

**Dolores County  
Board of County Commissioners**

**January 31, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Public Service Center in Dove Creek, Colorado on January 31, 2022. 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**

Community Voice Representative Ronda Lancaster, Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Senior Services Director Julie Bingham, Mapping and Addressing Specialist Amber Fisher, Emergency Manager Keith Keesling, Clerk and Recorder Lana Hancock, Undersheriff Matt Purkat, CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman, Weed District and Fair Board Secretary Oma Fleming, Extension, DCTreas and MotoG

**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 January 3, 2022 and January 18, 2022.

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 did not provide an update.

**Nurse:** Mary Randolph did not attend.

**Assessor:** Berna Ernst did not attend.

**Coroner:** Aaron Hankins did not attend.

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**Social Services:** Malynda Evans did not attend.

**Senior Services:** Julie Bingham said that they passed the AAA audit conducted in December with flying colors. The State requested information regarding the process and forms to establish a best practices procedure.

A vehicle is being sought.

San Miquel gave \$6,000.00 for transportation services provided by the Dolores County Senior Services program to San Miquel County residents in the Egnar, Colorado area.

A grant providing funds for a Grow Dome and to hire a master gardener that will assist with grows in three locations was awarded. Secondary water is available near the desired construction location north of the ditch. The CDOT grant is 47% higher than usual.

Filters have been changed in the HVAC system. Issues with the dining room doors have yet to be mitigated due to the unavailability of a needed tool. The parts and repairs may be under warranty. The contract will be reviewed.

Construction on the vehicle barn completion project were finalized. A driver recently ran into the doors, no major damage was caused.

Half of the staff received CPR training in December. The other half will be trained as soon as a date can be set up.

**DCTV Manager:** Kendra Cook did not attend.

**Extension and Weed:** Secretary Oma Fleming reported that the weed board accepted a pickup bid.

Chemicals for this summer will be ordered early than usual.

The Fair Ground insulating project is moving along.

**Road and Bridge:** Supervisor Steve Davis said the crew is blading roads. They can get half a day worth of work in by the time things thaw after the nighttime freeze.

Montezuma Valley Irrigation granted permission for Road and Bridge to pull water for roads from Groundhog in 2022.

The Black Snag revised culvert location project is moving forward. The County is working with the Core of Engineers. The BLM is conducting an internal NEPA analysis. Work cannot begin until after April 1, 2022.

**Clerk and Recorder:** Lana Hancock has been working on the details for Precinct Boundary Adjustment resolution that was adopted today. In 2023 the census information will allow possible revisions to the commissioner districts according to population distribution results.

**Maintenance:** Steven Stiasny did not attend.

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**Sheriff:** Don Wilson was unable to attend. Undersheriff Matt Purkat shared detailed mileage reports on three of the deputies' vehicles, all of which need replaced. A F150 was just purchased, and monies were budgeted for a second vehicle purchase in 2022. Information on a new LAWS equipment installer was obtained. Rates are significantly lower than what has previously been paid through other provider companies. Vehicle pick-up and delivery are available. Neighboring counties have a maximum mileage of 80,000 miles before being rotated.

There has been an increased crime spike resulting in a higher case load throughout the department. Last year's drug case numbers were higher than the previous 5 years combined.

Compliance with SB217 requiring mandated reporting on all contacts and body cam footage will be implemented beginning April 1, 2022. EFORCE will be responsible for the reporting.

HB2080 requires all retention centers to allow bond to be posted within a 48-hour period. The sheriff's office is working with the treasurer's office to implement an online portal for bond collections.

A JAG grant is being pursued to assist with funding for demographics and reporting to the state.

**Extension:** Gus Westerman will be conducting seven workshops over the next month.

4-H enrollment is still open.

**HR and Payroll Director:** Lenore Johnson did not attend.

**Addressing and Mapping:** Amber Fisher will attend an online GIS class this week.

**EMS:** Keith Keesling is working on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Renewal is required every four years. \$9,000 will be received to assist with the Emergency Managers wages.

The National Cyber Security review that is required to be updated every two years for compliance with any federal grants sought was updated in December.

A recently attended DWRF meeting shared information regarding the availability of funds to landowners for land clearing.

The Care and Share program passed the recently conducted audit, with over 200,000 pounds of food having been distributed in Dolores County.

A maximum of five M95 masks are available upon request to residents through the Sheriff's Office, Search and Rescue, Ambulance Services and the Health Department.

A final distribution of CVR funds were distributed to local businesses.

The Salamander system installation and training will begin soon.

Farmers Telephone installed new battery packs for the phones system that should provide services for up to 8 hours during an outage.

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**Administrator Daves:** Ms. Daves requested a workshop with the Commissioners that was scheduled for the next day at 1pm. An Office 365 zoom workshop will be set up for county offices.

**Commissioner Cook:** Commissioner Cook attended CCI meetings last week in Denver. He will share details regarding supported and opposed legislative bills at a later time with his fellow Commissioners.

**Commissioner Kibel:** Commissioner Kibel shared that she had attended 22 various meetings, with 17 having been via zoom during the month of January.

**Commissioner Garchar:** Commissioner Garchar attended an Economic Outlook meeting in Fort Lewis and the Montezuma/Dolores Economic Roundup.

**Attorney Golbricht:** Attorney Golbricht discussed a recent subdivision exemption plat final approval that has an issue with the legal description. The error was found during processing in the Assessor's office. The applicant and the surveyor were contacted. An amended plat will be recorded once corrections are made. To potentially mitigate such errors, a review of the plat by the assessor's office was suggested as well as possibly having a representative of the assessor's office attend the final approval proceeding.

**New Business**

**County Road Map Inventory Approval:** Mapping and Addressing Director Amber Fisher presented for approval the annual County Road Map and County Road Inventory. Road 7.2 was designated as chip sealed. The specific length of Road 11.2 was designated.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the 2022 Dolores County Road Inventory.  
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A revised County Road Map will be presented for approval at a later date.

**Resolution #01-22-03 Approving 2022 Precinct Changes:** The Dolores County Clerk and Recorder has requested that the Dolores County Commissioners approve certain precinct changes for 2022. State statutes require that the Clerk establish at least one precinct for every 1,500 active eligible voters but may with the approval of the BOCC establish one precinct for every 2,000 active eligible voters. Active precinct totals as of the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022 are 1644. The precinct established need not be modified until the precinct has more than twice as many active eligible electors as they did at the time of the most recent federal decennial census or when established by the county clerk and recorder.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving Resolution #01-22-03.  
Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.  
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**COSI Scholarship Letter of Intent Approval:** Community Voice Representative Ronda Lancaster was present to share that last year's scholarship was awarded again awarded to Taylor Hickman and as well as to Kobie Beanland.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the COSI Scholarship Letter of Intent.  
Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Old Business**

There was not a discussion regarding a potential sales tax.

**Executive Session**

There was no executive session.

Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting.

  
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