

MEETING MINUTES
Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners

April 27, 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 27, 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 – Amber Fisher

Via zoom – Public Health Director Tracey Beanland, Carlton Stewart/Dollar General, and Kenny Clark/Dollar General

Agenda

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the discussion and possible action on the Public Health Building drive-through, and the Letter of Support for the Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnership Initiative.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

County Road 9.7(Pumps Road)

Commissioner Garchar and Cook took a field trip to see the repairs made to county road 9.7. The road was closed due to flooding which caused severe damage. The County Road and Bridge Department is working to repair the road and as soon as they are finished, and Road Supervisor Steve Davis signs off on the repairs, it will reopen. Meetings were held with the BLM regarding funding to repair the road. Commissioner Cook asked if there are any funds available from BLM to help with the repair costs. The BLM is exploring possibilities. The BLM wanted to give its thanks to the Road and Bridge Department for their diligence and work to get the road open.

Election Security Grant Approval and Tech West Contract

The County Clerk is asking for a grant approval for an election security grant. The grant award amount is \$24,500.00. Ms. Hancock is also requesting approval for a contract with Tech West, for election security equipment and the contractor to install. Attorney Golbricht had to revise the contract and is waiting for approval from Tech West on the changes.

Commissioner Cook made the motion for approval of the election security grant and the Tech West contract, contingent upon Tech West's approval of the changes.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three commissioners approved the motion.

Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnership Initiative Letter of Support

Commissioner Yellowman requested a letter of Support for the application for a Capacity Building Grant Request submitted by the Town of Dolores to the Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnership Initiative. This initiative will secure funding to enable stakeholders to form a regional coalition. The coalition will develop a regional plan contributing to the statewide strategy seeking to balance the increasing outdoor recreation within Colorado with conservation of our natural and agricultural resources.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the letter of support for the Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnership Initiative with the understanding that Dolores County expects to have full participation in any future coalitions created.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Public Health Drive Thru Contract

Commissioner Cook spoke with Wes Jones of American West Homes who supplied the new Public Health Building and also submitted and was awarded the bid for the additional Drive-through building. The Drive-Through Building is funded by a CDPHE Grant. Due to health reasons Mr. Jones feels he is unable to build the building. During the bidding process, Public Health Director Tracey Beanland received two bids, subsequently forwarded to CDPHE who in turn awarded the bid. Commissioner Cook discussed allowing Mr. Jones out of his contract. The other bid turned in was from L&L Construction. L&L is still willing to build the building as previously bid.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to allow Wes Jones to withdraw from his contract without any ramifications and allow L&L Construction to build the building pursuant to their bid. Any additional costs due to the higher bid amount will come from the remainder of the Public Health Grant, ARPA Funds, or the County Capital Outlay.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Dollar General

Carlton Stewart and Kenny Clark with Vaquero Ventures/Dollar General attended via zoom to obtain approval from the BOCC to open before all contractual requirements for highway access had been finished. They would like to open with a predetermined date that the work would have to be completed. The store was set to open in July of 2022, but has been continually delayed. The BOCC denied the request.

Commissioner Garchar adjourned the meeting.

Chair to the Board of County Commissioners

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

Approved May 15, 2023

