

MEETING MINUTES
Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners
October 7, 2024

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Dolores County Courthouse, Dove Creek, Colorado on October 7, 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, Social Services Director Malynda Evans, DC Assessor Amber Blackmore, Jerrod Gersch, Paula Stewart, Eric Stiasny, Phyllis Davis, Jim Hutchins, DC Coroner Aaron Hankins, LaRita Randolph, Catherine Boyd, Candace Hudgeons, and Jason Gray

Zoom –DC Weed District Supervisor and Extension Office Oma Fleming, HR and Finance Director Lenore Johnson, Public Health Director Tracey Beanland, Raquel Rainey, Patty Trudeau, Assessors Office

Payroll for September 30, 2024

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$ 8,358.59	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:	\$ 15,467.18	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:	\$ 787.84		3 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$ 600.27		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$ 496.69			
Senior Services:	\$ 10,945.76	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:	\$ 22,340.39	19 Employees		
Social Services:	\$ 10,599.12	8 Employees	1 Part Time	
TOTAL:	\$ 92,359.99	64 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 August 19, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes and the September 3, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes.

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

Social Services Update/Malynda Evans

Social Services Director Malynda Evans presented for approval the Record of Proceedings for October 7, 2024, as well as the financial documents through August 2024.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the Record of Proceedings for October 7, 2024 as well as the financial documents through August 2024.
Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Mrs. Evans updated the BOCC, stating that she currently has 590 cases for the eligibility program including adult financial, Colorado works employment first , food assistance and workforce development, 40 child support cases, 2 childcare cases, 2 current adult protection cases and 2 child welfare cases. The Leap program is not fully open yet but has received 10 applications so far.

Tax Abatement Petition/Amber Blackmore

Married 4 Life Ministries petitioned with the State to be tax exempt and their request was approved effective tax year 2022. They then petitioned for a refund of taxes for the year 2022 in the amount of \$1,957.48 and 2023 in the amount of \$1,670.00.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to approve the Ministries 4Life tax refund for the years 2022 and 2023 for a full refund amount of \$3,627.78.
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Dale and Catherine Boyd Subdivision Exemption Preliminary Approval

Dale and Catherine Boyd requested preliminary approval to create a 5-acre parcel from their current 160-acre parcel. This will separate the farm property from the residential property.

Commissioner Cook made a motion for preliminary approval for the Subdivision Exemption Request for Dale and Catherine Boyd splitting 5 acres where the house is from the existing 160-acre parcel. Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

DCTV Update/Jason Gray

Jason Gray, DCTV Director, attended the meeting to update the BOCC. Mr. Gray would like to purchase a go-pro camera and do live broadcasting of school activities as well as possibly the BOCC Meetings.

The BOCC said they would take his purchase proposal into consideration. No decision was made.

T-Mobile Dolores County Service Area Presentation

Jason Hightower with T-Mobile wanted to present to the BOCC the emergency services mobile plans available. The BOCC referred Mr. Hightower to the EMS Director.

New Business

Severance Tax Lawsuit: Multiple Counties in Colorado are contesting the State of Colorado's use of the Severance Tax Fund. The BOCC discussed joining forces as a show of support. This will be at no cost to Dolores County. Mesa County is leading the effort and will add us to the suit if it progresses past the current pleading stage.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to join in the Lawsuit with other Colorado Counties contesting the use of the Colorado Severance Tax Fund.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Resolution #10-24-02: A Resolution opposing Ballot Initiative 91 which would ban the hunting of Mountain Lions and Bobcats by the public in the State of Colorado.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve Resolution #10-24-02 opposing Ballot Initiative 91 which bans the hunting of Mountain Lions by the public in the State of Colorado.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Resolution #10-24-01: A Resolution reducing Commissioner Salaries to a part time level. All elected officials' salaries are set based upon legislatively created county categories and automatic increases mandated by the state are based off the Denver/Aurora Consumer Price Index. The latest increase would raise incoming Dolores County Commissioner salaries, whether newly elected or reelected, to \$64,100.00, which is an increase of \$10,646.00. The current sitting BOCC believes that the increase is inappropriate in Dolores County, as salary increases for employees have been held back due to revenue limitations. To officially adjust the salary through category change, it must go through legislation. The

Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioner meeting, October 7, 2024,

BOCC is currently seeking legislation allowing counties to set their own elected official salary levels. If that legislation fails, the BOCC could seek a category change as an alternative. Neither of the options will be available until after the current budget is adopted. The BOCC discussed putting the resolution in place, stating part-time at 87.22% providing for a salary of \$55,911.00, which is also the current salary of the last elected Commissioner. This part-time percentage is equal to 33 hours per week. There were many community members and employees, as well as the three 2025 Commissioner Candidates present in the audience. There was concern regarding the wording of "part- time," and how that would affect the insurance and benefits offered by the County, as well as the role of the commissioners in performing their duties to the County. It was confirmed that Elected Officials, even classified as part-time, would still be allowed full benefits. There was concern and discussion regarding the timing of the resolution as well as how the adjusted proposed salary was determined. As stated in the resolution, the use of the term, "part-time" was necessary in order to statutorily enable the BOCC to reduce the salary level. The actual work performed by the commissioners is not expected to change.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to approve Resolution #10-24-01, a Resolution Reducing County Commissioner Salaries.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

Commissioner Garchar and Cook voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Yellowman voted against 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