

MEETING MINUTES
Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners
January 6, 2025

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Dolores County Courthouse, Dove Creek, Colorado on January 6, 2025. 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 – Social Services Director Malynda Evans, Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, GIS/Planning Director Amber Fisher, Commissioner Elect Phyllis Davis, Commissioner Elect Eric Stiasny, and Chris Brackett

Payroll for December 30, 2024

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$ 8,338.67	6 Employees		
County Clerk:	\$ 3,053.25	3 Employees		
County Treasurer:	\$ 2,360.28	2 Employees		
County Assessor:	\$ 4,048.23	4 Employees		
GIS:	\$ 1,156.97	1 Employee		
County Maintenance:	\$ 1,428.74	1 Employee	1 Part Time	
County Sheriff:	\$ 16,714.49	10 Employees	1 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$ 375.70	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$ 1,431.52	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$ 1,383.85	2 Employees	1 Part Time	
DCTV:	\$ 1,279.60		3 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$ 600.27		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$			
Senior Services:	\$ 11,849.79	2 Employees	11 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$ 5,983.15	3 Employees		
Mandatory Weed:	\$ 2,460.63	2 Employees		0 Temp
R&B Administration Other:	\$ 22,832.00	19 Employees		
Social Services:	\$ 9,375.29	8 Employees	1 Part Time	
TOTAL:	\$ 94,671.83	64 Employees	21 Part Time	0Temp

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Agenda

A request was made to add a discussion and decision for Courthouse hours on Thursday January 9, 2025 for the National Day of Mourning for President Carter.

Attorney Golbricht requested an Executive Session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) to provide an update regarding potential litigation.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to accept the agenda with the requested changes.

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.

Social Services Update/Malynda Evans

Social Services Director Malynda Evans presented for approval the Record of Proceedings for January 6, 2025, as well as the financial documents through November 2024.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the Record of Proceedings for January 6, 2025 as well as the financial documents through November 2024.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Mrs. Evans updated the BOCC, that she currently has 3 open Adult protection cases, 2 open child welfare cases, and 39 child support cases. There were 101 eligibility applications processed in December and 84 LEAP cases processed and approved.

Forst/Hatfield Boundary Adjustment

Previously 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 would be created and neither property would be reduced to less than 35 acres. A final plat has been presented to the BOCC.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the boundary adjustment between Dan and Rhonda Forst and Doug Hatfield.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

USFS Timber Contracts Discussion Regarding the Use of County Roads in the USFS Timber Contracts

David and Nick Mustoe with the USFS attended the meeting to discuss the use of Dolores County Roads by timber haulers purchasing USFS Timber Contracts. There is concerns that the timber haul routes use Dolores County Roads that are on seasonal maintenance only. Contractors have indicated they believe the contract allows them to use the roads even during seasonal closures. The Road and Bridge Department will provide an informational letter regarding road use and regulations and who they need to contact regarding the County portion of the roads.

Executive Session

Attorney Golbricht requested an executive session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) to provide legal advice. It was his opinion that the matters constituted privileged attorney communications and therefore no minutes or recordings would be kept. The executive session began at 11:04 AM and ended at 11:56 AM. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to move to the executive session at 11:04 AM.
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Following the executive session it was explained that a situation has been presented to the BOCC by Sheriff Don Wilson regarding a traffic citation issued to one of the Dolores County Deputies. The Deputy was assisting the Colorado State Patrol with safety precautions during an accident. While moving his squad car with his emergency lights on, another vehicle came by and there was a collision. The BOCC was asked by the Sheriff to hire a defense attorney to represent the deputy in the traffic matter. The citation does not seem warranted. The Request would be for private legal representation with an expense of \$2,000.00.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the \$2,000.00 for a private attorney to represent the Dolores County Deputy that was involved in an accident while helping CSP in another accident.
Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

New Business

Southwestern Water Conservation District County Board Representative Designation:

Steve Garchar put in his request to be the Dolores County Representative, he took on the interim role in December of 2024, with the 3-year Term to be designated during the first BOCC meeting of 2025.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve Steve Garchar as the Southwestern Water Conservation District County Board Representative, this will be an interim position with the availability to be the 3-year representative upon approval from the new BOCC during County reorganization for 2025.
Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

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Commissioner Cook and Yellowman voted in favor of the motion, Commissioner Garchar abstained from the vote.

Juwi Letter of Support to Montezuma County: Juwi has asked the BOCC to write a letter of support from Dolores County to be issued with their application in an upcoming project application.

Commissioner Garchar stated he was uncomfortable with doing this and swaying Montezuma County when JUWI's project is not yet complete.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the letter of support for JUWI to Montezuma County.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

Commissioner Cook and Yellowman voted in favor of the motion, Commissioner Garchar voted against.

Resolution #1-25-02 Public Depositories: A Resolution approving and designating Public Depositories in which the Dolores County Treasurer may deposit public funds and impose certain conditions upon such deposits.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve Resolution #1-25-02 approving and designating Public Depositories.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Dolores County Planning Commission Member Approval: Steve Garchar submitted a letter of request to be on the Dolores County Planning Commission.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve Steve Garchar to be on the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

Commissioner Cook and Yellowman voted in favor of the motion, Commissioner Garchar abstained from the vote.

Commissioner Garchar adjourned the meeting.

Chair to the Board of County Commissioners

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

Approved January 21, 2025