

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Dolores County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**October 21, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Rico Town Hall, Rico, Colorado on October 21, 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 –Rico Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy, BLM District Field Manager Derek Padilla, USFS Tres Rios Field Manager Nick Mustoe, USFS Transportation Director Kyle Personett, and Region 9 Director Shak Powers

Zoom –Lynette Dicken, Sandy Dicken

**Payroll for October 15, 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	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 92,359.99</b>	<b>64 Employees</b>	<b>20 Part Time</b>	<b>0Temp</b>

### **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.

### **Region 9 BEAD Funding Information and Support Letter Request/Shak Powers**

Shak Powers Region 9 Regional Director attended the meeting to request a letter of support for the internet service providers that will be applying for BEAD funding for project areas in Dolores County. BEAD Funding is Broadband Equity Access and Deployment. BEAD is Federal funding passed down through the state of Colorado. Colorado is set to receive almost a million dollars in funding. The application for Dolores County is coming from Farmers Telephone to finish building the fiber line from Rico to Dolores. Mr. Powers with Region 9 is asking for a letter of support for Farmers Telephone's funding request.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the letter of support for Farmers Telephone BEAD Funding request.  
Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

### **DCTV**

The BOCC is gathering information on the number of viewers watching DCTV. There has been much discussion regarding the future of the station. A message was placed on the program asking viewers to call if they are watching and offer feedback regarding the station. Response has been very small. The BOCC requested a new message detailing the fact that the future of DCTV is being discussed so please call and give feedback. This discussion will be tabled for the November 4, 2024 meeting and a decision will be made if the County will continue to fund DCTV, or the program ends.

### **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 Sage Grouse and Big Game Management Plans have been finalized and will be posted on the website.
- The fall burning plan is finished and the BLM will start back up in the spring but will be working more in the Durango area.

- The Black snag road realignment is currently still on hold, the lack of staffing within the BLM is continuing to slow the process.
- Commissioner Cook questioned the trespass horses in the Canyon of the Ancients and the plan to gather and relocate. Mr. Padilla said the BIA is in charge of this and had previously planned to perform the work in-house. However, after researching it further realized they do not have the capacity to that so an outside contractor will have to be hired and they are waiting on extra funding for that.

### **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 fall prescribed burns are mostly finished. Weather permitting they will try to do a little more if possible.
- Mr. Mustoe stated he still had not heard from Montezuma County regarding the Beaver Rim Pit and requested one of the Commissioners follow up with the MCBOCC.
- USFS will close the Cottonwood Road gates this winter. In years past they have not been closing that road in the winter. Due to the trouble during the 2023/24 winter they have decided to close the gates when they close all other roads for winter.

Kyle Personette USFS Transportation Director attended the meeting with Mr. Mustoe. He presented a 5-year timber plan along with a map showing the logging contract areas with their approved and/or proposed haul routes.

### **Town of Rico Dust Suppression/Chauncey McCarthey**

Rico Town Manager Chauncy McCarthey discussed the dust within the town of Rico. He has received grant funding in the amount of \$13,000.00 to begin the dust control process. He is looking ahead for future need from Dolores County Road and Bridge if possible. The Town of Rico does not have the equipment to maintain the project when the grant funding is over and the outside contractor can no longer be retained. Mr. McCarthey feels it will be a few years, but wanted the County to be aware of their need ahead of time.

### **County Attorney Updates/Dennis Golbricht**

**Rico Ballot Box:** Attorney Golbricht spoke with Lana Hancock DC Clerk regarding the ballot box in Rico. The ballot drop box in Rico will not be used for the General Election. The security cameras required by the State Elections Office to cover the ballot boxes in Rico do not have a reliable enough internet connection to insure proper coverage under the state mandate. Rico residents can mail or deliver their ballot to the Dolores County Courthouse.

**Property Contract with the DC School District:** Attorney Golbricht is working on the contract with the DC School District regarding the donation of property. Mr. Golbricht will draft a parking lot agreement addressing, construction, usage, maintenance, etc.

Commissioner Garchar adjourned the meeting.

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Chair to the Board of County Commissioners

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Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

Approved November 18, 2024