

MEETING MINUTES
Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners
July 15, 2024

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Dolores County Courthouse Dove Creek, Colorado on July 15, 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 – Sheriff Don Wilson, DC Clerk Lana Hancock, USFS Nick Mustoe, Deputy Assessor Kristen Davis and DC Assessor Amber Blackmore

Zoom – Allyn Svoboda, Paula Stewart, DC Public Health Director Tracey Beanland, and BLM Tres Rios Field Manager Derek Padilla

Payroll for June 27, 2024

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$ 7,910.73	6 Employees		
County Clerk:	\$ 3,055.68	3 Employees		
County Treasurer:	\$ 2,492.06	2 Employees		
County Assessor:	\$ 4,376.92	4 Employees		
GIS:	\$ 1,186.74	1 Employee		
County Maintenance:	\$ 1,428.74	1 Employee	1 Part Time	
County Sheriff:	\$ 16,001.92	10 Employees	1 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$ 377.25	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$ 1,434.52	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$ 1,429.85	2 Employees	1 Part Time	
DCTV:	\$ 961.00		3 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$ 600.27		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$ 332.46			
Senior Services:	\$ 10,145.18	2 Employees	11 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$ 6,008.23	3 Employees		
Mandatory Weed:	\$ 2,962.62	2 Employees		1 Temp
R&B Administration Other:	\$ 24,107.12	19 Employees		
Social Services:	\$ 10,648.19	8 Employees	1 Part Time	
TOTAL:	\$ 95,459.49	66 Employees	18 Part Time	2 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.

Dolores County Assessment/Amber Blackmore

Dolores County Assessor Amber Blackmore presented the 2025 Budget Abstract Assessment. The estimated assessed value for 2024 is \$104,895,865.00, which is down from 2023. The value will not stay at that amount due to the State mandated downward adjustments to residential and commercial properties. Assessor Blackmore reported that there have been 24 real property protests received during the protest period. Four were approved as there were errors on the Assessor's end, and or proof of Ag status. Twenty were denied and may come before the BOE.

The BOCC Set the BOE Hearing date for July 31, 2024 at 10:00AM.

Sheriff's Office Security Wall

The Sheriff's Office needs to update their office for security purposes, as well as to accommodate their new Dispatch System. Sheriff Wilson has reached out to multiple contractors, receiving only one quote from Loren Workman/L&L Contractors. There was discussion around the difference in cost of bullet proof glass or regular glass. Sheriff Wilson thought the price difference would be significant. DC Manager Margret Daves presented a possible grant option for Court Security. The BOCC would like to see the safety glass installed and requested a quote for that.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the L&L Construction bid for the Sheriff Offices security wall contingent upon a final contract and the bid price for bullet proof glass and determining grant opportunities available.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All Three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

BLM Update/Derek Padilla

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

- The North Pines Timber sale area; a contractor will be trimming, decking and piling next to the road for firewood starting July 16, 2024.

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- The EA for the Disappointment Gravel pit will post July 15, 2024 and will start the 15-day comment period. Hopefully that project can be finalized and able to be used by the County within a few weeks.
- The Black Snag Gravel Pit road realignment is on hold while waiting to get the Realty Specialist involved to process the application. This could take until spring of 2025 dependent on staff to finalize this application.
- No Fire Restrictions at this time.

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.

- Not much in the way of wildfires so far this year.
- The Buro Fire Tour – Discussion of mixed Conifer prescribed burn.
- The USFS will do some prescribed burns in the Cottonwood area.
- There will not be the funds in 2025 to repair/rebuild the Dolores/Norwood Road on the Montezuma County side.
- The USFS still needs a letter from Montezuma County regarding the sharing of the Beaver Gravel Pit.

One Digital Solutions Presentation/Nick Dial

Nick Dial presented to the BOCC what One Digital Solutions does and can offer Dolores County. One Digital is a benefits communication Company as well as an administrative service provider. They focus on working with their employer partners to help contain costs and improve processes and additional value to the organization without additional cost. They focus on employee benefits, HR Support, Technology compliance and Employee engagement. Mr. Dial would like to work with Lenore Johnson Dolores County HR/Finance Director and review some of the County benefits and costs etc. and attend another meeting to discuss some of the changes if any, could or should be made. Ms. Johnson will meet with Mr. Dial and report back to the BOCC.

New Business

Groundhog Store Liquor License Renewal: Presented for approval was the Groundhog Store 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.

Commissioner Garchar adjourned the meeting.

Chair to the Board of County Commissioners

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners