

MEETING MINUTES
Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners
June 17, 2024

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Rico Town Hall in Rico, Colorado on June 17, 2024. Present for the meeting were Commission Chair Steve Garchar, Vice Chair Linda Yellowman, Commissioner Floyd Cook – via Phone, 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 – Rico Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy, West Fork Fire Scott Ramsey, Rico Center Director Crystal Hibbard, Matt Schiff, and Christina Shriepert

Zoom – Did Not Work In Rico

Payroll for June 13, 2024

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$15,516.87	6 Employees		
County Clerk:	\$ 4,748.49	3 Employees		
County Treasurer:	\$ 3,098.50	2 Employees		
County Assessor:	\$ 7,007.49	4 Employees		
GIS:	\$ 2,183.85	1 Employee		
County Maintenance:	\$ 2,659.38	1 Employee	1 Part Time	
County Sheriff:	\$23,815.78	10 Employees	1 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$ 459.93	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$ 2,351.02	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$ 2,654.77	2 Employees	1 Part Time	
DCTV:	\$ 1,206.80		3 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$ 1,154.37		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$ 341.69			
Senior Services:	\$ 16,283.13	2 Employees	11 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$ 16,316.76	3 Employees		
Mandatory Weed:	\$ 4,403.13	2 Employees		1 Temp
R&B Administration Other:	\$ 39,138.72	19 Employees		
Social Services:	\$ 17,075.10	8 Employees	1 Part Time	
TOTAL:	\$160,415.78	66 Employees	19 Part Time	2 Temp

Agenda

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to accept the agenda.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Expenditures

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to accept the Expenditures.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

County Road N Rico/Matt Schiff

Matt Schiff, property owner of Gem of Beauty Mining Claim located at Road N, in Rico, attended the meeting to discuss with the BOCC the County Road N ROW, Jurisdiction, previous maintenance and the County's maintenance plan in the future. DC Road and Bridge Department, at the request from the Town of Rico, did some road maintenance and ditch clearing on CR N, due to some drainage issues. Mr. Schiff was concerned with the amount of vegetation that was removed and felt the roadwork was unnecessary. There was no formal request, however Mr. Schiff mentioned his desire for a 40' ROW, a one lane road, and less tree and brush removal during road maintenance. There was no action taken.

BLM Update/Ray O'Neil

Mr. Oneil BLM/Canyon of the Ancients District Manager joined the meeting via zoom, however the Rico Internet Service was not working well enough for the update.

USFS Update/Nick Mustoe

Nick Mustoe USFS Field Manager joined the meeting to update the BOCC on current happenings involved with Dolores County and surrounding areas.

- Spruce Creek is fully contained and mostly out. FS is watching hotspots and letting a few areas to finish burning out.
- The Boggy Draw controlled burn was a success.
- If Montezuma and Dolores County are to share the Beaver Rim Pit, a letter from Montezuma County stating they are willing to share the pit is needed.

Tom Rice USFS District Manager attended the meeting to discuss the annual cleanup of Cabin Canyon Campground. Montezuma County and Dolores County in years passed had an agreement to

spray and mow the weeds, have a Porta-john placed out there over the summer, clean the walkway and clean and paint, if necessary, the picnic tables. Montezuma County has decided they would need to step back from the agreement for now. There needs to be more discussion regarding an updated agreement. There is not enough help or time for the 2024 summer season for Dolores County to go do the necessary maintenance. A meeting is going to be held with the BOCC and the USFS to get a 2025 Summer plan in place.

Rico Center Update/Crystal Hibbard

Crystal Hibbard Rico Center Director attended the meeting to give an annual update. The Rico Center is a nonprofit community foundation committed to preserving and enriching the quality of life of the residents, visitors and workforce of Rico. The Rico Center awards grants to local non-profit organizations. In 2024, 19 Grant applications were applied for and 16 were awarded with a combined amount of \$195,916.00.

New Business

Dolores River Halt the Monument Resolution Discussion: The Dolores County BOCC discussed approving a resolution showing Dolores County's Opposition to the proposed Dolores River National Monument. Attorney Golbricht will draft a resolution and present it to the BOCC at the next meeting.

Commissioner Garchar adjourned the meeting.

Chair to the Board of County Commissioners

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners