

MEETING MINUTES
Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners
May 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 May 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 –DC Clerk Lana Hancock and BLM Canyon of the Ancients Director Ray O’Neil

Zoom –Paula Stewart and BLM Tres Rios Field Manager Derek Padilla

Payroll for May 15, 2024

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$ 7,987.94	6 Employees		
County Clerk:	\$ 3,030.12	3 Employees		
County Treasurer:	\$ 2,525.34	2 Employees		
County Assessor:	\$ 4,428.55	4 Employees		
GIS:	\$ 1,267.35	1 Employee		
County Maintenance:	\$ 1,428.74	1 Employee	1 Part Time	
County Sheriff:	\$ 14,505.35	10 Employees	1 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$ 459.93	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$ 1,434.52	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$ 1,969.11	2 Employees	1 Part Time	
DCTV:	\$ 822.47		3 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$ 600.27		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$ 443.28			
Senior Services:	\$ 10,342.80	2 Employees	13 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$ 6,054.09	3 Employees		
Mandatory Weed:	\$ 2,536.14	2 Employees		1 Temp
R&B Administration Other:	\$ 24,678.12	18 Employees		
Social Services:	\$ 9,587.28	6 Employees	3 Part Time	
TOTAL:	\$94,101.42	65 Employees	20 Part Time	1 Temp

Agenda

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

Expenditures

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

Minutes

The April 1, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes and April 9, 2024 Expenditure Meeting were presented for approval.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the above-mentioned minutes.
Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Road and Bridge Update/Steve Davis

Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis attended the meeting to provide updates on Dolores County Road and Bridge operations:

- Mag Chloride operations on the roads are about two weeks ahead of schedule and going well.
- Mr. Davis brought to the Commissioners attention a fence that had been built alongside a road on the County ROW. The Road and Bridge Department will send a notification letter to the landowner requesting relocation of the fence. There was discussion about the County implementing a fencing permit. It was a discussion only and no decisions were made.

Federal Forest Funds/Title I and III Funds Resolution# 05-24-02

Dolores County School District Representatives Ty Gray and Roxie Guynes were present to sign Resolution #05-24-02 with School Board President Kimberly Alexander to sign later today, designating the distribution of Federal Forest Funds received. The BOCC discussed percentages of distribution and agreed to do a 60/40 split: 60% to the Road and Bridge Road Fund, in the amount of \$240,907.01 and 40% to Dolores County School District, in the amount of \$160,604.68.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve Resolution# 05-24-02 approving the distribution of Title I Forest Funds in the amount of \$401,511.69 with a split of 60% to the Road and Bridge Fund and 40% to the Dolores County School District as well as receiving the Title III funds in the amount of \$33,065.67.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**BLM Update/ Ray O'Neil Canyon of the Ancients
BLM Update/Derek Padilla Tres Rios Field Manager**

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ncients Director Ray O'neil attended the meeting to give an update on the happenings in the Canyon of the Ancients Monument Area:

- There are currently two grazing allotments on the Canyon of the Ancients that have been vacant for over 15 years. Mr. Oneil explained that 7-8 Years ago they went through the process to reissue those permits, they were denied and they were asked to evaluate impacts from grazing to cultural resources since that is the reason for the monument. Over the past few years, they have worked with the State historic preservation office to figure out a different way to structure grazing and incorporate cultural resources. They now have a final draft of the programmatic agreement. The final draft is out for comment through the end of May. The NEPA study still needs to be done, but they feel the process will be quick.
- The 2nd Indigenous Art Market is Saturday June 15, 2024 at the Canyon of the Ancients Center.

Derek Padilla BLM Tres Rios Field Manager attended the meeting to update the BOCC on happenings with BLM related to Dolores County:

- There was a prescribed burn on the West Rim; about 520 Acres. That will be all for the prescribed burn season.
- The Public Lands Rule has been finalized and published in the federal register. The largest change in wording and operations was Conservation Lease must be compatible with any other existing uses in the area.
- The Disappointment Pit EA has still not been finished; the BLM is still lacking in staff.

New Business:

Funds Transfer Resolution #05-24-03: A resolution to Transfer funds from the Lodging Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$30,000.00. A portion of the Lodging Tax Fund was given to the Doves Nest as was approved early spring of 2024, but the funds transfer was never made.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve Resolution #05-24-03 a resolution to transfer funds from the Lodging Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$30,000.00.

Commissioner Yellowman 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

