

MEETING MINUTES
Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners

April 17, 2023

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Dolores County Courthouse in Dove Creek, Colorado on April 17, 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 – Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, EMS Manager Keith Keesling, Sheriff Don Wilson, BLM Acting District Manager Ryan Joyner, USFS representative Tom Rice, DWCD Ken Curtis, GIS Amber Fisher

Payroll for April 13, 2023

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$ 8,306.12	6 Employees		
County Clerk:	\$ 3,387.97	3 Employees		
County Treasurer:	\$ 4,029.98	3 Employees		
County Assessor:	\$ 3,334.31	3 Employees		1 Temp
GIS:	\$ 1,261.10	1 Employee		
County Maintenance:	\$ 1,476.10	1 Employee	1 Part Time	
County Sheriff:	\$15,883.97	10 Employees	2 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$ 459.93	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$ 1,436.74	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$ 2,031.69	2 Employees		
DCTV:	\$ 461.75		1 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$ 499.46		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$ 13.85			1 Temp
Senior Services:	\$ 8,646.11	2 Employees	13 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$ 4,739.39	3 Employees		
Mandatory Weed:	\$ 2,264.35	2 Employees	1 Part Time	
R&B Administration Other:	\$25,665.48	19 Employees	1 Part Time	
Social Services:	\$10,750.91	5 Employees	2 Part Time	
TOTAL:	\$94,649.21	62 Employees	19 Part Time	2 Temp

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Agenda

Commissioner Cook made a motion to accept the agenda with the deletion of the Bulson Subdivision Exemption Approval and moving the Special Transport Permit Discussion to the 10:00AM time. 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.

Minutes

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction to the March 20, 2023 Minutes noting that Shauna Jensen is the USFS acting district manager not BLM. Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Special Transport Permit Discussion and 1st Reading of Amendments

Attorney Golbricht presented to the Board a proposed revision to the Special Transport Permit and a first reading of the amendments.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to direct Administrator Daves to do the appropriate publication of the Special Transport Permit Ordinance and set the matter for public hearing. Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Public Health Sidewalk

Commissioner Cook brought before the BOCC the need for sidewalks as soon as possible at the new public health building. Costs were not in the original build contract. There will be a concrete contractor on sight working on the Sheriff's building. Commissioner Cook suggested the BOCC waive the procurement policy in regard to public bids for the sidewalks, to allow the contractor already onsite to perform the work.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to waive the procurement policy for bids for the sidewalks at the Public Health Building. Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Ryan Joyner/BLM Update

Acting BLM District Manager Ryan Joyner attended the meeting in person with multiple updates for the BOCC. Mr. Joyner discussed the Proposed Public Lands Rule which the BLM feels would establish a

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framework to ensure healthy landscapes, abundant wildlife habitat, clean water and balanced decision making on Public Lands. By putting conservation on an equal footing with other uses, the proposal would help guide responsible development while safeguarding important places for the millions of people who visit public lands every year to hike, hunt, camp, fish and more. This is a proposed rule, it has not been enacted yet. There is a current comment period until June 20, 2023. The BLM is requesting the BOCC research the plan and comment.

Mr. Joyner let the BOCC know that the Disappointment Pit study is done, and Derek Padilla will sign off on the paperwork within the week. The BLM will be working on a 5-acre expansion by the end of summer. Commissioner Cook mentioned the talk of 25 more acres that was previously discussed with Connie Clementson. He was unaware of that 25-acre amount and will do some research on the availability of the other 20 acres.

Bridgette Wage is the new Geologist and will attend the May meeting, she will be contacting Road Supervisor Steve Davis to go look at the Black Snag Pit regarding straightening the road to that pit and making it more accessible.

There is a potential for a lower Dolores River spill. The BLM is working with DWCD and Dolores River Boaters for planning purposes and Tyler Fouse will be in contact with Sheriff Wilson regarding this also.

Commissioner Cook discussed the road to the Pumps (County Road 9.7), the water flooding, and the extensive road damage causing it to be unable for use, and difficult even for emergency services. Dolores County has a ROW with the BLM on County Road 9.7. The BOCC is wondering if there can be any help from BLM for road repairs. EMS Supervisor Keith Keesling shared pictures and videos of the river, road and rescues over the last few days. Mr. Joyner suggested the BLM, Town of Dove Creek, and BOCC take a field trip to view and assess the situation.

Tom Rice/USFS

USFS Forest Service Acting Manager Tom Rice attended the meeting to give updates regarding Dolores County. They are working on controlled burns and opening roads. It will probably be mid-May before they open up the Dolores Norwood Road and the road on the Glade.

Mr. Rice discussed the late opening of the boat ramp at McPhee for motorized use. It will Open April 21, 2023.

Timber operations will open back up on the Glade in mid-May. Commissioner Cook asked if the Forest Service could inform logging contractors that they must file for a road use permit through Dolores County before they can haul on County roads. Due to logging operations in the fall of 2022 and winter 2023 the Bradfield Bridge Road needs extensive repair. Montrose Forest Products is doing the repair under the observation of Road Supervisor Steve Davis. There is discussion regarding using materials from the Ormiston Pit to help repair Bradfield Bridge Road, Mr. Rice was going to check on that.

Mr. Rice said he was going to visit Ferris and Cabin Campgrounds and see what is needed to make them ready to open. They will provide the materials to fix the benches and picnic tables if Dolores County still wants to do the maintenance.

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Ken Curtis/DWCD

Ken Curtis from DWCD attended the meeting in person to report regarding the ANS Meeting. Boating numbers are down from previous years. The number of boats infested with mussels has increased. McPhee was one of the lakes with the most infested boats.

Mr. Curtis said McPhee is filling over a foot a day and there will be a spill this year. He stated that the low-level snow produced 17 up to 27 inches of water as of April 1, 2023. There is still quite a lot of snow to melt. They think the first spill will be the end of May. The boating season should be a full 30 days this year.

New Business

Resolution #04-23-02: A Resolution of Dolores County in opposition to statewide land use and zoning preemptions in Senate Bill 23-213

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving Resolution #04-23-02 a resolution of Dolores County in opposition to statewide land use and zoning preemptions in Senate Bill 23-213.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Lottery Board Members: The Dolores County Commissioner Office was accepting requests to be on the County Lottery Board for Conservation Trust Fund (Lottery). Linda Yellowman resigned due to her new role as County Commissioner. Mary Ann Mellot, and Anita Fernandez both submitted requests. There was one seat open to fill, but not a maximum requirement. Administrator Daves suggested both ladies be appointed to the board.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to appoint both Mary Ann Mellot and Anita Fernandez to the Lottery Board.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Garchar adjourned the meeting.

Chair to the Board of County Commissioners

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

Approved May 1, 2023