

**Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners
Minutes**

May 31, 2022

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the County Courthouse in Dove Creek, Colorado on May 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

DC Treasurer via Zoom, Cypher via zoom, Social Services Director Malynda Evans, Amber Blackmore, Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Weed District and Fair Board Secretary Oma Fleming, Assessor Berna Ernst, Clerk and Recorder Lana Hancock, Senior Services Director Alisa Schultz, Mapping and Addressing Specialist Amber Fisher, HR and Finance Director Lenore Johnson

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 BOH meeting minutes from May 10, 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.

Public Health Director: Mary Randolph stated that she had no updates, and Tracey Beanland, the new Public Health Director, introduced herself to everyone.

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Assessor: Berna Ernst reported two protests.

Berna also stated she received the first quarter report regarding CO2 and it is down almost 8 million already this year.

The Assessor's office hired a part-time summer helper. The office may not be busy enough presently to use the employee for all part-time hours scheduled, therefore, if any other department needs a little extra help but not enough to hire another person, the new employee could shuffle between offices from time to time.

Senior Services: Alisa Schultz gave a report on service numbers, stating that they were down a bit, but hopefully it will start to get better.

Shingles were replaced on the Pioneer Center. It was not a warranty job, but they did give 50% off of the bill due to the fact they felt like it was an installation issue, and the problem would probably continue. The County was advised to plan on more repairs.

Sparks plumbing was hired to work on the boiler unit, which they have begun. Comfort air was called to work on the non-functioning heating fan coil unit. We are awaiting a response. Alisa has called multiple times and is feeling frustrated by the lack of responsiveness. She would like to hire someone to service the HVAC unit as a whole, as there are currently multiple people working on different parts. Oma Fleming recommended Dan Forst, as he has apparently worked on many large systems. Commissioner Kibel thought that was a good idea to reach out and see if he could at least be a networking source. Margaret reached out to Nunn via email regarding the situation and if they had a suggestion on where to go next but hasn't heard back. Commissioner Garchar asked if we could contact Comfort Air one more time, but Alisa said they cannot and/or will not work on the system. It was decided to contact Dan and see if he could help in any way.

The Landscape RFP was advertised for two weeks ago. There have been no bids received. Some alternative advertising was discussed.

The Pioneer Center has a large pile of mulch that has been there for 3-4 years, Alisa would like to get rid of it. Commissioner Cook was going to talk to Steve Davis about helping move it.

Alisa is going to advertise for a Head Cook. She said there have been two assistant cooks for the last couple of years, but no Head Cook. They will also be hiring another part-time driver, as the part time drivers they have now are barely able to put in 26 hours a week between the two of them.

AAA funding this year was \$154,709.00; down about \$10,000.00. They do have about \$18,000.00 in carryover that will help get them through. They have a site visit set for Friday June 3, 2022. Commissioner Kibel talked to the Director of AAA about personnel regarding the need for services in Rico, and they are willing to help with ideas.

A \$50,000.0 operating grant was submitted to El Pomar.

Alisa thanked the Commissioners for the new computers, as staff is now able to work more efficiently, including using zoom for certain meetings.

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Coroner: Aaron Hankins did not attend.

Social Services: Malynda Evans stated that they finally received the contract for the Behavioral Health Grant and should be receiving funds soon. The funds will help with health care and services for all individuals in the community.

DCTV Manager: Kendra Cook did not attend.

Extension and Weed: Oma Fleming stated that they were behind because of the wind, but Kenny has been busy and got most of the County yards done. Toadflax is up really bad right now, but the thistle is not bad yet.

The County Fair Board is to meet tonight to sign off on the Fair Grounds work. Tom Dickson is still working out there. Oma requested the Commissioners come out on the next meeting of June 6, 2022 to do a walk through and see the progress and changes.

The Fair Board is working on changing the rental agreement to help insure the building is properly taken care of and maintained by renters.

Two student/summer workers started May 31, 2022.

Road and Bridge: Steve Davis noted that the mag chloride application to the roads was almost done. They are getting ready to Mag CR J and H.6, so he gave permission for the logging trucks to use the alternate route of CR M for one day while they completed H.6.

Steve has a meeting with BLM Wednesday on the Disappointment pit. He is being required to cut it back down to five acres. Connie said the County must perform reclamation. Steve will meet with Jamie on Wednesday to see what part must be reclaimed, as they have gone back and forth for three months on whether the reclamation was even required. Amber Fisher and the dozer operators will attend the meeting with Steve and Jamie.

Commissioner Garchar stated he is getting complaints on the Groundhog Road and asked what the plan was to gravel it? He also asked about the logging trucks and wanted to know how many travel on it. Steve Davis said he was going to try and get up there, but it depended on how much water they have left. He stated the logging trucks would be done hauling June 16, 2022 but didn't know the number of trucks hauling.

Clerk and Recorder: Lana talked to the state about using the board room for the Election Room, who said the arrangement would be fine. She needs to get with IT and the security camera techs, as well as change door locks etc. for security regulation purposes. She stated that after the June primary they will start the transition.

Lana thanked Dennis on the campaign information memo sent regarding protocol. It is an odd year with multiple employees running for office. Attorney Golbricht explained further about not campaigning during business hours, etc.

Lana thanked Road and Bridge for the help they always give.

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Maintenance: Steve Stiasny did not attend.

Sheriff: Don Wilson did not attend.

Extension: Gus Westerman did not attend.

HR and Payroll Director: Lenore Johnson said Aflac will be here June 6 to meet with employees on supplemental insurance.

Addressing and Mapping: Amber Fisher noted there are a lot of addresses being issued.

There was a Flood Risk Management meeting held by the Colorado Water Board at the PSC room; Keith Keesling, Amber Fisher and Commissioner Garchar attended. They talked about Dolores County flood areas. There has never been GIS flood data for Dolores County, but there are a large amount of flood maps that over the years Amber and Ashley have scanned to the computer and copied to the mapping system. Hopefully by 2025 there will be more available useful data that highlights high risk areas for Dolores County.

Amber received an email from the state about updating "Data Call," a program with all roads, parcels, addresses and other information that the state can use in emergency situations. Amber gathers the data and sends it to Doug Roth, who then combines Montezuma and Dolores County data together for the 911 information service.

EMS: Keith Keesling did not attend.

Deputy Clerk to the Board: Jody Gardner said there were seven new septic application and two repair applications. Commissioner Cook asked if West Fork Fire had been in contact for a septic permit. Jody stated that they had not.

Commissioner Garchar asked about the tire recycle program. Jody has a meeting with Brian from the state on Wednesday June 1, 2022 via zoom. They are looking for a date in August.

County Administrator: Margret Daves said the contract was finally signed for the New Public Health Building. A check will be sent next week for the down-payment. We must get an environmental study and a few more things that are required by the DOLA grant.

Commissioner Garchar asked about Cabin Campground cleanup, Margret and Shayla went and did some weed-eating, as well as sanding and painting on one table. There is still more to get done. The Road and Bridge crew did get the larger areas mowed. The Porta Potty was delivered on Wednesday May 18, 2022.

Commissioner Kibel: Julie Kibel stated that she is busy with the tax forum and reiterated the rules which apply after the tax initiative is submitted. We may wish to find a group to continue the discussion after the County gets it submitted.

Commissioner Garchar asked for an update on the Sage Grouse. Julie said there is not much new info since April when she last reported. She has been in contact with James from Montezuma County, on working to move forward on conservation efforts.

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Commissioner Cook: Floyd Cook stated that he is finally caught up on CCI for a few months. He confirmed that collective bargaining did pass but will not affect Dolores County at this time.


Commissioner Garchar: Steve Garchar attended a meeting on the native fish monitoring. The water is low, but the fish numbers are up. Commissioner Garchar will co-sponsor the leadership role with Amber Clark on the Native Fish Monitoring Team, as Celine Hawkins has stepped down.

Commissioner Garchar also attended meetings regarding the Opioid Crisis, Region 9 and Montezuma Road maps meetings.


Old Business

POND DISCUSSION: Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis started the discussion regarding the increased cost of the pond liner from four months ago to now and is looking into the current cost. Commissioner Garchar and Commissioner Cook discussed longevity, grades, types etc. Commissioner Kibel discussed how this is the best option for the County, and we just need to move forward with the purchase of the land and building of the pond. Commissioner Cook asked if they could vote on approving the land purchase and pond build dependent on the price and availability of the liner. Commissioner Garchar said he was not ok with doing that, as he wanted to reach out to the Town Board and wanted to talk to DWCD for more information on using their pond. Commissioner Garchar thought there were more options to explore. There was a lot of discussion on the most cost effective and secure way to have emergency water stored. Lenore Johnson, who is on the Town Board stated that most of the Town Board is opposed to giving the County water now because water is already short. It appeared that there was a lot of misinformation and confusion between the Town of Dove Creek and Dolores County with how it was to work. It was decided the Commissioners would get on the agenda for the Town of Dove Creek Board meeting on Thursday June 2, 2022, and further discussion would be postponed until after that meeting.


Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting.



Chair to the Board of County Commissioners



Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners



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