

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

September 5, 2023

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Dolores County Courthouse in Dove Creek, Colorado on September 5, 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 Finance Director Nita Purkat, Sheriff Don Wilson, DC Weed District Director Oma Fleming, DC Weed District Sprayer Kenny Smith, Assessor Amber Blackmore, Deputy Assessor Joi Redshaw, Mark Martinez, and DOCO Restore Grant Karelia VerEecke

Payroll for August 30, 2023

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$ 8,354.85	7 Employees		
County Clerk:	\$ 3,242.13	3 Employees		
County Treasurer:	\$ 2613.25	3 Employees		
County Assessor:	\$ 3,572.76	3 Employees		1 Temp
GIS:	\$ 1,261.10	1 Employee		
County Maintenance:	\$ 1,414.40	1 Employee	1 Part Time	
County Sheriff:	\$ 14,221.11	10 Employees	2 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$ 459.93	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$ 1,312.07	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$ 2,096.65	2 Employees		
DCTV:	\$ 239.51		3 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$ 499.46		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$ 457.15			1 Temp
Senior Services:	\$ 9,842.94	2 Employees	12 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$ 5,240.27	3 Employees		
Mandatory Weed:	\$ 2,883.24	2 Employees	1 Part Time	2 Temp
R&B Administration Other:	\$ 24,299.50	18 Employees	1 Part Time	
Social Services:	\$ 9,100.02	6 Employees	2 Part Time	
TOTAL:	\$91,068.76	63 Employees	20 Part Time	4 Temp

Proceedings to the BOCC Meeting on September 5, 2023

Agenda

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

Minutes

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion approving the August 1, 2023 BOE Meeting Minutes, and August 7, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Expenditures

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

Social Services Update/Nita Purkat

Social Services Finance Director Nita Purkat presented for approval the Record of Proceedings for September 5, 2023 as well as the financial documents through July 2023.

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

Oma Fleming/DC Weed District

Oma Fleming DC Weed District Director brought to the BOCC attention a property that has a large thistle patch. The owner has been notified with multiple letters with no response. Ms. Fleming would like to get approval to access the property to spray the weeds. Attorney Golbricht requested Ms. Fleming reach out one more time with a telephone call, and if no response then he will reach out with an enforcement letter.

Karelia Ver Eecke/ Restore Grant & Project Summary

The Colorado Restore Grant objective was awarded in June 2021 by Montezuma Land Conservancy District and was to Enhance Sagebrush Shrubland for the Gunnison Sage-grouse and Big Game Habitat Restoration in Dolores and San Miguel Counties. Dolores County was awarded 100,900.00. Karelia Ver Eecke was hired as Dolores County Grant Coordinator July of 2022. The main goals of Ms. Ver Eecke was community outreach and education, developing project sites for installation of Zeedyk structures to restore wet meadows and reduce erosion and remove invasive species ie: tamarisk and Russian Olives, and lastly develop community appropriate plans for continued progress. The grant operating deadline is October 31, 2023.

Ms. Ver Eecke has worked toward community involvement educating landowners regarding recovery in the County. The grant along with Dolores County Landowners has built 123 Zeedyk's within the last year of the grant cycle in Dolores County alone, 100 was the goal for both counties. More Zeedyk's are scheduled to be built before the October 31, 2023 deadline. US Fish and Wildlife are looking into a grant from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill that would continue on this project but would be more geared towards San Miguel county since they still have birds which makes it a higher priority. There's hope for more work in Dolores County later, but not at this time.

Mark Martinez/Monument Heights Subdivision

Mr. Martinez came to the BOCC to discuss the NOV for the Monument Heights Subdivision. Mr. Martinez discussed the change in valuation from Agricultural Status to Vacant land. Assessor Amber Blackmore and Deputy Assessor Joi Redshaw explained the requirements regarding agricultural status as well as the protest process. The BOCC confirmed the Assessors information and told Mr. Martinez he would have to go through the process in 2023 when the protest period opens up.

Allen Subdivision Exemption Waiver Request

Phyllis Snyder and Vicki Bailey attended the BOCC meeting August 7, 2023 to request preliminary approval for a Subdivision Exemption splitting parcel #506106200025, a 2.94-acre parcel, into a .66-acre parcel, which includes the house, and a 2.25-acre parcel. The water is provided by the Town of Dove Creek. Pursuant to the Subdivision Exemption Regulations, the smallest size of a parcel serviced by either central water or central sewer is 1 acre. Therefore, a parcel size no smaller than one acre was required by the BOCC. The Allen's returned to request a waiver to split off a piece smaller than 1 acre. They were unable to configure a suitable lot layout for each parcel with the minimum 1-acre size. After much discussion the BOCC determined the Allen's still had to make it work to a lot size no smaller than 1 acre due to existing Land Use Regulations.

Commissioner Garchar adjourned the meeting.

Chair to the Board of County Commissioners

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

Approved October 2, 2023

