

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

February 20, 2024

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Dolores County Courthouse in Dove Creek, Colorado on February 20, 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 – EMS Supervisor Keith Keesling, Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Disappointment/Groundhog area Road Foreman Larry White, Road Supervisor Lonny Pribble, Shop Foreman Denny Beanland, and Sheriff Don Wilson

Zoom – Region 9 Heather Otter, Montelores Coalition Michelle Furi, Ashley Spigner, Tom Jaeger, and Kendra Cook

Payroll for February 15, 2024

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$ 8,064.95	7 Employees	
County Clerk:	\$ 3,030.12	3 Employees	
County Treasurer:	\$ 1,621.71	3 Employees	
County Assessor:	\$ 4,409.47	3 Employees	
GIS:	\$ 1,267.35	1 Employee	
County Maintenance:	\$ 1,428.74	1 Employee	1 Part Time
County Sheriff:	\$ 14,680.84	10 Employees	2 Part Time
County Coroner:	\$ 459.93	1 Employee	
EMA:	\$ 1,434.52	1 Employee	
Extension:	\$ 1,964.65	2 Employees	
DCTV:	\$ 773.99		3 Part Time
Veterans Office:	\$ 499.46		1 Part Time
Fair Board:	\$ 00.00		1 Temp
Senior Services:	\$ 11,812.18	2 Employees	12 Part Time
Health & Nurse:	\$ 6,721.92	3 Employees	
Mandatory Weed:	\$ 2,094.15	2 Employees	1 Part Time
R&B Administration Other:	\$ 23,209.78	18 Employees	1 Part Time
Social Services:	\$ 11,689.06	6 Employees	2 Part Time
TOTAL:	\$95,162.82	63 Employees	23 Part Time 1Temp

Agenda

Commissioner Cook made a motion to accept the agenda as presented.
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.

Dolores/Norwood Road Middle Gate Discussion

Commissioner Garchar requested discussion regarding access around the middle gate on the North side of the Dolores/Norwood Road – County Road 31/Forest Service Road 526. Commissioner Garchar feels an access needs to be built to keep consistent with the south gate. There is a resident that lives in that area year-round and feels that Dolores County should provide them with a way to bypass the locked gate to get their mail. There was discussion regarding the current signage, and lack of availability to drive around the gate which is in place for safety and road conservation. USFS standard trail width is 50”, however the landowner stated that still would not be wide enough for his needs, Commissioner Garchar stated he would be fine with a larger opening. There was no decision made, the Commissioners asked Larry White, Disappointment/Groundhog area Road Foreman, to measure the width between the gate and the hillside to determine if an access could be built around the gate, the decision would then be made.

Michelle Furi/ Montelores Coalition Informational Presentation

Michelle Furi attended the meeting via Zoom to present the BOCC with information regarding the purpose and vision of the Montelores Coalition. The Colorado Outdoor Partnership (Co-op) is working towards a vision, using Colorado’s Outdoors Principles to ensure that in 2050 Colorado’s people and economy thrive because of our healthy lands, water, wildlife and working farms and ranches, accompanied by improved, inclusive outdoor recreation, hunting and angling opportunities for all. The Co-op will convene a broad spectrum of voices to identify, create and formalize local regional collaborations as Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships. The Co-op shall convene voices from different outdoor interests, races, cultures, ages, and sectors through the Regional Partnerships to identify regional priorities and strategies. They will collaborate with regional partnerships to develop a state-level vision and plan for conservation and recreation. There will also be long term participation with support from the CPW to create a collaborative vision for conservation, climate resilience, and sustainable recreation in accordance with Executive Order B 2020 008.

Heather Otter CDAP Resolution #02-24-02

Heather Otter attended the meeting requesting a Resolution from the BOCC to approve the Dolores County Community Development Action Plan. The CDAP is renewed and updated every two years to gauge progress. During the 2020-2023 program plans 13 Projects were completed.

Proceedings to the BOCC Meeting on February 20, 2024

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to approve Resolution #02-24-02 approving the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado, Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy including Community Development Action Plans.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Derek Padilla/BLM Updates

Derek Padilla Tres Rios Office Field Manager for the BLM joined the meeting to update the BOCC on current happenings involved with Dolores County and surrounding areas.

- **Disappointment Pit:** San Miguel Power has removed the power pole and line at the Disappointment Pit, the EA can now be finished, and the pit will be ready for use soon.
- **Black Snag Pit:** the road realignment will require involvement with the Army Core of Engineers due to the disturbance of wetlands.
- **TAP II:** The next phase of the of the TAP II travel management plan is a slow process, the BLM is detailing roads and trails before putting the discussion out to the public.

DeEtta Johnson Subdivision Exemption Final Approval Resolution #02-24-01

Collin Mack presented for DeEtta Johnson the final plat for the Subdivision Exemption request to split 22.35 acres from her 102-acre parcel on County Road R and 16.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve Subdivision Exemption Resolution #02-24-01 splitting off 22.35 acres from a 102-acre parcel, upon signature of Mrs. Johnson on the plat.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

Planning Commission New Member Approval: Amber Fisher Planning and Zoning Director recommended to the BOCC Tim Halper as a new Board Member and reinstatement of Robert Crain.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to accept Tim Halper as a new member and to reinstate Robert Crain to the Planning Commission Board.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Stateline Bar and Grill Liquor License Renewal: Presented for approval was the Stateline Bar and Grill Liquor License renewal application. Sheriff Don Wilson had previously been contacted and had no concerns with the renewal.

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving the license.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Rico Cemetery: There was a discussion regarding the Rico Cemetery and funding. The Cemetery District is not taxpayer funded. Years back it was set up as a nonprofit corporation to take donations largely from the Rico Foundation to take care of the cemetery. Attorney Golbricht suggested the District remain in place then enter into a management agreement with the nonprofit corporation. Neither the Nonprofit nor the Cemetery District apparently owns the land the cemetery sits on.

Commissioner Garchar adjourned the meeting.

— Chair to the Board of County Commissioners

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

Approved April 15, 2024