

Commissioner Kibel 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 BOCC End of the Month meeting minutes for March 31, 2021 as well as the regular BOCC minutes on April 5, 2021. Commissioner Garchar requested that approval of the minutes be postponed as he had yet to review them.

Expenditures

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

COGCC Rules Mission Change Presentation

COGCC Representatives John Messner and Hannah Hickman shared a detailed power point presentation regarding SB-181 Mission Rules Changes. A printed version of the slide show will be attached to the minutes.

Commissioner Garchar voiced his frustrations with several of the rule changes and the process that initiated the changes. Commissioner Garchar emphasized the importance of oil and gas in the region.

Dove Creek Volunteer Fire Department/Town of Dove Creek Fire Hydrant Flow Resolution Discussion

A workshop was held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 with the BOCC, DCVFD Representatives and Town of Dove Creek board members. Montezuma Water Company Manager Steve Bowman had provided a breakdown and cost estimate to complete a mainline extension as discussed on a site visit walk conducted on Wednesday, April 14.

Upon confirmation from DCVFD Representatives Grant Allen and Michael Fury that the Department would be satisfied with the fire-flow provided by an extension of the 6" mainline as well as with the installation of a second hydrant near the Social Service building; Attorney Golbricht was directed by the BOCC to draft an Intergovernmental Agreement between Dolores County and the Town of Dove Creek regarding a water line installation and maintenance that would satisfy the DCVFD's need for fire mitigation flows. Attorney Golbricht shared the drafted IGA with the Town of Dove Creeks Attorney Mike Green for review.

Chamber of Commerce Special Event Auto and Truck Show Public Hearing

Chamber of Commerce Representative Kendra Cook was present via Zoom for a Public Hearing regarding an Auto and Truck Show slated for July 3rd at the Cahone Park.

The Special Event application was presented to the BOCC for review after having been approved and sent on by the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Cook opened the meeting to public comment: Kathleen Keesling asked about the use of generators. Ms. Cook explained that generators would only be used during the day of the event during the hours open to the public of 10-4.

Permit conditions were discussed and drafted by Attorney Golbricht. Ms. Cook confirmed that she will provide proof of insurance, naming the County as an additional insured, as well as sign the Permit.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the application.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Road and Bridge Update

Mapping and Addressing Director Amber Fisher discussed a County Road 11.2, that has historically only been maintained by the County to a certain point near the homestead, where the graders would turn around outside the right of way, with permission of the landowner. A property served by 11.2 is currently under contract and a surveyor had requested information regarding the termination of point of the road and setbacks. The actual length of the road is .31 miles according to the County Road Inventory list that is approved annually.

After much discussion in regards to future maintenance, and the necessary area needed to safely turn equipment around, the BOCC directed Attorney Golbricht to draft a letter to the new owner confirming that 11.2 would only be maintained to the homestead, and requesting permission to continue to use the homestead location for turning equipment around while conducting maintenance.

Also discussed was a fence that was recently constructed on the county right of way along Road A. Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis had a conversation during the prior year with the property owner wherein they specifically discussed the County right of way distance. Attorney Golbricht was directed to draft a letter addressing the need for the fence to be removed and properly placed on the land owner's property.

BLM Update

Tres Rios Office Acting Field Manager Chris Krassin discussed approximately 6,000 acres within Colorado that should have been given to Dolores County during statehood that are finally in the process of being properly designated.

Approximately 257 acres of a control burn was conducted over the weekend along the west rim of the Dolores River canyon.

The Bradfield Bridge water retrieval possibility is under review and awaiting a Determination of Eligibility. The process could take up to four months.

The Department of Defense is in the process of taking inventory of 457 abandoned mines in Dolores County. The DRUM reclamation project is slated to take between 5-10 years with an estimated 400 of the mines being completely closed.

The Disappointment Gravel Pit paperwork allowing use of the stockpiled gravel has been completed. The pit permit is still being processed.

Forest Service Update

The Forest Service was not able to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Kibel Update: Met with CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman and CSU Representative Emily Lockart on the Restore Net Project which is searching for places to revegetate plots. The trio toured the "Sage Grouse Loop" which began at Coal Bed, then to north to County Road C, crossing the highway continuing on Road C to Secret Canyon then down the backside of Road E. The desired plots are 164 x 164 kilometers. Some areas were seeded with Brommel. In the future, they'd like to plant some sage brush close to Pinion Junipers.

Many issues were observed including the need for fencing to be built to mitigate control of rodents and deer. Huge piles of tumbleweeds were observed in fence lines, which may be an issue again this year. Large numbers of crows were also observed; presenting an overpopulation problem according to the standards set forth in the Migratory Birds Protection Act as well as presenting a predator issue for potential Sage Grouse reintroduction. No running water was seen and only two locations were sited with minimal amounts of water standing. Flat land is preferred for seeding to deter runoff issues, however that is a rarity in Dolores County.

Ms. Kibel will assist with CSU with contacts at CPW, Kathy Griffith and the State.

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

Proceedings to the Board of County Commissioners Meeting on April 19, 2021

Old Business:

Presented for approval were the BOCC End of the Month meeting minutes for March 31, 2021 as well as the regular BOCC minutes on April 5, 2021.

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

Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting.

Floyd X. Cook

Chair to the Board of County Commissioners

Joey Gardner

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

