

**MEETING MINUTES
Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners
September 16, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Dolores County Courthouse, Dove Creek, Colorado on September 16, 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, Region 9 Director Shak Powers, JUWI Construction Manager John Bargar, Johnny/JUWI, USFS Field Manager Nick Mustoe

Zoom – Paula Stewart, Mark Ihnot/JUWI, Diana Lieker/JUWI, Steve Gray/JUWI, and BLM Tres Rios Office Manager

Payroll for September 12, 2024

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

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|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| County Commissioners: | \$ 8,253.42 | 6 Employees | | |
| County Clerk: | \$ 3,055.68 | 3 Employees | | |
| County Treasurer: | \$ 2,511.15 | 2 Employees | | |
| County Assessor: | \$ 3,247.74 | 4 Employees | | |
| GIS: | \$ 1,158.72 | 1 Employee | | |
| County Maintenance: | \$ 1,428.74 | 1 Employee | 1 Part Time | |
| County Sheriff: | \$ 16,156.05 | 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: | \$ 763.60 | | 3 Part Time | |
| Veterans Office: | \$ 600.27 | | 1 Part Time | |
| Fair Board: | \$ 000.00 | | | |
| Senior Services: | \$ 10,072.63 | 2 Employees | 11 Part Time | |
| Health & Nurse: | \$ 6,026.35 | 3 Employees | | |
| Mandatory Weed: | \$ 2,094.15 | 2 Employees | | 0 Temp |
| R&B Administration Other: | \$ 22,209.14 | 19 Employees | | |
| Social Services: | \$ 10,607.02 | 8 Employees | 1 Part Time | |
| TOTAL: | \$ 91,426.28 | 63 Employees | 20 Part Time | 0Temp |

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

Presented for approval were the July 3, 2024 EOM Meeting minutes, August 5, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes and the August 9, 2024 Expenditure Meeting Minutes

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

Planning Capacity Grant Programs and SB 24-174/Shak Powers

Shak Powers with Region 9 discussed with the BOCC information regarding the DOLA Planning Capacity Grant. The grant would offer funding that would substantially pay for the costs associated with the consultation, drafting and related legal review expenses for the revision and redrafting of the Dolores County Development and Land Use Regulation which currently requires revisions in order to comply with state mandated provisions, including those related to affordable housing. The grant request would be for \$200,000.00 in which Dolores County would have a \$40,000.00 funds match.

Mr. Powers also updated the BOCC on SB 24-174 Sustainable Housing Assistance: Senate Bill 24-174 was signed into law. It requires that, beginning in 2026, all jurisdictions with a population of 1,000 or more perform a housing needs assessment every six years. It specifies the attributes to be studied, and only allocates very minimal funds through a competitive grant process to be awarded to pay consultants for the work, leaving it largely unfunded. Among the many mandates, it requires analyzing current water use and projected water use based upon growth. The State is then supposed to take all of the housing needs assessments and put together a Statewide housing needs assessment.

Dolores Canyon Solar Update/John Barger

John Barger JUWI Construction Manager attended the meeting to give the BOCC an update of progress on the Dolores Canyon Solar Project. The project is moving as planned. The offices are being delivered and set up and should be fully functional by the end of September. Solar tables will start being delivered by October 24, 2024. Juwi is currently working on hiring the construction crews and will hold job fairs in Cortez and Dove Creek. There was discussion with Sheriff Wilson

clarifying truck routes and working hours, in which Mr. Barger stated he would clarify to the delivery, equipment haul and working crews.

STUD/Community Prevention

Kay Daves Community Prevention Director and STUD Representative submitted a request to the BOCC for a donation of \$10,000.00 to aid in the continued success and sustainability of the Students Tackling Unhealthy Decisions (STUD) and Community Prevention Programs. The BOCC for many years has donated to these two programs which helps provide educational opportunities, mental health wellness and care, and many other programs for the youth in Dolores County.

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 fall burning plan is moving along as planned. So far there have been 346 acres burned with more still to take place on the west rim.
- The Travel Analysis Planning process is a little behind schedule. Plans to start working with area agencies will start in late October or early November.
- The County water fill area by Bradfield Bridge still needs some cleanup and maintenance.
- The Blacksnag road realignment is currently still on hold, the lack of staffing within the BLM is continuing to slow the process.

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.

- USFS will be doing fall prescribed burns they are looking at 1200 acres in the Salter Y area and 2500 acres in the Haycamp area.
- The Mcphee Inspection Station is requesting funding to move forward with the project.
- USFS has still not received a letter from Montezuma County BOCC regarding the Dolores County/Montezuma County Beaver Rim Pit shared usage.

Dan Forst Boundary Adjustment Preliminary Approval

Dan and Rhonda Forst presented to the BOCC a request for a Boundary Adjustment moving his property line 30ft to the west, obtaining .164 acre from Doug Hatfield. No new parcel will be created and neither property will be reduced to less than 35 acres. Huddleston's Surveying will do a survey.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the preliminary boundary adjustment.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

New Business

Resolution #09-24-02: DOLA has available planning grant funding which would substantially pay for the costs associated with the consultation, drafting and related legal review expenses for the revision and redrafting of the Dolores County Land Use Regulation which currently require revisions in order to comply with state mandated provisions, including those related to affordable housing. The grant request will be for \$200,000.00 in which Dolores County will have a \$40,000.00 funds match.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to approve Resolution #09-24-02 approving submittal of a DOLA – Local Capacity Grant requesting \$200,000.00 with a funds match of \$40,000.00. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Old Business

SJBAAA Contract: Alisa Schultz previously presented the SJBAAA Grant Contract for approval. There were extra provisions included in this year’s contract. Attorney Golbricht addressed some wording changes that needed to be made. The contract is now ready for approval.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the 2024 SJBAAA Grant Contract for \$196,008.00.
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

Approved November 4, 2024