

**Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners**

October 18, 2021

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Public Service Center, Colorado on October 18, 2021. Present for the meeting were Chair Floyd Cook, Commissioner Steve Garchar, Attorney Dennis Golbricht, County Administrator Margret Daves and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner. Commissioner Julie Kibel was absent.

The meeting began with everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

County Resident Toby Hamilton and Brandy, Assessor Berna Ernst, Deputy Assessor Joi Redshaw, Forest Service Representative Tom Rice, BLM Field Manager Connie Clementson, DCTV Manager Kendra Cook

Payroll for October 15, 2021

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$7,718.10	6 Employees		
Commissioner Other	\$917.67		2 Part Time	
County Clerk:	\$3,079.27	3 Employees		
County Treasurer:	\$2,813.93	2 Employees		
County Assessor:	\$3,757.94	4 Employees		
GIS:	\$1,206.83	1 Employee		
County Maintenance:	\$1,705.88	1 Employee	1 Part Time	
County Sheriff:	\$14,232.95	11 Employees	2 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$371.30	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$1,176.36	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$1,330.27	2 Employees		
DCTV:	\$1,106.58		4 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$480.22		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$155.14			1 Temp
Senior Services:	\$8,655.24	3 Employees	11 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$3,034.04	2 Employees		1 Temp
Mandatory Weed:	\$2,058.41	2 Employees	1 Part Time	
R&B Administration Other:	\$22,088.70	18 Employees		
Social Services:	\$8,369.90	6 Employees	2 Part Time	
TOTAL:	\$84,258.73	63 Employees	24 Part Time	2 Temp

Agenda

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to accept the agenda with a possible discussion with Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Minutes

Presented for approval were the End of the Month minutes from September 30, 2021 and the regular meeting minutes from October 4, 2021.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the above-mentioned minutes with corrections to the September 30, 2021 minutes.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Expenditures

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the expenditures.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

West Fork Area Discussion

West Fork area property owner Toby Hamilton and guest Brandy were present to ask if the fire station property could also be used as a location for a general store that would service the area residents and visitors. Attorney Golbricht explained that the use of the property by a private entity for profit would be problematic. The property is owned by the County and also contains a reverter clause to the USFS if not used as a fire station. If the store were solely in support of the fire station, there could be the possibility of allowing it. However, as the plan included a profit element, it would cause issues for the County. Mr. Hamilton said he would pursue other lease agreements or parcel purchase inquiries.

Forest Service Update

USFS Representative Tom Rice said things are starting to wind down. Rifle hunting seasons are beginning. The Forest Service will continue to burn slash piles as weather permits. There are no plans to conduct over all control burns.

On October 25th the environmental assessment comment period ends for the proposed timber project. Discussions were held with the two opposing parties. Good progress was made with the Town of Dolores in regard to the timber traffic activity coming off of the forest.

Closing of the gate at the Cabin Canyon day use facility was discussed. Mr. Rice requested that it be left open through the coming weekend to allow the public to enjoy the fall colors. The gate will be locked by either the Road and Bridge department or Forest Service staff next week.

BLM Update

BLM Tres Rios Field Office Manager Connie Clementson said they are making progress on the snow mobile parking area. The footprint has been approved, as long as there are no changes to that we will see how it works this winter.

The Dolores River access right of way paperwork was completed and sent to the BOCC for review. Upon signing and returning of the paperwork the Road and Bridge department can begin work on the location. A two-week advance notice prior to work was requested on the application. Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis said he would like to begin on Monday and asked if that was allowed. Ms. Clementson said to get the contract paperwork signed and turned in and she would notify the right folks on her end to allow work to begin by Monday.

A reroute of the Black Snag road was discussed. The culvert continues to wash out during storms, costing the road and bridge department approximately \$20,000.00 each time. A road reroute is desired. Scheduling between the parties has been an issue with COVID school closures.

The environmental assessment of the Black Snag pit enlargement will soon begin.

The Disappointment pit permit is ready for approval. Dolores County is taking over the permit, with an agreement to provide rock to San Miguel County.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the Disappointment Pit permit terms with the BLM. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Ms. Clementson mentioned the open SWRAC positions and applications that are due.

The TAP2 travel management inventory is being updated. The comment period will be open for 30 days. The link will be shared to comment on November 15.

New Business

Planning Commission Board Appointment Approvals: The volunteer Planning Commission board member terms have expired. The previous board consisted of five members. Up to nine members are allowed. Letters of interest were received from JP Funk, Linda Yellowman, Jim Begalle, Robert Crain, Todd Parisi and Ernie Williams.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the appointment of all of the interested parties. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

USFS Dolores Ranger District Motorized Grant Letter of Support: Commissioner Kibel had previously drafted a letter of support for the Dolores Ranger District Motorized grant funding request. Over the years, the grant funds have enabled the Dolores Ranger District to complete projects within Dolores County and surrounding counties have greatly improved the trail systems while enabling them to hire work crews and heavy equipment operators to complete and improve routes. A list of the proposed projects was included in the support letter.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the letter of support.

Commissioner Cook seconded the letter.

Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Old Business

Davis/Young Revised Septic Fine Possible Approval: An invoice documenting county staff time, postage and trips for the Sheriff's office and septic inspector mileage was presented to the BOCC for review. After discussion, it was noted that Attorney Golbricht's time was not included. Attorney Golbricht estimated two hours was spent reviewing the matter and advising staff, including researching statutory compliance with fine assessment process.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion requesting that the invoice be adjusted to include the attorney's time.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

County Tax Discussion: Attorney Golbricht said research is being gathered. DOLA has been contacted in reference to the state's sales tax revenue from the 2.9% tax.

Executive Session

Attorney Golbricht requested an executive session pursuant to CRS-24-6-402(4)(b) for the purpose of providing legal advice concerning a potential Board of Equalization litigation issue. It was Golbricht's opinion that the matter constituted privileged attorney client information, therefore no recording or minutes would be kept.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion entering into executive session at 11:12am.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

The executive session ended at 11:24am.

Proceedings to the Board of County Commissioners Meeting on October 18, 2021

The Board of Equalization was presented with a compromised offer presented by Attorney Lovett on behalf of the Weese/Barrett family and their multiple parcels. The offer was to withdraw the appeal of the 2021 assessments, with the understanding that if the taxpayers presented proof of re-enrollment in the CRP Program this year, the classification would return to agricultural for the 2022 tax year, without a waiting period.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the above-mentioned terms.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting.



Chair to the Board of County Commissioners



Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

