

**Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners**

August 31, 2021

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Courthouse in Dove Creek, Colorado on July 29, 2021. Present for the meeting were Commission Chair Floyd Cook, Vice Chair Julie Kibel, Commissioner Steve Garchar, County Administrator Margret Daves and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner. Attorney Dennis Golbricht joined via Zoom.

The meeting began with everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman, Sheriff Don Wilson, Deputy Assessor Amber Blackmore, Clerk and Recorder Lana Hancock, HR and Payroll Director Lenore Carhart, Emergency Manager Keith Keesling, DCTV Manager Kendra Cook, Extension Secretary Oma Fleming, Mapping and Addressing Coordinator Amber Fisher, Community Voice Representatives Ronda Lancaster and Anita Fernandez, and Senior Services Director Julie Bingham

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 regular meeting minutes from the July 19, 2021, End of the Month meeting on July 28, 2021 and the regular meeting minutes from August 2, 2021.

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

Expenditures

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

Department Head Meeting

Treasurer: Janie Stiasny was not present.

Nurse: Mary Randolph was not present

Assessor: Berna Ernst was not present.

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Coroner: Aaron Hankins was not present.

Social Services: Malynda Evans was not present.

DCTV Manager: Kendra Cook did not share anything. Mr. Westerman gave an update that one computer replacement is still pending. The afternoon program will be a priority when they are up and running.

Extension and Weed: Secretary Oma Fleming said the Weed district has been busy all season. The summer hires are no longer with them.

Jr. Rodeo's well attended. Approximately 100 attendees over the last weekend.

The Fair was well attended. About 275 people attended the FFA Oyster Fry fundraiser.

The 4-H awards ceremony is being planned. The Jr. Rodeo awards banquet is pending.

Sheriff: Don Wilson said there is an uptick in thefts.

An agriculture mental health option is available for counseling services specifically for farmers.

The code enforcement officer is doing a great job.

One application has been received for the open deputy position. An interview will be conducted today.

Clerk and Recorder: Lana Hancock's office is starting to receive letters from "We the People" regarding voting criteria and standards from last November's election. Discussion regarding Mesa County issues took place.

Overseas ballots will go out at the end of September. Local ballots will go out in October.

Road and Bridge: Supervisor Steve Davis flood damage is still being conducted in bar ditches and around culverts.

A crusher has been leased and is operational at the Stanley Pit.

Maintenance: Steven Stiasny was not present.

Extension: Gus Westerman mentioned the influx of new residents in the area that have reached out to the Extension office requesting site visits. Welcome packets containing information were previously handed out by DCDC. An updated version was discussed.

The Community Needs Assessment has been conducted. The fulfillment side is being worked.

The County Fair went well. All of the projects are at State Fair. Results were received today.

Resiliency Roadmap meeting was attended by Mr. Westerman and Commissioner Garchar. Strategic planning seems to be the focus all around. The Region 9 CEDs and CDAPs cover a lot of the same criteria.

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HR and Payroll Director: Lenore Johnson has completed the transition to her new office.

Insurance company meetings are beginning. Looking at new providers.

Addressing and Mapping: Amber Fisher wants to create a fact sheet to be mailed with the tax notices that will advise residents new and old of the permitting requirements and land use regulations in Dolores County. Information to be included was requested.

EMS: Keith Keesling Kinder Morgan held a tabletop Emergency Plan meeting in Montezuma County last week. Response times and ways to improve were discussed. A meeting will be held next in Dolores County with emergency responders from its county.

Five Search & Rescues took place this month, with three requiring helicopters.

A lot of time is still being spent on computers, cameras and IT from the lightening damage in May. A copper line from CenturyTel is being installed by Farmers for a hard-wired line access during outages for the Sheriff's office.

Senior Services: Julie Bingham said transportation numbers are up.

A CDOT grant totaling \$110,000.00 was awarded from funds left over in Montezuma County. The funds will be used to complete the concrete work and doors on the vehicle bus barn.

Administrator Daves: shared that the Health Fair will be held on October 2.

The audit is not finalized; however, work will begin working on the budget as a draft is due by October 15.

Commissioner Cook: had nothing to share that hadn't been covered by the other Commissioners.

Commissioner Kibel: has struggled with funding availability with the Montezuma Land Conservancy resulting in the Sage Grouse coordinator working without pay. Ms. Parker wrote a letter that will be sent to landowners.

The terms for access with a landowner that requested access for logging are still being negotiated. An update will be provided on the September 20.

AAA is discussing if ARPA funds will fit their criteria for use. A meeting later in the week will provide more answers.

The NCA will roll out on September 13. A week-long set of meetings with various entities is planned for introduction of the bill.

The 365 Health pilot program provided handouts for local business owners that were shared by Commissioner Kibel for employee's telehealth services.

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Commissioner Garchar: Greenhouse Gas released a draft. Dove Creek may be on the list for an electric charging station.

The CCI Western District conference in Montrose, Co was attended. There are possible changes in Western District boundaries pending. There are legislative issues that will be voted on as winter conference begins.

New Business

Board of Health Issue: Commissioner Cook closed as the BOCC at 10:30am. The Board of Health meeting was then opened.

Sheriff Wilson has two issues of concern. The Town of Dove Creek and Department of Social Services have been contacted.

A welfare check was conducted at a residence in Dove Creek. Large amounts of food waste was noted outside the home. The smell is noticeable from a distance. Rodent control is of concern. The public's safety and welfare are also of concern.

A second residence in town smells as if there is something dead. Unhealthy living conditions exist within the home. The hazards have been of concern by neighbors.

Sheriff Wilson suggested that cleanup could be conducted, with the billing added to the taxes due on the property. The Code Enforcement Officer works for the town on situations like this, not for the County or the BOH. Mr. Golbicht strongly advised against the BOH and the County stepping in as an enforcement officer position is not filled at this time. The issues appear to fall within the jurisdiction of the Town until such point as they rise to the level of a public health concern. That is not always a clear line. An Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Dove Creek, including possible cost sharing for a health enforcement officer could be discussed.

Garchar Boundary Line Adjustment Request: 139 acres is currently owned by Steve Garchar. The additional acreage to be purchased from an adjoining neighboring parcel is 28.9 acres. Farm access would be easier obtained by the adjustment. The neighbor has agreed to sell the acreage. The BOCC approved the Boundary Line Adjustment. The survey will come back to the BOCC upon completion, a vote and signing of the final boundary adjustment will be completed at that time.

Old Business

CDAP Final Revision Approval and Signing of Resolution #8-21-02

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the final revisions of the CDAP and signing of Resolution #08-21-02.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

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Pictometry Discussion: Mapping and Addressing Director Amber Fisher shared information regarding new imagery that is currently being flown at a one-foot resolution. Budgeting would need to be planned for. If the imagery quality is good, then purchasing and implementing it will be considered.

Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting.


Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

The seal is circular with a dashed outer border. Inside, the words "DOLORES COUNTY" are written in an arc at the top, and "COLORADO" is written in an arc at the bottom. Two small stars are positioned on the left and right sides. In the center, the word "Seal" is written in a stylized, gothic font.


Chair to the Board of County Commissioners