

MEETING MINUTES

Dolores County Board of County Commissioners

June 6, 2022

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Public Service Center in Dove Creek, Colorado on June 6, 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, Social Services Director Malynda Evans, Senior Services Director Alisa Schultz, CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman, DCTV Representative Kendra Cook, Montezuma Dolores Metropolitan Rec District Association Representative Wayne Johnson, County Residents Dan Fernandez, Todd and Angela Beanland, Paula and Bob Stewart and Bonnie Candelaria, Property Owner Mark Martinez, DCTREAS, Dolores County School Representatives Ty Gray, Roxie Guynes and Jenny Smith

Payroll for May 27, 2022

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$8,691.90	8 Employees		
Commissioner Other	\$1,531.43		1 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:	\$14,725.96	11 Employees	2 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$420.77	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$1,202.13	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$1,388.13	2 Employees		
DCTV:	\$1,442.51		4 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$374.59		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$263.20			1 Temp
Senior Services:	\$10,081.57	2 Employees	14 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$3,003.88	2 Employees		
Mandatory Weed:	\$2,164.47	2 Employees	1 Part Time	
R&B Administration Other:	\$24,732.04	19 Employees	1 Part Time	
Social Services:	\$8,734.95	6 Employees	2 Part Time	
TOTAL:	\$91,400.29	65 Employees	26 Part Time	1 Temp

Proceedings to the BOCC Meeting on June 6, 2022

Agenda

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of a discussion with Bonnie Candelaria regarding the Groundhog area roads and an Opioid update.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Minutes

There were no minutes presented for approval.

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.

Social Services Update

Social Services Director Malynda Evans presented for approval the Record of Proceedings for June 6, 2022 as well as the financial documents through April 2022.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to accept the above-mentioned documents.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Ms. Evans said that the total expenditures for adult protection services between January and April surpassed the three prior year's total expenditures for the same services. Service costs will exceed \$40,000.00 by the end of the fiscal year.

Commissioner Kibel requested that Ms. Evans contact the new Public Health Director and discuss uses for the Public Health ARPA funds. The Collaborative Management Multi-agency Program MOU will also be reviewed with the new director at Public Health.

Tri-Hurst began addressing the warranty issues with the Social Services building. Locks have been ordered for all the doors. A new threshold has been ordered for the front doors. The drainage issue on the east side of the building was addressed with a hard scrape of the surface to level. The concrete by the family room was dug out and replaced.

Grant monies will be used in conjunction with other departments in the local five county region to obtain a new vendor to administer Social Security Disability benefits as the previous provider won't be renewing their contract.

Director Evans shared that she is looking into hiring a new employee or possibly transitioning a part-time employee to full-time to offer program training and smooth transition periods with the looming retirement of some current employees. Gift-card rewards in the amount of \$250.00 will be given to employees as a reward for completing case work.

Senior Services Landscape Bid Opening and Decision

There were no bids received. A second request for proposal will be sent out using additional sources of publication.

Federal Forest Funds Distribution Resolution #06-22-02 Approval

Dolores County School District Representatives Ty Gray, Roxie Guynes and Jenny Smith were present to sign Resolution #06-22-0 designating the distribution of Federal Forest Funds received from the USFS Tier III. The BOCC discussed percentages of distribution and agreed to do a 60/40 split, with the County receiving 60% and the school receiving 40%.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to distribute the funds with a 60/40 split.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor.

Farmer's Telephone Purchase of Courthouse Communication Tower Discussion

A recent purchase offer by Farmer's Telephone Company of the courthouse communications tower was discussed. Former DCTV program representative Dan Fernandez was present and voiced his disapproval of the offer amount, stating that the offer would not pay for the cost of engineering for a replacement tower. Also present was Montezuma Dolores Metropolitan Rec District Association Representative Wayne Johnson who stated that a tower had recently been placed near Mancos that had a price tag of over \$300,000.00. Both parties expressed concern regarding existing equipment on the tower and future use. After discussion, the BOCC agreed unanimously to deny the tower offer and to pursue the previous contract renewal agreement with Farmer's Telephone Co.

Board of Health Septic and Trash Issue Discussion

Sheriff Don Wilson had previously reported the accumulation of numerous tires, loose trash and multiple additional dwellings at a residence southwest of Dove Creek. Property owner Mark Martinez joined via phone to discuss one of his properties that is being owner financed to the current tenants. The tenant/purchasers have accepted the delivery of multiple loads of truck tires on the property. The tires are said to be for the construction of a wind break fence as high winds had recently blown over a shed on the property. Attorney Golbricht stated that tire depositories are not allowed and that a waste tire hauling permit is required for the transportation of any loads carrying over 9 tires. Also discussed was the addition of a mobile home structure and a camper. Both appear to be used as dwellings. A compliant OWTS is an issue of concern with the addition of the structures and sightings of numerous residents; several that appear to be children. Neighboring property owners Bob and Paula Stewart were present to voice their concerns regarding the unsightly tire pile, the blowing trash piles as well as the welfare of the children living at the residence. Sheriff Don Wilson also voiced concerns with the state of the property and health, safety and welfare of the residents and neighbors. After much discussion Mr. Martinez was directed to obtain the answers to several questions the BOH had within a 5-day time period and to report back to County Administrator Daves. An OWTS compliance inspection letter will be sent to the property owner as well as to the tenants to determine compliance of the existing system design in regard to the added dwellings. Mr. Martinez also agreed to drop off a trailer off at the property for the tenants to remedy the loose trash.

Beanland Final Subdivision Exemption Approval

Property owners Todd and Angela Beanland were present for the final approval of a 5-acre subdivision exemption request. The plat map and Resolution #06-22-01 were reviewed by the BOCC. Attorney Golbricht and staff from the Treasurer's office and the Assessor's office had previously reviewed the documents.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving signing of the plat and resolution.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor.

New Business

Conservation Trust Lottery Funds Board Recommendation and Approval: The Lottery Trust Board shared their recommendations regarding the distribution of \$7,500.00 of available lottery funds. Seven requests were received. The funds were distributed as follows:

The Town of Rico requested \$3,200.00 for the purchase of a riding lawn mower for maintenance at the town park; \$2,000.00 was awarded.

Xi Delta Tau Sorority requested \$1,500.00 for the purchase of an outdoor park model propane BBQ grill to be installed at the Cahone Park; the full balance was awarded.

The Dolores County Fair Board requested \$5,000.00 for concrete under the outside covered area at the Fairgrounds; \$2,000.00 was awarded.

The Dolores County Pioneer Center requested \$2,000.00 for the purchase of whiskey barrel planters, flower and bushes for landscaping outside the center; \$2,000.00 was awarded.

The Colorado Laureate Delta Beta Sorority requested \$2,5000.00 for additions to the playground equipment at Weber Park. The County will distribute \$5,000.00 using American Rescue Plan funds.

The Dolores County School District requested \$10,000.00 for the purchase and installation of playground equipment for the older elementary students' south playground. The County will distribute that amount using American Rescue Plan funds.

The DC Excel After School Program requested \$3,000.00 to be used for supplies and wages assisting with continuation of the program. The request did not meet lottery fund distribution requirements. Grant request options were shared with the entity.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the Lottery Board suggestions.
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor.

Collaborative Management Program MOU Discussion and Approval: Attorney Golbricht requested that Director Evans visit with the newly appointed Health Nurse Director regarding the details of the MOU.

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Stage 1 Countywide Fire Ban Approval: Sheriff Don Wilson shared that a Countywide Stage 1 Fire Ban had been implemented on May 28, 2022 at 12:00am. The details of a Stage 1 fire ban were discussed. The BOCC acknowledged and approved the implementation of the ban.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion acknowledging the Countywide Stage 1 Fire Ban.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor.

Septic Inspector Position Discussion and Possible Decision: Septic Inspector Jeff Carhart had previously shared his intent to resign as inspector due to a relocation to the Durango area. BOCC Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner recently acquired a National Association of Wastewater Technicians (NAWT) certification as well attended a design course to ensure the continued availability of septic compliance within the County. All new and repair permits are processed by Ms. Gardner in the Commissioner's office currently. Issues regarding compensation for the position had been voiced. The current hourly rate paid to the inspector and engineer is \$55.00. Commissioner Kibel stated that the number of issued applications during the first five months of 2022 had already exceeded the total number issued in 2021. Inspector Carhart's increasing hours of paid time was discussed. Commissioner Kibel voiced concern regarding the increasing growth within the County and the need for a full-time inspector position for compliance within all areas of growth and suggested that now be the time to implement that position. Commissioner Garchar stated that he was unwilling to have any inspections offered outside of county business hours. Ms. Gardner voiced concerns regarding the neglect that would occur of her existing full time position duties as well as the demand of after hour inspection requests if inspections only occurred during business hours. Commissioner Cook suggested that the County utilize Engineer Craig Wickstrom to fulfill the inspector duties. Mr. Wickstrom had previously shared he would try to assist with inspections; however, he is very busy within his own practice obligations. Also suggested was reaching out to Montezuma County's parttime inspector Melissa Markhart to see if she'd be willing to assist with inspections. Commissioner Cook stated that he was unwilling to decide at this time. Commissioner Garchar requested more research be conducted.

Community Development Block Grants I-B, I-D and I-F Approval: In accordance with the CDBG grant funds awarded to Dolores County for the purchase of and installation of a public health facility the following documents were reviewed and signed; Exhibit I-B contained the Applicant Statement of Assurances and Certifications, Exhibit I-D also known as Resolution #06-22-03 acknowledged the Excessive Force Amendment and finally Exhibit I-F acknowledged the Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving all three Community Development Block grants.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor.

Old Business

Possible Sales Tax Implementation and Ballot Discussion: The discussion was postponed.

Possible Lodging Tax Implementation and Ballot Discussion: The discussion was postponed.

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Continued Emergency Use Pond Property Discussion and Possible Decision: Commissioners Cook and Garchar attended the Town of Dove Creek Board meeting on June 2, 2022 to discuss the emergency use pond and obtaining water for the pond. County Attorney Golbricht and Town Attorney Green will draft an IGA stating that the County can use the water to fill the pond however the County's water tap valve can be shut off at any time if the County's use will affect the town's supply. Town Manager Dagan Chadd stated that the town's pond depth was at 17 feet and full capacity is 18.5, so it is basically full. Boring a water line from the tap along the west side of Guyrene street to the pond property and then under the road was discussed. Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis shared the cost estimates he had received for the pond liner, thickness and warranty options as well as installation costs. The estimates are good for 30 days.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the purchase of 3 acres for the construction of the emergency use pond.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

Commissioners Cook and Kibel voted in favor. Commissioner Garchar voted against.

Groundhog Road Discussion: Groundhog area resident Bonnie Candelaria joined the meeting via phone to discuss graveling and blading the five miles of road leading to the Groundhog store. Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis said if water is available after the crew finishes their current mag chloride application project, they will assess the access to Groundhog Lake for possible pumping and hauling water to complete road maintenance. Ms. Candelaria questioned the aspen logging project and possible income to the County and how those funds would be allocated. The logging project is on USFS lands; therefore, the discussion would be addressed at the next meeting that the USFS attends. Also discussed was the cost of applying mag chloride in the Groundhog area. Supervisor Davis said the cost is \$1.75 a foot.

Meetings and Updates

Commissioner Garchar shared that the local government entities needed to vote to opt-in or opt-out for Opioid settlement funds as the deadline is approaching.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting.

Chair to the Board of County Commissioners

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners