

MEETING MINUTES
Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners

January 2, 2024

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Dolores County Courthouse in Dove Creek, Colorado on January 2, 2024. 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 – Deputy Assessor Joi Redshaw, DC Clerk Lana Hancock, DC Sheriff Don Wilson

Zoom – Public Health Director Tracey Beanland, Deb Temple

Phone – Mark Martinez

Continued Budget Public Hearing Guests

In Person – Deputy Assessor Joi Redshaw, GIS Director Amber Fisher, Road and Bridge Office Manager Linda Rehmert and Secretary Ashley Spigner, Weed District Director/ Extension Secretary Oma Fleming, Public Health Director Tracey Beanland, DC Clerk Lana Hancock, and DC Treasurer Taylor Funk

Zoom – DC Attorney Dennis Golbricht, Social Services Director Malynda Evans, DC Assessor Amber Blackmore, Senior Services Director Alisa Schultz, and Raquel Rainey

Payroll for December 28, 2023

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$ 8,187.06	6 Employees		
County Clerk:	\$ 3,081.28	3 Employees		
County Treasurer:	\$ 2,492.29	2 Employees		
County Assessor:	\$ 4,412.68	4 Employees		
GIS:	\$ 1,261.10	1 Employee		
County Maintenance:	\$ 1,432.39	1 Employee	1 Part Time	
County Sheriff:	\$ 14,632.17	10 Employees	1 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$ 459.93	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$ 1,312.07	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$ 1,402.27	2 Employees	1 Part Time	
DCTV:	\$ 562.59		3 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$ 499.46		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$ 69.26			1 Temp
Senior Services:	\$ 9,302.28	2 Employees	13 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$ 5,245.65	3 Employees		

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Mandatory Weed:	\$ 2,103.86	2 Employees		
R&B Administration Other:	\$ 24,859.47	18 Employees		
Social Services:	\$ 11,201.46	6 Employees	3 Part Time	
TOTAL:	\$92,517.27	64 Employees	22 Part Time	1 Temp

Agenda

Commissioner Yellowman made a made a motion to accept the agenda with the date change from 2023 to 2024.

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.

2024 Budget Public Hearing

Commissioner Garchar opened the meeting to a Public Hearing for adoption for the 2024 Dolores County Budget. Deputy Assessor Joi Redshaw stated the budget had not been publicly posted for two full weeks, the time is short one business day. Mrs. Redshaw also felt she was missing some pages in the budget packet therefore she did not have all the information. The Public Hearing was continued until January 3, 2024 at 9:00AM.

2024 Dolores County Budget Public Hearing Continued

Commissioner Garchar reopened the public hearing. Deputy Assessor Joi Redshaw had multiple questions and concerns that were addressed by the BOCC. With no further public comment, Commissioner Garchar closed the 2024 Budget Public Hearing.

Letter of Budget Transmittal: Notice was given that the 2024 Dolores County proposed budget was submitted to the Dolores County Commissioners. A copy was filed in the Commissioner’s office available for public inspection. A public hearing for the budget adoption was set for January 2, 2024 at a regular meeting of the BOCC then continued and finalized January 3, 2024. The mill levy certified to the BOCC is 27.876 mills for general operating purposes, subject to statutory limitation: -0- mills for G.O. bonds: 0.146 mills for refund and abatement. Based on an assessed valuation of \$109,918,443.00 the total property tax revenue is \$3,079,143.00.

<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Property Revenue</u>	<u>Mills</u>
\$109,918,443	General	\$1,848,498	16.817
\$109,918,443	Road & Bridge	\$ 439,673	4.000

\$109,918,443	Contingency	\$ 65,951	.600
\$109,918,443	Social Services	\$ 203,349	1.850
\$109,918,443	Library	\$ 109,918	1.000
\$109,918,443	Operation Quality of Life	\$ 396,706	3.600
\$109,918,443	Tax Abatements	\$ 16,048	0.146
	TOTAL	\$3,079,143	28.013

The Dove Creek Mandatory Weed Control District/Dove Creek Pest Control District has their own separate board of Directors, but their budget has been included with the Dolores County budget and is filed separately with the State.

<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Property Revenue</u>	<u>Mills</u>
\$86,322,759	Mandatory Weed	113,154	1.311

Adopt 2024 Budget Resolution # 1-24-05: A Resolution summarizing expenditures and revenues for each fund and adoption of the budget for Dolores County, Colorado for the calendar year beginning on the first of January 2023 and ending on the last day of December 2024.

Resolution #1-24-06 to Appropriate Sums of Money: A Resolution appropriating sums of money to the various funds and spending agencies, in the amounts and for the budget as set forth below for the County of Dolores, Colorado, for the 2024 budget.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Total Expenditure</u>
General Fund	\$4,945,059
Road & Bridge Fund	\$4,086,190
Social Services Fund	\$1,904,387
Contingent Fund	\$4,500
Conservation Trust Fund	\$7,500
Library Fund	\$168,684
Clara Ormiston	\$5,000
Senior Services	\$780,600
Public Health	\$529,970

Resolution #1-24-07 to Set Mill Levy's: A Resolution Levying Property Taxes for the Year of 2023, to help defray the costs of Government for Dolores County, Colorado, for the 2024 budget year.

Resolution #1-24-08 to Set Mill Levy's for Tax Abatement: A Resolution Levying Property Taxes for the Year of 2023, to help defray the costs of Government for Dolores County, Colorado, for the 2024 budget year.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to accept the 2024 Budget including the Letter of Budget Transmittal, Resolution #1-24-05 to Adopt the 2024 Budget, Resolution #1-24-06 to Appropriate Sums of Money, Resolution #1-24-07 to Set Mill Levy's, and Resolution #1-24-08 to Set Mill Levy's for Tax Abatement. Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Executive Session

Attorney Golbricht requested an executive session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) to provide an update regarding potential litigation. 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 10:14 AM and ended at 10:55 AM. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to move to executive session at 10:14 AM.
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Mark Martinez Monument Heights Subdivision Lot Consolidation

During the December 18, 2023 BOCC Meeting Mr. Martinez requested from the BOCC the availability of consolidating his 11 lots in the Monument Heights Subdivision to create one parcel. Mr. Martines was unhappy with the Assessor's valuation of vacant property and feels if he dissolves the subdivision and combines the lots the property will return to ag status. Amber Blackmore Dolores County Assessor explained in great detail that combining the lots would not instantly change the property valuation, nor would it be the only criteria to change the status back to agricultural. Mr. Martinez previously stated that during the drought years when he was unable to graze cattle on the property he built a fence. He also stated that at this time there is cattle grazing there. After the December meeting Assessor Blackmore and the Deputy Assessor went to view the property and did not see any livestock grazing. The Monument Heights Subdivision had past due property taxes owed for 2022. Mr. Martinez paid the past due 2022 taxes and attended this meeting via phone to continue his request for lot consolidation. Since payment, the 2023 Property Value Certifications have been filed. It was explained that all taxes must be paid through the date of consolidation, otherwise the change in the tax account would make it impossible to collect for the 2023 tax year. As a result, Mr. Martinez must pay the 2023 property taxes, and no consolidation action can be taken until those are paid. There was further discussion and explanation to Mr. Martinez. Mr. Martinez was informed that the BOCC could consider contingent approval pending the tax payment. That offer was not accepted. When asked if he would like to withdraw his request at this time he stated, "Do whatever" and hung up the phone. Mr. Martinez's request has been withdrawn and he will have to start a new process if he wishes to consolidate the Monument Heights Subdivision at a later date.

New Business

IGA For Dispatch Services Throughout Montezuma and Dolores Counties, Including Federal Agencies: Sheriff Wilson presented for the board a renewal IGA for Dispatch Services throughout Montezuma and Dolores Counties, Including Federal Agencies. The IGA renews annually.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the IGA for Dispatch Services.
Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Funds Transfer Resolution: #1-24-01 The Dolores County Budget Officer made a request to Transfer Funds from the Fairgrounds Sponsorship Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$23,563.00.

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Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to accept Resolution #1-24-01 Funds Transfer from Fairgrounds Sponsorship Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$23,563.00.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Funds Transfer Resolution: #1-24-02 The Dolores County Budget Officer made a request to Transfer Funds from the 4-H Livestock Fund the General Fund in the amount of \$3,262.00.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to accept Resolution #1-24-02 Funds Transfer from 4-H Livestock Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$3,262.00.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Funds Transfer Resolution: #1-24-03 The Dolores County Budget Officer made a request to Transfer Funds from the CDBG Grant Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$375,000.00.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to accept Resolution #1-24-03 Funds Transfer from the CDBG Grant Fund in the amount of \$375,000.00.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Funds Transfer Resolution: #1-24-04 The Dolores County Budget Officer made a request to Transfer Funds from the Capital Construction Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$496,238.28.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to accept Resolution #1-24-04 Funds Transfer from the Capital Construction Fund in the amount of \$496,238.28.

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 February 5, 2024