

**Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners**

November 15, 2021

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Public Service Center in Dove Creek, Colorado on November 15, 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

Community Voice Representatives Anita Fernandez and Ronda Lancaster, Chamber of Commerce Representative Kendra Cook, BLM Tres Rios Field Manager Connie Clementson, BLM/FMO Representative Brandon Lewis, BLM/SWD Representative Lisa Dawson, Forest Service District Manager Derek Padilla, Property Owner Jim Taylor and Emery Telcom CEO Jared Anderson

Payroll for November 15, 2021

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$8,105.05	6 Employees	
Commissioner Other	\$803.45		2 Part Time
County Clerk:	\$3,079.27	3 Employees	
County Treasurer:	\$3,052.86	2 Employees	1 Part Time
County Assessor:	\$3,757.94	4 Employees	
GIS:	\$1,206.83	1 Employee	
County Maintenance:	\$1,525.80	1 Employee	1 Part Time
County Sheriff:	\$14,917.76	11 Employees	2 Part Time
County Coroner:	\$371.30	1 Employee	
EMA:	\$1,006.17	1 Employee	
Extension:	\$1,330.27	2 Employees	
DCTV:	\$1,291.61		4 Part Time
Veterans Office:	\$480.22		1 Part Time
Fair Board:	\$129.29		1 Temp
Senior Services:	\$10,266.71	3 Employees	12 Part Time
Health & Nurse:	\$2,840.11	2 Employees	
Mandatory Weed:	\$2,058.41	2 Employees	1 Part Time
R&B Administration Other:	\$22,715.37	19 Employees	
Social Services:	\$8,663.40	6 Employees	2 Part Time
TOTAL:	\$91,582.59	64 Employees	26 Part Time 1 Temp

Agenda

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of Commissioner Garchar's request for an explanation on the Montgomery/Taylor Boundary Adjustment process added under Old Business.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Minutes

Presented for approval were the End of the Month minutes from October 28, 2021 as well as the regular meeting minutes from November 1, 2021. Commissioner Garchar requested a guest's last name update as well as changes to Attorney Golbrichts previous draft revisions. After discussion, it was decided to accept the minutes as presented on the latter request.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the above-mentioned minutes.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Expenditures

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the expenditures.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Dispatch System Evaluation Presentation

Lisa Dawson was not available for the 10:00 agenda time slot. See below under BLM update for discussion.

Emery Telcom Update

Emery Telcom's CEO Jared Anderson was present to provide an update regarding the forthcoming fiber installation to the Town of Dove Creek and surrounding areas. Permitting for the project is complete with installation and construction slated to begin in 2022. A February community meeting will be planned.

Coroner Update

Coroner Aaron Hankins joined via phone to discuss the need for coroner equipment in Dove Creek to assist with storage and operations. Options will be reviewed, a future discussion will be planned.

BLM Update

BLM Tres Rios Field Manager Connie Clementson, BLM/FMO Representative Brandon Lewis and BLM/SWD Representative Lisa Dawson joined the meeting. Ms. Clementson requested that Ms. Dawson use the time to discuss the earlier missed agenda item. Ms. Dawson said the Dispatch System in Colorado was designed 40 years ago and is not built to accommodate the increased demand for dispatching services due to longer and more intense fire seasons and a changing climate. There are currently six dispatch zones with centers. The Rocky Mountain Area Wildfire Coordination Group (RMCG) and Rocky Mountain Area Fire Executive Council (RMA-FEC) identified systematic barriers to high quality and consistent dispatching services in Colorado and seek to address them by reorganizing the dispatching system. Issues needing addressed are understaffing, limited office space for expanded functions, limited technological capabilities and inconsistencies in operating procedures across the different centers. The goals of RMCG and RMA-FEC are to provide a resilient dispatching system that can adapt to changing fire season by providing high quality and consistent customer service, foster resiliency and adaptability of the dispatch system to current and future needs, provide for the health and wellbeing of employees and to be cost efficient. The proposed reorganization would reduce dispatch zones from six to three allowing for more resilient staffing while continuing to provide high levels of service. Mr. Lewis mentioned that the decision to change will be made from all the area agencies not just the BLM. The response time on the ground will not be affected, as only the dispatch services will see change. Procedural actions are established and in place, they are not decided by the dispatching entity as they are nor a decision-making body. Ms. Clementson mentioned that they are familiar with juggling two dispatching entities. She is confident that efficiencies will only be gained with the change.

Ms. Clementson said headway has been made on the Dolores River access. The Road and Bridge department has been constructing the access. Harrison will conduct a final inspection of the river access next week.

The Black Snag Pit and road were visited during a recent field trip by the BLM and the County Road and Bridge Department. Ms. Clementson felt that good plans had been made for each. A low water crossing will be implemented soon while there is no water at the location. The Disappointment Pit was also visited during the field trip. Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis questioned the need for a NEPA study at this time at the Disappointment Pit. Ms. Clementson said the BLM thought it best to analyze the remaining five acres for future expansion at this time, therefore, allowing full use of the pit for the next 30+years.

Ms. Clementson shared a News Release regarding the Transportation and Access Plan (TAP 2). Public comment is requested to revisit the transportation inventory from the previous 2017 process. The news release contains a link for public comment and will be shared on the county website, on DCTV and local Facebook pages. The comment period ends on December 15, 2020. Commissioner Kibel asked if campground locations could be added along the Dolores River corridor past the Box Elder Campground as part of the plan. Ms. Clementson said the TAP2 only addresses trails, roads and access plans. Designated and dispersed sites along the river corridor could possibly be addressed along with the NCA discussion. The suggestion was made that if the BOCC wants considerations for the Rim Rocker Trail or a mountain bike trail along the river, to comment during the TAP2 process. Ms. Clementson said that if legislation passes soon that conflicts with the current resource management plan the BLM will work with the County through that.

Forest Service Update

Forest Service District Manager Derek Padilla mentioned the Salter environmental assessment situation. The Southwest Colorado Cycling Association and the Town of Dolores withdrew their previous objections as an agreeable resolution had been reached. The other entities with objections were not able to reach an agreement with the Forest Service, their concerns were not addressed during resolution discussions, therefore their objections were not rescinded. A Forest Service review of the EA analysis deemed that all regulatory and policy requirements were met and that the assessment was a legal and binding document. The Forest Service will move forward and sign the decision.

Mr. Padilla discussed an increase in the unauthorized use of non-motorized roads in the Boggy Draw area. Non-motorized signage had been damaged and or removed. Further decommissioning of the roads will be pursued. Boulders will be implemented blocking access. Commissioner Kibel mentioned the usage increase due to COVID-19 and requested that the local users not be punished with further restrictions due to the actions of those from out of the area. Mr. Padilla assured the BOCC that only the previously decommissioned roads would receive boulders.

Commissioner Kibel asked if a storage shed needed for housing Search and Rescue equipment near the Kilpacker Trail was an option on Forest Service lands. Private property near the trail was also discussed as an option. Mr. Padilla suggested that a proposal be drafted and submitted for consideration.

New Business

There was no new business.

Old Business

Montgomery/Taylor Boundary Adjustment Process Explanation: At the request of Commissioner Garchar, Attorney Golbricht again, explained to Mr. Taylor the process involved with a Boundary Adjustment.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting.


Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners


Chair to the Board of County Commissioners

