

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

**March 6, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Dolores County Courthouse in Dove Creek, Colorado on March 6, 2023. Present for the meeting were Commission Chair Steve Garchar, Vice Chair Linda Yellowman, Commissioner Floyd Cook, Attorney Dennis Golbricht, County Administrator Margret Daves and Deputy Clerk to the Board Shayla Oliver.

The meeting began with everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guests**

In Person - Social Services Director Malynda Evans, Sheriff Don Wilson, EMS Manager Keith Keesling, Dolores County Extension Agent Gus Westerman, Region 9 Representative Shak Powers, and Dan Fernandez

Via zoom – Ronda Lancaster and Elizabeth Bartley

**Payroll for February 28, 2023**

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$ 8,066.26	7 Employees		
County Clerk:	\$ 3,245.05	3 Employees		
County Treasurer:	\$ 2,975.36	2 Employees		
County Assessor:	\$ 2,996.25	2 Employees		1 Temp
GIS:	\$ 1,261.10	1 Employee		
County Maintenance:	\$ 1,436.81	1 Employee	1 Part Time	
County Sheriff:	\$15,022.86	10 Employees	2 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$ 459.93	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$ 1,325.14	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$ 1,495.55	2 Employees		
DCTV:	\$ 461.75		1 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$ 499.46		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$ 193.93			1 Temp
Senior Services:	\$10,244.93	2 Employees	13 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$ 4,221.77	3 Employees		
Mandatory Weed:	\$ 2,167.02	2 Employees	1 Part Time	
R&B Administration Other:	\$24,360.07	19 Employees	1 Part Time	
Social Services:	\$ 7,801.41	5 Employees	2 Part Time	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$88,235.15</b>	<b>62 Employees</b>	<b>22 Part Time</b>	<b>2 Temp</b>

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### **Agenda**

Commissioner Cook made a motion to accept the agenda.  
Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

### **Expenditures**

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving payment of the expenditures.  
Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

### **Farmers Tower Inspection**

Farmers Telephone would like to move forward with a complete tower inspection. The original tower mapping paperwork cannot be found. Without the tower mapping a complete inspection and certification cannot be finalized. Farmers is asking that the County split the cost of an outside company to be hired to do the tower mapping, with a total cost to the County of \$2,250.00. Farmers would be responsible for the structural engineering report on its own.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to share the cost of the tower mapping.  
Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

### **Emergency Operating Plan/Keith Keesling**

Emergency Services Manager Keith Keesling informed the BOCC that there would be four Annexes that needed to be added to the Emergency Operating Plan: Mass Care, Resource Mobilization, Damage Assessment, and Emergency Declaration. Mr. Keesling will get these finalized and to the BOCC for approval by the March 20, 2023 Regular Meeting.

### **Social Services Update/Malynda Evans**

Social Services Director Malynda Evans presented for approval the Record of Proceedings for March 6, 2023 as well as the financial documents through January 2023.

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving the above-mentioned documents.  
Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

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**Executive Session**

Attorney Golbricht requested an executive session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) to provide legal advice regarding county services being provided. It was his opinion that the matters constituted privileged attorney communications and therefore no minutes or recordings would be kept. The executive session began at 10:08am and ended at 10:55am.

**Elizabeth Bartley Subdivision Exemption Preliminary Approval**

Ron and Elizabeth Bartley submitted to the BOCC a request for preliminary approval of a subdivision exemption to split their parcel into two-20 acre lots. She will sell 20 acres and retain the other. The split will be a straight split north to south.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to give preliminary approval for the Subdivision Exemption. Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Fuel Acquisition Process**

Commissioner Cook discussed the need to remove fuel purchase for the Dolores County Road and Bridge Department from the procurement policy. Commissioner Cook discussed that since fuel is such a volatile market that we should just purchase the best price available and not apply the 5% local preference.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to exempt fuel purchases for Road and Bridge outside the procurement policy and that the best price can just be purchased. Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted yes.

**Sheriff Wilson/Jail IGA with San Miguel County**

Attorney Golbricht is reviewing a drafted IGA between San Miguel County and Dolores County for the use of the Jail for Dolores County Inmates. The current IGA is with Montezuma County. The price for long term incarceration with Montezuma County is \$100.00 a day, In San Miguel County the price is \$80.00 a day. This might include short term incarceration in the future as well if the option is available, but for now we use Montezuma County. The BOCC will need to visit the San Miguel County Sheriff's department and jail due to State requirements.

**Broadband Ready Communities/ Shak Powers Region 9**

Shak Powers with Region 9 presented to the BOCC information regarding Bead Funding "Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program". The Colorado Broadband Office is asking the communities in Colorado to become "Broadband Ready". Emery Telecom is working to supply broadband to most of Dolores County. Mr. Powers and Region 9 would like to know who best to include in regional planning, and what steps have already been taken. A representative from the BOCC needs to

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be designated to represent the County. Region 9 will be updating the BOCC on upcoming meetings and assist in any way possible.

**New Business**

**Tax Abatement:** Assessor Amber Blackmore requested a tax abatement for the Margie Becker Storms Trust, Property 38654 Road D, Lone Cone Ranches Subdivision Lot 37, Cahone, CO 81320. The property was classified incorrectly resulting in an over evaluation. The abatement refund amount would be \$774.92.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion approving the abatement refund in the amount of \$774.92 for the Margie Becker Storms Trust.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Library Board Appointments:** The Dolores County Public Library Board had two vacancies due to the resignation of Linda Yellowman and Patsy Smith. Letters of Interest were submitted to the remaining board members, and interviews were held. The two candidates that were referred to the BOCC are Fran Perrin and Julia Buys.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve Fran Perrin and Julia Buys as the two new Public Library Board Members.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted yes.

Commissioner Garchar adjourned the meeting.

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Chair to the Board of County Commissioners

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Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

Approved March 20, 2023

