

## MEETING MINUTES

### Dolores County Board of County Commissioners

June 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 June 21, 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, HR and Payroll Lenore Johnson, Road and Bridge Foreman Lonnie Pribble, Emery Telcom Representative Jared Anderson, DCTV and Chamber of Commerce Representative Kendra Cook, Assessor Berna Ernst, Mapping and Addressing Amber Fisher, Property Owners Derek Lueng, Bonnie Candelaria, Chase Davis and Joe Wilson, Extension, Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, BLM Tres Rios Field Manager Connie Clementson and USFS District Ranger Derek Padilla

#### Payroll for June 15, 2022

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

|                           |                    |                     |                     |               |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| County Commissioners:     | \$8,691.90         | 7 Employees         |                     |               |
| Commissioner Other        | \$870.16           |                     | 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:       | \$1,861.35         | 1 Employee          | 1 Part Time         |               |
| County Sheriff:           | \$15,176.95        | 11 Employees        | 2 Part Time         |               |
| County Coroner:           | \$420.77           | 1 Employee          |                     |               |
| EMA:                      | \$1,202.13         | 1 Employee          |                     |               |
| Extension:                | \$2,051.84         | 2 Employees         |                     | 1 Temp        |
| DCTV:                     | \$894.96           |                     | 1 Part Time         |               |
| Veterans Office:          | \$374.59           |                     | 1 Part Time         |               |
| Fair Board:               | \$624.74           |                     |                     | 1 Temp        |
| Senior Services:          | \$11,104.73        | 2 Employees         | 14 Part Time        |               |
| Health & Nurse:           | \$3,490.27         | 2 Employees         | 1 Part Time         |               |
| Mandatory Weed:           | \$2,901.00         | 2 Employees         | 1 Part Time         | 1 Temp        |
| R&B Administration Other: | \$24,477.38        | 19 Employees        | 1 Part Time         |               |
| Social Services:          | \$8,685.66         | 6 Employees         | 2 Part Time         |               |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>             | <b>\$93,997.71</b> | <b>64 Employees</b> | <b>25 Part Time</b> | <b>3 Temp</b> |

## **Agenda**

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of signing the West Fork Fire Lease Agreement.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

## **Minutes**

Presented for approval were the regular BOCC minutes from May 16, 2022 as well as the End of the Month meeting minutes from May 31, 2022 with the changes requested by Commissioner Garchar.

## **Expenditures**

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving payment of the expenditures.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

## **Emergency Use Pond Property Contract Execution**

Attorney Golbricht explained the recent findings regarding a County owned secondary water tap with a three- or four-inch line located near the Public Service Center. He discussed that the need for an IGA with the Town of Dove Creek may no longer exist, as water will be provided for the emergency use pond by DWCD.

A three-acre real estate purchase contract was drafted by Attorney Golbricht between the Fishers and Dolores County. The Fisher's reviewed and signed the contract prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the contract.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

Commissioner Cook called for any further discussion. Commissioner Garchar voiced concern regarding the DWCD tap. He also stated that he preferred that construction not begin until the County closed on the property. Commissioner Cook stated that the water is there to have and to use and that the County will benefit financially by beginning construction immediately before liner costs and installation increase again. With no further discussion Commissioner Cook called for a vote.

All three Commissioners voted in favor.

## **Stage 2 Fire Ban Approval**

A Stage 2 Fire Ban was implemented by Sheriff Don Wilson effective July 15, 2022 at 12:00am. The increasing dry conditions warranted the move from the previously set Stage 1 Fire Ban. The change follows that of the BLM and Forest Service.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion acknowledging the Stage 2 Fire Ban.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor.

### **COSI Scholarship Approval**

Community Voice Representative Ronda Lancaster provided the names of the two COSI scholarship applicants. Ryan Jarmon and Jessica Ayers are both 2022 graduates of Dolores County High School. Both will be attending Colorado Universities in the fall and met all of the scholarship requirements. A total of \$4,000.00 was available for distribution. Ms. Lancaster's recommendation was to split the funds with each receiving \$2,000.00.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the recommendation.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor.

### **Road 14 and Wilson Property Discussion**

Cahone property owner Joe Wilson was present with Thirsty Bird Construction owner Chase Davis to request that County Road 14 end at Mr. Wilson's property line. County Road 14 is a dead-end road. Road users currently use the circle drive around Mr. Wilson's home to exit the property. No further landowners would be impacted by ending the road at the property line. A gate could be installed by Mr. Wilson to prohibit trespass. Road and Bridge Foreman Lonnie Pribble requested a 60x60 turn around at the property line to allow County maintainers to safely turn around while providing continued road maintenance.

Attorney Golbricht requested an Executive Session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) for the purpose of providing legal advice. Golbricht stated that the matters would be attorney-client privileged communications and therefore no recording or minutes shall be kept.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to enter into an executive session at 9:46 am.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor.

The Executive Session ended at 9:52 am.

If a formal written request to vacate Road 14 with a 60x60 foot turn around after the property line is received, it will be addressed at a later date during a public hearing that will be noticed pursuant to statute.

### **Emery Telcom Update**

Emery Telcom CEO Jared Anderson gave an update on the fiber installation project coming to Dolores County. A recent update from the engineering manager said that the install to the Utah/Colorado State line would be completed in approximately one week. Emery is hopeful that the permit from CDOT will be released in two weeks. Empire Electric will do the "make ready line work" on their poles. The Dove Creek install was awarded to Fibertel last week. Emery Telcom will provide the install work from the street/roads to homes. The first phase of the install to Dove Creek will begin in 6-8 week, with the fiber service being lit this fall. The project should go rather quickly as the area is fairly dense. All the needed fiber for the Dove Creek project was purchased in advance. A 10x16 building is on order to house all the electronics and fiber management equipment. Emery Telcom is also a certified telephone provider so those that are interested in land line service can bundle with Wi-Fi services. Phase 2 will encompass the Egnar area and phase 3 will extend on the points south of town. All phases of the installation will be completed prior to 2025 as that is when the USDA grant expires. The project is currently six months behind the original schedule due to permitting delays.

### **Evidence Storage Discussion**

Dolores County Sheriff's office Lieutenant Braiden Banks shared concerns regarding the size and organization currently available for evidence storage. An audit could render some negative reviews. The search for more storage and a processing facility has been ongoing for the past 3+ years. Several options have been discussed including moving other courthouse storage areas, purchasing a connex and even purchasing property with existing buildings within Dove Creek. Lieutenant Banks suggested the historical vault be considered if the vaults contents could somehow be relocated. More options will be researched.

### **BOH Martinez Property Discussion**

The Board of Health convened to discuss the recent site visit and septic inspection at 5276 Rd. L, Dove Creek. The tenants answered questions and provided a tour of the site. Inspector Carhart recommended explained regulation 43 standards and that the system is undersized for the number of bedrooms being used. An additional structure has been added since the original system was permitted and installed. Gray water waste is not being contained. Several health issues and concerns were discussed. A Board of Health hearing will be set at the next BOCC meeting, the tenants and landowner will properly be made aware of the hearing via hand delivered and certified mail notices.

### **Lueng Preliminary Subdivision Exemption Approval**

A subdivision exemption request was made by property owner Derek Lueng. After discussion, the BOCC agreed that a boundary adjustment was more suitable as the five acres will be joined to the neighboring property owners Lonnie and Lacy Dufrene's parcel, and no new parcel of less than 35 acres will be created. Mr. Lueng was directed to obtain a survey of his and his neighbor's property with the boundary adjustment made to each new legal description and return to the BOCC for final review.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **BLM Update**

Tres Rios Field Manager Connie Clementson thanked the Commissioners and Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis for being so responsive and easy to work with regarding the roads.

The TAP2 BLM-IDT (inner disciplinary team) is finalizing alternatives to share with the public for the transportation and access plan #2 for scoping to designate OHV routes in San Miquel County that might connect to Dolores County routes.

Ms. Clementson clarified the prior misunderstanding that the County was getting water from the Dolores River near Bradfield Bridge at an undesignated location.

### **USFS Update**

USFS District Ranger Derek Padilla said the FS will lift the Stage 2 fire restriction beginning Friday, June 24, 2022 at midnight.

A land exchange between the USFS and Rico Renaissance could potentially be negotiated. Employee housing is needed outside of Telluride. There are no formal proposals at this time.

The Zwicker Logging Project near Groundhog is being handled by the State of Colorado as part of the Good Neighbor Agreement. Gravel will be placed on Road 41 and on FS Rd. 251 to assist with maintaining the roads utilized during the sale.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis asked about the possibility of the USFS again resuming full responsibility for the 4.3 miles of the road easement the County assumed in 2014. Mr. Davis asked Mr. Padilla would look into the abandonment process and if so, what financial contributions could be used to assist with the mag chloride application.

**Old Business**

**West Fork Fire Lease Agreement:** Administrator Daves presented the 99-year lease agreement signed by the West Fork Fire Board.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to sign the agreement.  
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Countywide Sales Tax Implementation Discussion:** The discussion was postponed.


**Lodging Tax Implementation Discussion:** The discussion was postponed.

**Public Comment**

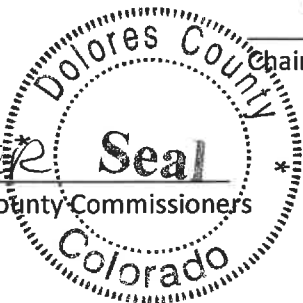
Groundhog property owner Bonnie Candelaria joined to ask about how Federal Forest Funds are received and spent. The monies are received annually by the County in lieu of property taxes by the Federal Government for forested lands within the County. The funds are split with the school district. The County's portion goes to the Road and Bridge fund. Ms. Candelaria would like to see more monies put towards road maintenance in the Groundhog area.

Groundhog property owner Tom Jaegar voiced his frustration on road conditions and closure times.

Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting.

  
Chair to the Board of County Commissioners

  
Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners



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