

MEETING MINUTES

Dolores County Board of County Commissioners

May 16, 2022

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Public Service Center in Dove Creek, Colorado on May 16, 2022. Present for the meeting were Commission Chair Floyd Cook, Vice Chair Julie Kibel, Commissioner Steve Garchar, Attorney Dennis Golbricht and County Administrator Margret Daves. Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner joined via zoom.

The meeting began with everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

Deputy Assessor Amber Blackmore, Community Voice Representative Ronda Lancaster, DCADMIN, DCTREAS, Chamber of Commerce Kendra Cook, American West Homes Representative Wes Jones, BLM Field Manager Connie Clementson, USFS District Ranger Derek Padilla, Ride of the Ancients Director Ashley Carelock, Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Mapping and Addressing Specialist Amber Fisher

Payroll for May 13, 2022

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$8,691.90	7 Employees		
Commissioner Other	\$402.09		2 Part Time	
County Clerk:	\$3,098.79	3 Employees		
County Treasurer:	\$2,861.29	2 Employees		
County Assessor:	\$3,943.64	4 Employees		
GIS:	\$1,265.56	1 Employee		
County Maintenance:	\$1,473.48	1 Employee		
County Sheriff:	\$15,030.58	11 Employees	2 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$420.77	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$1,202.13	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$1,388.13	2 Employees		
DCTV:	\$1,553.02		4 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$374.59		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$249.34			1 Temp
Senior Services:	\$9,058.15	2 Employees	12 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$3,003.88	2 Employees		
Mandatory Weed:	\$2,164.47	2 Employees	1 Part Time	
R&B Administration Other:	\$23,984.04	19 Employees	1 Part Time	
Social Services:	\$8,719.77	6 Employees	2 Part Time	
TOTAL:	\$88,885.62	64 Employees	25 Part Time	1 Temp

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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 May 2, 2022.

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 payment of the expenditures.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Petition for Abatement or Refund of Taxes

Deputy Assessor Amber Blackmore described details regarding the presented petition for abatement. The assessor's office had erroneously entered production at the Bartley pit. There was not any production during the taxable year. The pit owner should not have received a tax bill. Ms. Blackmore requested the BOCC approve an abatement in the amount of \$816.96.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the abatement refund request.
Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

SW Freedom Fest Big Truck 'n Car Show Special Event Public Hearing

Event organizer Kendra Cook shared details from the previous year's successful event. In preparation for this year's event, the porta-potties and banners have been ordered. The same band as last year will play. A slight change is that the show will run from 10-2.

The Planning Commission approved an expedited three-year permitting process as long as there are no issues or significant changes to the event. Applicant will present a renewal request to County Administrator Margret Daves no later than March 1 each year, who will review the application and grant possible approval or refer it to the BOCC if an issue is identified.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the event application.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor.

Ride of the Ancients Special Event Public Hearing

Ride of the Ancients (ROTA) Director Ashley Carelock was present to discuss the upcoming gravel bicycle ride special event. The application fee was delivered. The same event was successfully held last year with both a 30-mile loop and 100-mile route offered throughout parts of Montezuma and Dolores Counties. A new, third route is being offered this year through the Boggy Draw area above Dolores. The same provisions will apply with a lead and sweep vehicle, route signage, appropriate volunteers, aid stations and porta johns. Proof of event insurance will be provided. Maximum attendance shall not exceed 200 persons at one time, inclusive of riders and staff/organizers.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the special event permit.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor.

Also discussed was the possible temperatures and effects of heat on participants. The County roads were bladed prior to the event last year and much appreciated. The BOCC will ask the Road and Bridge Department if that is an option prior to this year's event.

Public Health Building Contract Final Approval

American West Homes Representative Wes Jones was present to answer questions regarding a manufactured home that may be purchased by the County to house the public health department. Commissioner Garchar questioned various aspects of the modular including the foundation design, skirting flashing, insulation and possible termite treatment. Mr. Jones shared that all their homes are engineered according to state regulations and the International Residential Code. Mr. Jones said they are very regulated with what they can install and offer. Mr. Jones has been licensed in Colorado since 2001 and has been selling and installing modulares for 13 years. Continuing education is a requirement of the licensing. Commissioner Garchar requested reviews from previous customers of Mr. Jones. There was much discussion regarding various components of the modular and industry standards.

Attorney Golbricht had previously reviewed the contract. Mr. Jones had signed the county's addendum.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the American West Homes purchase contract.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor.

BLM Update

BLM Tres Rios Field Officer Connie Clementson shared details of the SWRAC field trip to Chutes and Ladders on June 1 to discuss the challenges with dispersed camping sites. A virtual meeting will be held the next day.

Firewood permits are available online. A printed copy of the permit is needed for verification while collection of the firewood. The cost is \$8.00 a cord.

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Ms. Clementson mentioned that Road 16 is soft and dusty from the logging truck haulers and asked if that could be remediated. The County Road and Bridge Department will contact the permittee for dust mitigation.

Ms. Clementson thanked everyone from the County that attended the field trip to view the Black Snag culvert or possible low water crossing site on May 13.

The Disappointment Gravel Pit needs to be reclaimed from the approximate 6-acre footprint to the agreed upon 5-acres. A new area will also need mapped out so that an environmental assessment can be conducted for future usage of the pit.

The San Miquel County Dry Creek Basin environmental assessment was completed. A sage brush rehabilitation improvement project for the Gunnison Sage Grouse will soon begin.

USFS Update

San Juan National Forest Service District Ranger Derek Padilla attended in person. Stage 1 fires restrictions will be implemented on May 25. The BLM may also follow suit. No open fires are permitted outside of a contained grate in designated areas. Propane fire pits are permissible.

Discrepancies in the boundary of the ARCO easement are being addressed so that conveyance of the property can be conducted for the necessary EPA cleanup.

New Business

Farmer's Telephone Proxy Vote: The BOCC reviewed the list electorates. After discussion it was decided to vote for the incumbents.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the votes for the incumbents.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Emergency Use Pond Property Purchase Consideration and Possible Action: The purchase of property and construction of an emergency use pond was again discussed. Commissioner Garchar shared that he had spoken with staff and board members of DWCD regarding the possible shared use of the Dove Creek secondary lawn and garden storage pond. The existing pond is approximately 8-acre feet. DWCD's Don Schwindt felt that the County's use was in-line with DWCD's community outreach efforts. There was discussion regarding water trucks on town roads and the possible development of 11th street. Commissioner Garchar envisions installing a water line that would be located near the Road and Bridge shop for easy access. A workshop will be set up with the BOCC, the Town of Dove Creek's Mayor Brett Martin, Town Manager Dagan Chadd and DWCD's Manager Ken Curtis on May 25th.

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Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement Between Dolores County and the USDA Forest Service San Juan National Forest: Sheriff Don Wilson presented the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement between Dolores County and the USDA, Forest Service, San Juan National Forest under the provisions of the Cooperative Law Enforcement Act of August 10, 1971. The parties of the agreement recognize that public use of National Forest System lands (NFS lands) is usually located in areas that are remote or sparsely populated. The parties also recognize that the enforcement of State and local law is related to the administration and regulation of NFS lands and Cooperator has/have limited amount of financing to meet their responsibility of enforcing these laws. The purpose of this agreement is to document a cooperative effort between the parties to enhance State and local law enforcement in connection with activities on NFS lands and provide for reimbursement to Cooperator for the intensified portion of this effort. This is an annually renewed contract between the parties. The grant is in the amount of \$6,500.00 and will be used for wages and vehicle reimbursement during NFS lands patrols. Attorney Golbricht had previously reviewed the contract.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the contract.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Meetings and Updates


Commissioner Kibel asked if there were any roads observed during the NCA field trip to Disappointment that needed to be added to the TAP 2 Corridor inventory list. Commissioner Garchar mentioned roads in San Miguel County.

Attorney Golbricht stated for the record that an applicant for the Public Health Director position had accepted the position. A waiver will be sought from CDPHE.


Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.


Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting at 1:57p.m.



Chair to the Board of County Commissioners



Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners



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