

**MEETING MINUTES
Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners
October 15, 2024**

A special meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Dolores County Courthouse, Dove Creek, Colorado on October 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, Social Services Director Malynda Evans, DC Assessor Amber Blackmore, Senior Services Director Alisa Schultz, Public Health Director Tracey Beanland, HR Finance Director Lenore Johnson, Road and Bridge Office Manager Linda Rehmer, Paula Stewart, Eric Stiasny, Phyllis Davis, LaRita Randolph, Candace Hudgeons, DC Clerk Lana Hancock, and Chris Brackett

Zoom –DC Weed District Supervisor and Extension Office Oma Fleming, Public Health Office, DC Coroner Aaron Hankins,

Agenda

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

Reconsideration of Resolution #10-24-01 - a Resolution reducing County Commissioner Salaries:

District 2 County Commissioner Candidate Eric Stiasny and Commissioner Yellowman requested reconsideration of resolution #10-24-01. During the October 7, 2024 the BOCC discussed and passed a resolution setting Commissioner salaries at \$55,911.00, matching the newest elected Commissioner salary. This resolution would impact the incoming or re-elected Commissioners in 2025. The resolution is in response to the state setting salaries that are not sustainable for Dolores County. The BOCC is working to legislatively change the way county elected official salaries are set, giving control to the counties, but that is a lengthy process. If that legislation fails, they will also have the option of legislatively dropping down salary categories for incoming elected officials in 2026 and thereafter. There was discussion from the BOCC Candidates as well as the public. Mr. Stiasny would like to see the salary set at \$58,273.00, which is the 2025 Elected official salary set by the State for the category the BOCC would likely move to in the future and would have moved to this year, had the deadline not passed. There was extensive discussion.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to amend Resolution #10-24-01, Reducing Commissioner Salaries to \$58,273.00 to match category V-D.
There was no second.
The motion died.

2025 Proposed Budget

Margret Daves, County Administrator and Budget Officer presented to the BOCC the 2025 proposed budget. There will be additional budget workshops scheduled and a budget hearing will be held in December.

Commissioner Garchar adjourned the meeting.

Chair to the Board of County Commissioners

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners
Approved November 18, 2024