

MEETING MINUTES
Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners
April 1, 2024

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Dolores County Courthouse in Dove Creek, Colorado on April 1, 2024. Present for the meeting were Commission Chair Steve Garchar, Vice Chair Linda Yellowman, 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, Disappointment Road Supervisor Larry White, DC Extension and DC Weed Oma Fleming, and Sheriff Don Wilson

Zoom – Tom Jaegar, Road and Bridge Office, and DC Clerk Lana Hancock

Payroll for March 24, 2024

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$ 8,064.95	6 Employees		
County Clerk:	\$ 3,030.12	3 Employees		
County Treasurer:	\$ 2,525.34	2 Employees		
County Assessor:	\$ 4,409.47	4 Employees		
GIS:	\$ 1,267.35	1 Employee		
County Maintenance:	\$ 1,657.27	1 Employee	1 Part Time	
County Sheriff:	\$ 14,465.49	10 Employees	1 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$ 459.93	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$ 1,434.52	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$ 1,841.01	2 Employees	1 Part Time	1 Temp
DCTV:	\$ 767.05		3 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$ 600.27		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$ 69.26			1 Temp
Senior Services:	\$ 10,267.18	2 Employees	13 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$ 5,833.77	3 Employees		
Mandatory Weed:	\$ 2,094.15	2 Employees		
R&B Administration Other:	\$ 23,543.61	18 Employees		
Social Services:	\$ 11,492.25	6 Employees	3 Part Time	
TOTAL:	\$93,822.99	65 Employees	22 Part Time	1 Temp

Agenda

Commissioner Yellowman made a made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of the Forest Service Weed Contract.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Expenditures

Commissioner Yellowman made a made a motion to accept the Expenditures.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Road and Bridge Update/Steve Davis

Supervisor Steve Davis attended the meeting to update the BOCC on the Road and Bridge Department and its operations:

- An employee has quit, and one had to be terminated. The positions were posted and interviews were given. There were only three applications submitted. Two people were hired, one has a Class A CDL and the other has a Class B. Both will start in two weeks.
- Commissioner Garchar requested information on the gravel storage on Road 16. Mr. Davis stated they are holding onto the location for future use. It will be used when the solar project starts.
- Commissioner Garchar commented on the complaints given at the EOM meeting regarding County vehicles having trouble traveling the gravel roads. Mr. Davis will work on them as soon as the weather allows.
- Derek Padilla visited the Black Snag pit and will get with his engineers regarding moving the culvert. The process could take up to a year to get the paperwork and approval finalized.

Dolores/Norwood Road Gate Closure

Attorney Golbright opened the discussion with a recap of the previous discussion during the February 20, 2024 BOCC meeting regarding the Dolores/ Norwood Road; specifically the middle north gate: There is a resident that lives year-round on that seasonally maintained road and had requested access around the gates to retrieve his mail. The discussion ended with a request for Larry White, Disappointment and Dolores/Norwood Road Supervisor, to measure and determine the ability to build an opening around the edge of the middle gate, that would allow people to go around the locked gate. In recollecting the discussion, some thought the decision was made for a 50" opening to be built and others thought Mr. White was just to go measure and see what was possible and report back to the BOCC. Added to the discussion were the signs currently posted which, show wheeled ATV's and UTV's, which is in contradiction to Resolution # 1-24-09, which states over-the-snow vehicles only. Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis has requested a detailed final decision on what the BOCC wants in regard to access around the gate and what types of vehicles are allowed.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion that Dolores County Road and Bridge construct a drive around at the north middle gate on the Dolores/Norwood Road that is adequate and safe for the vehicles that are posted on the gate sign, and not to include any more structures in the County Road Right of Way.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

Commissioner Cook had questions and concerns regarding the size of the vehicles that will be able to pass around a larger opening which he believes will cause further problems.

Commissioner Garchar believes that for the gates on the north, middle and south ends to be consistent, a road drive-around needs to be constructed on the north middle gate.

Commissioner Garchar stated that he is aware there was no bypass built at the other gates, but since the lay of the land on USFS property allows traffic to bypass those gates, an access needs to be built to be consistent on the north middle gate. Commissioner Cook stated for the record that if we build a bypass large enough for full size vehicles to bypass the gates, then the current gates are irrelevant and should be removed. Attorney Golbricht requested clarification of the motion regarding width of the opening, and if Mr. White should or should not plow the drive around.

Commissioner Garchar amended the motion to state Dolores County Road and Bridge will create a route with at least a 72" opening. Wheeled vehicles will not be allowed to pass around that gate, as it is for tracked vehicles only, and there will be no snow removal on the gate drive around.

Commissioner Cook voted no, Commissioner Garchar and Commissioner Yellowman voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Cook stated for the record that he is extremely disappointed in this discussion and the vote decision.

Mr. White did state that if he did not have the room to do 72" bypass and stay within the ROW he will just make the shoulders of the road not so steep. Attorney Golbricht stated that Mr. White was directed by the BOCC to build a 72" road and if he could not do that, he needs to report back to the BOCC.

Further discussion after the BOCC decision determined the signs needed to be updated to show tracked vehicles only to coincide with Resolution #1-24-09. Tickets will be given by the Dolores County Sheriff's Office if the vehicle owner can be proven.

Social Services Update/Malynda Evans

Social Services Director Malynda Evans presented for approval the Record of Proceedings for April 1, 2024, as well as the financial documents through February 2024.

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving the above-mentioned documents.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

New Business

USFS Weed Contract: A Contract between Dolores County and USFS for managing noxious weeds east of the river. Dolores County will perform the noxious weed treatment and removal, the USFS will reimburse Dolores County for the Forest Service's share of actual expenses not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to enter into an agreement with the USFS for weed management east of the river.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Funds Transfer Resolution #4-24-01: Transfer funds from the IMM2 Grant Fund to the Public Health Fund in the amount of \$10,262.00.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to approve Transfer Resolution# 04-24-01 from the IMM2 Grant Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$10,262.00.
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Funds Transfer Resolution #4-24-02: Transfer funds from the OPHP Grant Fund to the Public Health Fund in the amount of \$23,578.50.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve Transfer Resolution #04-24-02 from the OPHP Fund to the Public Health Fund.
Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Electronic Recording Technology Grant: The Electronic Recording Technology Board awarded Dolores County \$9,587.00 to help establish, maintain, improve or replace a County's Electronic Recording System.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to accept the Electronic Recording Technology Grant in the amount of \$9,587.00.
Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Executive Session Regarding Possible Land Acquisition

Attorney Golbright stated for the record the executive session is to discuss a possible purchase of real property pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b). This is not for the purpose of legal advice, so a recording will be kept and destroyed after 90 days.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to go into executive session at 10:01 AM.
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.
The executive session closed at 10:20AM, no decisions were made.

Commissioner Garchar adjourned the meeting.

Chair to the Board of County Commissioners

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners