

**Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners**

August 2, 2021

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Courthouse in Dove Creek, Colorado on August 2, 2021. Present for the meeting were Chair 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

Dove Creek Press Owner Kathleen Keesling, Social Services Director Malynda Evans, Emergency Manager Keith Keesling, DCTV and Chamber of Commerce Representative Kendra Cook, Dove Creek Ambulance District Chief Jerry Whited, Mapping and Addressing Coordinator Amber Fisher, Assessor Berna Ernst, Deputy Assessor Joi Redshaw, DCTreas, Taxpayers Susan Weese Barrett, Paula Norris and Mark Norris and Personal Representative, Community Voice Representative Ronda Lancaster and Commissioners Office Assistance Shayla Oliver

Payroll for July 30, 2021

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$7,718.10	6 Employees		
Commissioner Other	\$1076.85		1 Part Time	
County Clerk:	\$3,079.27	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		
County Sheriff:	\$13,852.12	10 Employees	2 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$371.30	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$1,006.17	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$1,718.48	2 Employees	1 Part Time	
DCTV:	\$415.57		1 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$480.22		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$155.14			1 Temp
Senior Services:	\$7,850.12	2 Employees	12 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$2,840.11	2 Employees		
Mandatory Weed:	\$2,420.51	2 Employees	1 Part Time	1 Temp
R&B Administration Other:	\$23,876.44	19 Employees		
Social Services:	\$7,249.45	6 Employees	1 Part Time	
TOTAL:	\$83,551.68	62 Employees	20 Part Time	2 Temp

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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

There were no minutes presented for approval.

Expenditures

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

Social Services Update

Social Services Director Malynda Evans presented for approval the Record of Proceedings for August 2, 2021, as well as the Reconciliation Statement and Budget verses Expenditures for June 2021.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the above-mentioned documents.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Presented for approval was the annual Health Care Policy and Finance Incentives funding document. The incentives provide funding for review of timely processed service applications, to ensure that cyber security software is up to date and that staff training requirements are met.

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

Ms. Evans said that the two new hires have been certified in both adult and child protection services.

A water leak from the sink in the family bathroom was located. Tri-Hurst has been contacted.

Dove Creek Ambulance Meet and Greet with Chief Jerry Whited

Emergency Services Manager Keith Keesling was present to introduce the new Dove Creek Ambulance District Chief Jerry Whited. Kathleen Keesling stepped down as the ambulance president to fill the role of administrative assistant. Contact information was exchanged. A list of requirements to update the ambulance service license was discussed. Planned services and trainings for the community was also discussed.

Board of Equalization

Commissioner Cook closed as the BOCC and opened as the Board of Equalization at 10:00am.

Commissioner Garchar stated for the record that he was formerly a brother-in-law of one of the protestors and did not feel that he was unable to perform his duty objectively in this situation.

Susan Weese Barrett addressed the BOE with the reading of a previously shared objection to the changing of her family's four parcels from an ag status to that of a vacant land assessment. Ms. Barrett believes that their farm has actively been engaged in farming through the FSA CRP program as well as the CP4D conservation program. Both programs share in the family's long-term goals of stabilizing and protecting the land while managing weeds and mitigating erosion. The four parcels are recognized through both FSA agency programs as Farm #87. An application was submitted to the FSA office for enrollment in the newly offered CRP program on July 12, 2021. The application was reported as eligible, enrollment looks promising.

Assessor Berna Ernst and Deputy Assessor Joi Redshaw stated that for an agriculture assessment status to remain in effect the parcels would have to prove to be for profit with income from crops or with use as ag land by being grazed by breeding or draft animals. Ms. Redshaw referenced the EWG Farm Subsidy website as verification that no funds were received from enrollment in the CP4D program.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to support the assessor's recommendation of changing the parcels from that of an ag status to that of vacant land.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

The protestors have the right to appeal the decision of the BOE and will receive a letter listing the options for the appeal process at the next level.

Mark Norris and a legal representative were present to request that their appeal to the BOE be heard. A July 15, 2021, postmarked appeal deadline was required for a BOE hearing to be set. The appellants stated that they missed the deadline for mailing the appeal due to other obligations and the early closing of their local post office. The County Attorney reviewed the statute regarding the deadline for appeal and noted that there was no specific statutory extension of the deadline. The BOE, upon recommendation of the County Attorney, chose not to hear the untimely appeal.

Commissioner Cook closed as the BOE at 11:05am.

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CSU Extension Assessment Results Presentation

CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman shared the results of a Community Needs Assessment. See attached.
New Business

Commissioner's Office New Hire Introduction: Shayla Oliver was introduced as the part time employee hired in the Commissioner's office.

Southwest Colorado Chief Local Elected Official Letter of Support Signing: Commissioner Kibel read the letter of Support nominating Ray Lucero as the WIOA.

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

Clara Ormiston Fund Resolution #08-21-01: 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 \$1,000.00 for cancer treatment. Social Services Director Malynda Evans had previously reviewed and approved the request.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving Resolution #08-21-01.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Old Business

Updated Juvenile Services Planning Committee Approval and Signing: JSPC Representative Bryan Kelly sent via email a revised list of committee members, including a representative from Dolores County.

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

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting.

The seal of Dolores County, Colorado, is circular with a double-line border. The outer ring contains the text "DOLORES COUNTY" at the top and "COLORADO" at the bottom, separated by two stars. In the center, the word "Seal" is written in a stylized font.

Joseph Gardner
Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

David A. Cook
Chair to the Board of County Commissioners