

**Dolores County  
Board of County Commissioners**

**March 21, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Public Service Center in Dove Creek, Colorado on March 21, 2022. 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**

Senior Services Janitor Shauna Snyder, Community Voice Representative Ronda Lancaster, DCADMIN, Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Road and Bridge Truck Foreman John Neilson, Extension, DCTREAS, Senior Services Interim Director Alisa Schultz, Mapping and Addressing Director Amber Fisher, Deputy Assessor Amber Blackmore, USFS Representative Derek Padilla, BLM Representative Connie Clementson, Local Residents Mikey Young, John and Kathy Bussard, Roger Watkins, Jerry S. Brewer, Douglas and Donna Fasi

**Payroll for March 15, 2021**

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$8,691.90	7 Employees		
Commissioner Other	\$537.62		1 Part Time	
County Clerk:	\$3,098.79	3 Employees		
County Treasurer:	\$2,861.29	2 Employees		
County Assessor:	\$3,804.79	4 Employees		
GIS:	\$1,265.56	1 Employee		
County Maintenance:	\$1,570.45	1 Employee	1 Part Time	
County Sheriff:	\$14,795.03	11 Employees	2 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$420.77	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$1,202.13	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$1,707.20	2 Employees		1 Temp
DCTV:	\$1,185.95		4 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$374.59		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$96.97			1 Temp
Senior Services:	\$7,197.15	2 Employees	11 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$3,003.88	2 Employees		
Mandatory Weed:	\$2,164.47	2 Employees	1 Part Time	
R&B Administration Other:	\$23,845.48	19 Employees	1 Part Time	
Social Services:	\$8,974.69	6 Employees	2 Part Time	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$86,798.71</b>	<b>64 Employees</b>	<b>24 Part Time</b>	<b>2 Temp</b>

**Agenda**

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to accept the agenda with the deletion of the old business Public Health Building Contract Review and Possible Approval item.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Minutes**

Presented for approval were the regular BOCC minutes from the February 22, 2022 meeting.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving 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.

**Hire Senior Services Director and Possible Executive Session**

Commissioner Cook requested an Executive Session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(f), for the purpose of discussion of a personnel matter and discussion of possible terms of employment.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion entering into the Executive Session at 9:03a.m.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

The Executive Session ended at 9:17a.m.

The BOCC accepted the recommendation from the Senior Services Director interview board.

County Administrator Margret Daves was directed to negotiate with the chosen applicant and to notify other interviewees of the decision.

**Tax Abatement**

Deputy Assessor Amber Blackmore described the details of a requested abatement approval whereby a landowner was being assessed for structures that were actually personal property structures owned by an oil and gas company.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the abatement refund in the amount of \$24.05.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**CMR Final Subdivision Exemption and Resolution #03-22-01 Approval**

CMR Representative Carol Marie Howell was present for the final approval of a subdivision exemption plat and Resolution #03-22-01. The creation of a 3.10-acre parcel left a remaining larger parcel of approximately 17.8 acres. The plat described specific utility easements and a right of way access as requested by the BOCC.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving Resolution #03-22-01 and signing of the plat.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Mendoza/Mate Subdivision Exemption Revised Plat Approval**

An amended plat was presented for review to correct the previously approved Mate/Mendoza subdivision exemption. Upon transfer of the property in accordance with the plat description, the Assessor's office identified a discrepancy in the legal description. The error was amended by the surveyor. The plat was signed by the parties prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the revised plat and legal description.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Dicken/Garchar Boundary Adjustment Amended Plat Approval**

An amended plat was presented for review to correct the previously approved Dicken/Garchar boundary adjustment. Upon transfer of the property according to the plat description, the Assessor's office identified an erroneous name spelling as well as a discrepancy in how title had previously been held. The errors were corrected.

Commissioner Garchar recused himself from voting on the amended plat due to partial ownership of one of the properties being adjusted.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the amended plat.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**CDOT 53-11 Contract Approval**

Interim Social Services Director Alisa Schultz was present to request approval of the annual CDOT (53-11) State of Colorado Subaward Agreement. The amount approved was more than that received in previous years in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act offering additional funding assistance to recipients. Eligible expenses are operating costs related to operations, personnel, cleaning and sanitization combating the spread of pathogens on transit systems and debt service payments incurred to maintain operations and avoid layoffs and furloughs as a result of COVID-19. Dolores County Senior Services will receive \$79,142.00 in funds to be expended by June 30, 2023.

Attorney Golbricht had previously reviewed the agreement.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving signing the contract.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Cruzan Construction West Fork Fire Contract Approval**

County Administrator Margret Daves presented a contract drafted by Attorney Golbricht between the County and Cruzan Construction for the West Fork Fire building. Cruzan Construction owner Jay Cruzan had previously reviewed and approved the contract.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the contract.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Among other details, Cruzan Construction will post a bond as discussed. The County will issue a deposit on the building when it is ordered.

Administrator Daves said the West Fork Fire's donated funds for the down payment on the building had been received.

**Renaming Squaw Point Discussion**

Seven Squaw Point residents were present to chime in on the discussion regarding the Federal Bureau of Interiors renaming of locations that contain the word "squaw". The term is considered by some to be derogatory. The area known to locals as Squaw Point and Squaw Canyon is considered "home" to numerous Dolores County residents, some dating as far back as the early 1900's.

The Squaw Point area was originally called Segó. A school was operated off and on throughout the years from 1917-1950. There was a US postal service delivery route known as the Segó Route that operated until 1981. From 1921-1926 the post office was opened and operated within the school.

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Resident John Bussard said his family had owned property on the point since 1917. He said the State of Colorado surveyed the area in 1921. In the 1950's there were approximately 40 families residing in the area. Local resident Overa Jackson (currently 102 years old) had stated during a previous interview that at one time there had been as many as 56 families.

Resident Mikey Young shared a "Receipt for Fixed Credit of District Office" from the Segoe, Colorado Central Accounting Postmaster dated April 29, 1924.

The Utah State Flower is the Segoe Lily. Squaw Point is near the Utah/Colorado state line. The Segoe Lily is native to the area and can still be seen growing freely.

After much discussion the BOCC and all attendees voted unanimously that the preferred and recommended name change should reflect that of the past and again be called Segoe Point and Segoe Canyon.

A letter will be drafted by the BOCC and sent with the Domestic Geographic Name Report to the designated authorities.

**Fisher Preliminary Subdivision Exemption Approval**

Dave and Amber Fisher were present to request a preliminary subdivision exemption. A three-acre exemption was requested from the approximately 38 acres owned by the Fishers on that specific parcel. The subdivision exemption is being requested so that the three-acre parcel can be offered for purchase by the County for the construction of an estimated 200x200x8 emergency use storage water pond. The property is located near the county road and bridge shop as well as the near the Town of Dove Creek's storage water ponds. The just under 10-acre foot water source could be designated for use by the County and Town in case of emergency's associated with fire, drought and road maintenance. The Fisher's would possibly sell the County the 3-acre parcel at an agreed upon fair market value. If sold, the Fisher's requested use of the water stored in the pond for a maximum three-month period annually for livestock use. Emergency Manager Keesling had suggested placement of the pond be 100+ feet away from the power poles along the county road to provide access by helicopters during fire mitigation. Pros and cons for the construction of a fence around just the pond as well as around the whole parcel was discussed.

During discussion of the proposed exemption and pond, Commissioner Garchar voiced his concerns regarding the use of water trucks on Guyrene Street. Also stated was Commissioner Garchar's willingness to offer the County a 99-year lease on his property located near the DWCD canal just south of town.

Discussions ensued regarding Commissioner Garchar's concern with the road. Within the town limits, the road is known as Guyrene Street. At the town limit the road then becomes county road 7.7. CDOT trucks as well as County graders, semis and belly dumps currently use the town/county road to access their specific facilities while conducting business daily. Neighboring farmers also frequently use the town/county road with oversized equipment and vehicles while conducting their daily operations.

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Road and Bridge Truck Foreman John Neilson voiced his concern with the costs associated with the construction of the pond and a fence that the County would not own.

Commissioner Garchar recused himself from voting on the preliminary subdivision exemption approval due to his offer.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the preliminary subdivision exemption.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

### **BLM Update**

#### **BLM Tres Rios Field Manager Connie Clementson:**

- Is still working with the County on the Black Snag road repair and culvert issue. Contact with the Forest Service was made, and they agree that a low water crossing would be best suited to mitigate the flooding issues and road damage issues. A site visit is planned with all involved entities on April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Asked the Road and Bridge Department to map out a five-acre footprint on the Disappointment Pit.
- The County was recently notified of an upcoming BLM timber sale project that would affect county roads. Ms. Clementson said the contract was signed in July 2021 with Montrose Forest Products. The County will negotiate road maintenance terms with the MFP.
- Commissioner Kibel mentioned the State Land Transfers with the BLM and asked for assistance on maintaining the county's rights of way.
- Commissioner Kibel mentioned that the Sage Grouse Coalition is in the implementation stage of a 40–50-year plan. The County is assisting with conservation easement efforts. Commissioner Kibel will attend the upcoming Sage Grouse Summit in Gunnison, Colorado. Ms. Clementson said the BLM is working on habitat improvements on federal lands.
- Mentioned the smoke to the north of Dove Creek where piles were being burned.

### **Forest Service Update**

#### **USFS District Ranger Derek Padilla:**

- Discussed the FS spring prescribed burn plan. The plan was initiated last fall but due to the fire danger in other areas and the possible lack of resources the plan was postponed. First on the list is Boggy Draw, then Salter and if possible Haycamp Mesa.
- The Cabin Canyon day use facility and the Ferris campground spring cleanups were discussed. Tree and limb cleanups will again be provided by the FS prior to Memorial Day weekend. A field trip with the FS, Dolores County and Montezuma County's boards was suggested in mid-May to discuss the IGA terms and possible revisions of duties.
- The FS timber sale project is moving along as weather allows with moisture and freezes.

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**New Business**

There were not any new business items.

**Old Business**

**Public Health Building Contract Approval and Possible Executive Session:** The discussion was postponed to allow a thorough review of the contract details as requested by Attorney Golbricht.

**Meetings and Information**

**The Journal Discussion:** Commissioner Garchar said he had contacted The Journal requesting two free subscriptions to the local newspaper. Commissioner Garchar felt that with the amount of money spent by the County on publications that the subscriptions should be free. The Journal denied the request. Commissioner Garchar wishes to have newspapers available in the courthouse for review by the public.

**Tax Forum Discussion:** The BOCC scheduled a Tax Forum Discussion for Thursday, March 31, 2022 at the Public Service Center at 6p.m.

Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting.

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Chair to the Board of County Commissioners

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Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners