

**Dolores County  
Board of County Commissioners**

**October 28, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Public Service Center in Dove Creek, Colorado on October 28, 2021. Present for the meeting were Commission 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**

CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman, Sheriff Don Wilson, Assessor Berna Ernst, HR and Payroll Director Lenore Johnson, Mapping and Addressing Coordinator Amber Fisher, Community Voice Representatives Ronda Lancaster, Senior Services Director Julie Bingham, DCTreas, Social Services Director Malynda Evans, and Extension Secretary Oma Fleming

**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 October 18, 2021.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to accept the minutes.  
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 said things are going well in her office. Attorney Golbricht mentioned the CRP contracts that were sent to the Assessor for verification that the contracts were applicable to the CBOE parcels.

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**Social Services:** Malynda Evans did not get to share anything as she was on the phone with a client.

**Senior Services:** Julie Bingham said the back parking lot concrete pour is almost complete with one pour remaining.

A homemaker was hired on Monday.

The October birthday lunch and Halloween costume party have a several attendees signed up for the meal.

The employee door failed during the night. Sunglass has been contacted.

The Advisory Board meeting was changed to the 4<sup>th</sup> due to Veterans Day on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Julie Bingham submitted a recommendation letter requesting the BOCC to appoint Elaine Wilson to the Senior Advisory Board for the 2022 calendar year.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the recommendation.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**DCTV Manager:** Kendra Cook was not present.

**Extension and Weed:** Secretary Oma Fleming said Kenny has two more small weed spraying projects and then the equipment will be winterized.

The fair will be extended to a four-day event next year, with two and a half days open to the public.

Details regarding a grant award in the amount of \$36,109.00 that was received from the State of Colorado, Department of Agriculture were provided. The monies will be used towards insulating the fairgrounds building.

**Sheriff:** Don Wilson shared details regarding a creditable threat that was made to the Courthouse. The building was on lockdown with access through the Sheriff's office. Office personnel were notified, and signage was posted for the public. The BOCC decided to send all staff home until the suspect could be apprehended. The school superintendent was notified. Other County entities were notified. Increased patrols will be implemented.

Also discussed was use of the courthouse restrooms for personal use and bathing. Restrooms are to be used by visitors with business in the courthouse, not the general public. Postings will be placed throughout the courthouse. Attorney Golbricht suggested that metal detectors be considered for public entering the courthouse.

The new deputy is doing well in the academy. The deputies are busy handling multiple scenarios. Information on local narcotics has been received.

Logging trucks, not using the truck route have been stopped and directed to use the correct roads.

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**Clerk and Recorder:** Lana Hancock was not able to attend.

**Road and Bridge:** Supervisor Steve Davis visited with the BOCC prior to the meeting.

**Maintenance:** Steven Stiasny was not present.

**Extension:** Gus Westerman had a quieter month. Crop sight visits are still being conducted and they are taking calls regarding yards and gardens.

4-H enrollment has opened with 25 returning members. More kids interested in the livestock program that was well received by the public, with a more realistic livestock program. Members can still participate in the Montezuma County Fair, if so desired.

Mr. Westerman is working on the County Program Plan from the Needs Assessment, which is due by the end of the year. The Program Plan will be presented to the BOCC upon completion.

DCTV will hopefully be up and running within the next few weeks. Staff is finalizing installation of the weather station and camera equipment that has been backordered.

Mr. Westerman is finalizing the budget with the County Administrator.

**HR and Payroll Director:** Lenore Johnson did not have anything to share.

**Addressing and Mapping:** Amber Fisher is working on the county wide information packet that will be mailed out with the tax roll.

The population increase was discussed.

**EMS:** Keith Keesling was unable to attend due to a SWRETAC meeting.

**Coroner:** Aaron Hankins was not present.

**Administrator Daves:** Ms. Daves mentioned that there would not be an end of the month meeting in November due to the Commissioners attending the CCI Winter Conference. There will not be an end of the month meeting in December as there is no business day between that meeting and the first meeting of January 2022.

The County's multiple buildings insurance coverage policy through CTSI was discussed. The insurance claim for all the electrical strike damages was approximately \$37,000.00. The rates through CTSI may increase due to the claim.

**Clerk to the Board:** Jody Gardner shared that Empire Electric had donated \$400.00 towards the Cahone Park electrical donation request. The information for Basin Electric Cooperatives will be shared in January, they provide a grant match to organizations that receive funds from Empire Electric's donation review process. The donation check from EEA will be sent in January.

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**Commission Chair:** Commissioner Cook attended a field trip with Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis to look at the BLM access for Raglands to log their land. A two-year extension is available if needed. Commissioner Cook thanked Commissioner for her time and efforts in assisting with the access.

**Commission Vice Chair:** Commissioner Kibel shared that \$109,000.00 was received to go towards the Sage Grouse working group. There is a two-year cycle, the first is for education and z dike implementation, expenditure of the funds can be extended.

An MOU from the Tres Rios Field Office was received for establishing a cooperative coordinating group. Approval will be added to the next agenda. NCA meetings are ongoing.

**Commissioner:** Commissioner Garchar said the Opioid Settlement has been finalized. The Towns of Rico and Dove Creek have yet to finalize.

The EDA Recovery Roadmaps for the Alpine Loop has had a lot of planning, Region 9 will represent Dolores County. Tristate will rebuild the line from the Cahone substation to the Great Cut Dike in 2023.

The last DWRF Collaborative meeting did not have a quorum. The Chicken Creek logging issues are still being resolved. The Salter environmental assessment logging field trip is coming up and will be fun.

SWRAC did not have a quorum. Campgrounds in the Alpine Loop are going to a reservation system due to over-use. The BLM headquarters were moved from Grand Junction to the Washington DC. Representatives for Native Americans were a concerned with the move.

At the DWCD farmers advisory committee meeting, members discussed the dismal irrigation forecast next summer. The canal to Dove Creek is full now, with 100-acre feet being delivered to the town to fill both reservoirs.

**Attorney Golbricht:** Golbricht discussed a recent visit with the Town of Dove Creek Attorney Mike Green, where an open dialogue between the County and Town with a joint workshop was discussed. The Town of Rico will also be included. Quarterly discussions were suggested.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

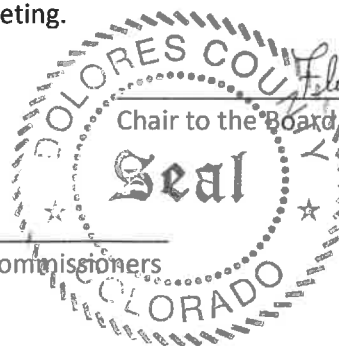
**Old Business**

There was no old business.

Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting.



Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners



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Chair to the Board of County Commissioners