

**MEETING MINUTES
Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners**

August 1, 2022

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Public Service Center in Dove Creek, Colorado on August 1, 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

Remax Realtor Marti Spitzer, Residents Linda Yellowman and Darline and Gary Williams, Groundhog Vista Representatives Joyce Porter, James Wood and Bonnie Candelaria, Social Services Director Malynda Evans, Deputy Assessors Amber Blackmore and Joi Redshaw, Community Voice Director Ronda Lancaster, Attorney Golbricht's Paralegal Tonya McCann, DCTreas, Extension, Cypher, Senior Services Director Alisa Schultz, Sheriff Don Wilson, Coroner Aaron Hankins, DCAD Director Jerry Whited, Mapping and Addressing Assistant Ashley Spigner

Payroll for July 29, 2022

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$ 8,711.48	8 Employees		
County Clerk:	\$ 3,098.79	3 Employees		
County Treasurer:	\$ 2,861.29	2 Employees		
County Assessor:	\$ 4,433.06	4 Employees		1 Temp
GIS:	\$ 1,265.56	1 Employee		
County Maintenance:	\$ 1,473.48	1 Employee		
County Sheriff:	\$15,497.55	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:	\$ 764.21		1 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$ 374.59		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$ 401.72			1 Temp
Senior Services:	\$10,469.28	2 Employees	16 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$ 5,083.08	2 Employees	1 Part Time	
Mandatory Weed:	\$ 2,885.95	2 Employees	1 Part Time	1 Temp
R&B Administration Other:	\$24,312.76	19 Employees		
Social Services:	\$ 9,112.70	6 Employees	2 Part Time	
TOTAL:	\$94,420.24	65 Employees	24 Part Time	4 Temp

Proceedings to the BOCC August 1, 2022 Meeting

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 BOCC minutes from the July 5, 2022 meeting.

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.

Social Services Update

Social Services Director Malynda Evans presented for approval the August 1, 2022 Record of Proceedings and the June Financials. The State year-end totals were included in the June Financials closing out that fiscal year. The overall budget was okay. Some line items had overages; however, those were covered with funding from State programs including APS, Food Assistance, Aide to the Needy and Disabled.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the above-mentioned documents.
Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor.

Pending legislative sessions actions could result in numerous discontinued programs. The list at this time is incomplete.

With the COVID Public Health Emergency potentially ending calls for services will not be fully funded or even may be discontinued. During the Public Health Emergency maximum allotments have been provided for food. Medicaid benefits were granted that would not have been outside of the Public Health Emergency.

Ms. Evans reported that 117 families received LEAP assistance this year. In June, 1,181 of Dolores County's residents were receiving some form of assistance from Social Services.

Stanley Boundary Adjustment

Realtor Marti Spitzer presented a surveyed boundary adjustment, including the designation of a revised access easement to property adjoining the 5.57 acre homesite parcel. A walk-through of the prior plat easement revealed that it did not allow the desired access to the adjacent farmed parcel. Access will be granted via the existing 5.57-acre parcel driveway.

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

Senior Services Landscape Bid Review

Senior Services Director Alisa Schultz discussed the three bids that were received outside of the prior advertised RFP and failed bid process.

The most recent bid of \$40,049.00 received was from Donald Adams Excavation LLC. The bid was considerably less than the two prior bids. The bid difference was cause for concern. The owner was contacted by telephone to determine if all aspects of the project were met. A walk-through time was set. Commencement of the project will be approximately six weeks out.

Director Schultz has \$13,000.00 in her budget; ARPA funding will be used for the remainder of the cost.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion awarding the bid to Donald Adams Excavation LLC contingent upon successful contract negotiations.
Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor.

Senior Services AAA Contract: Director Schultz presented the annual AAA contact for approval. Contents of the contract had previously been reviewed by attorney Golbricht.

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

Sheriff's Office Evidence Storage Discussion

Sheriff Don Wilson again shared his department need for more evidence storage space as well as designated spaces for intoxicator testing and finger printing. A 40x40 building was discussed. The County owned lots that currently house the ambulance barn and EMS building will be measured for the consideration of the possibility of construction for both the Sheriff and Coroner.

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Coroner's Morgue Building Discussion

Coroner Aaron Hankins again shared the immediate need for a morgue and office space. Two hundred square feet would be sufficient. Mr. Hankins will assist Sheriff Wilson with possible layout and design options.

County Board of Equalization Hearing/GD&J Family Revocable Trust

Commissioner Cook closed the BOCC meeting at 10:25am.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to open the Board of Equalization Public Hearing.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor.

GD and J Family Revocable Trust representatives Gary and Darlene Williams were present. Ms. Williams stated that a grazing lease agreement had been in place since 2019, however the property hadn't actively been grazed. The property owners felt that their hands were tied in terms of other options due to the contract. The prior enrollment in the FSA CRP program had ended September 30, 2020. No CRP program enrollments had been offered since 2020 until this year. Ms. Williams discussed an FSA signed Ag Risk wheat contract that had specific crop requirements. Confirmation of enrollment with FSA CRP program was received on July 14, 2022, with September 2022 set for final contract approval.

Deputy Assessor's Joi Redshaw and Amber Blackmore discussed the prior classification and land value protest period that was denied. Six comparable property sales were discussed; however, they were not within the allowed comparison window. The FSA program discussed did not meet the criteria requirements as no income was generated from that enrollment.

The Deputy Assessor suggested that with proof of the September CRP contract enrollment ag status could again be reinstated for 2023 tax assessments.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion denying the protest and supporting the Assessor's office determination as well as the Assessor's reinstatement offer.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor.

County Board of Equalization Hearing/Camel Garden LLC

No representatives were present in person or online on behalf of Camel Garden LLC. The Assessor's office stated that no personal property was assessed in the commercial property valuation. The current commercial property valuation is lower than comparable sales. There are minimal commercial property comparables.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion denying the protest and valuation change request.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

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Commissioner Kibel made a motion to close the public hearing at 10:15 and reconvene as the BOCC. Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted in favor.

Dove Creek Ambulance District Update

Director Jerry Whited provided an update regarding the number of calls and call response times. Mr. Whited has been the ambulance director for one year as of August.

Groundhog Area Roads Discussion

Groundhog Vista property owners Bonnie Candelaria, Joyce Porter and James Wood were present to offer assistance with finding funding sources to provide maintenance on the Dolores/Norwood Road as well as the road to the subdivision. Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis discussed the funding and gravel set aside for road improvements next year. The two-day notice provided by MVI prior to draining of Groundhog Lake this spring did not allow adequate maintenance time.

Region 9 Broadband and Transportation Update

Region 9 Regional Projects Manager Shak Powers discussed assistance programs and funds for broadband infrastructure, housing projects and roads. The BOCC shared the three phase USDA grant funded Emery Telcom broadband installs that will begin this fall. Assistance with road maintenance and improvement funding as well as housing projects was requested.

New Business

Dunton Hot Springs Liquor License Renewal Application: The Dunton Hot Springs liquor license renewal was presented for approval. When contacted prior to the meeting, Sheriff Don Wilson had stated that he had no issues or concerns with renewing the license.

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

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Dolores County as a Cooperating Agency with the Big Game Management and Corridor Amendment. Approval was postponed. The version received is still in draft form. Revision suggestions are being taken through August 10, 2022. Consideration of approval will be at the next BOCC meeting.

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Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Dolores County for the Development of the Gunnison Sage-Grouse Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to sign the MOU.
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor.

Old Business

Dollar General Construction Update: Commissioner Garchar had questions regarding the road construction at the Dollar General construction site. Commissioner Cook was able to answer those questions.

Public Health Building Update: Commissioner Garchar had questions regarding the status of the public health building. According to Wes Jones the plans are still with the State. The State did hire a 3rd party inspection agency to help with the back-log of approvals.

Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting at 2:10pm.

Floyd L. Cook

Chair to the Board of County Commissioners

Shayla Oliver

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

