

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Dolores County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**February 3, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Dolores County Courthouse, Dove Creek, Colorado on February 3, 2025. Present for the meeting was Commission Chair, Eric Stiasny, Commission Vice Chair Linda Yellowman, Commissioner Phyllis Davis, 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, Lisa Bunker/Tri-State, Johnny Giles/Tri-State, John Barger/Juwi, Steve Garchar, Floyd Cook, Damiond Smith-Dove Creek Ambulance Chief

Zoom – Orion Lane/Air Care, Drew Hollen, DC Extension, Ashley Spigner, Paula Stewart, Matt Schiff and Ronda Lancaster

**Payroll for January 30, 2024**

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$ 7,462.01	6 Employees		
County Clerk:	\$ 3,145.89	3 Employees		
County Treasurer:	\$ 2,497.62	2 Employees		
County Assessor:	\$ 4,160.55	4 Employees		
GIS:	\$ 672.22	1 Employee		
County Maintenance:	\$ 1,997.34	1 Employee	1 Part Time	
County Sheriff:	\$ 15,913.88	10 Employees	1 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$ 375.70	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$ 2,234.68	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$ 1,458.86	2 Employees	1 Part Time	
DCTV:	\$ 519.46		3 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$ 616.60		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$			
Senior Services:	\$ 9,282.28	2 Employees	11 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$ 6,495.67	3 Employees		
Mandatory Weed:	\$ 2,747.48	2 Employees		0 Temp
R&B Administration Other:	\$ 24,587.42	18 Employees		
Social Services:	\$ 9,857.88	8 Employees	1 Part Time	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 94,025.54</b>	<b>64 Employees</b>	<b>25 Part Time</b>	<b>0Temp</b>

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**Agenda**

Commissioner Davis made a motion to accept the agenda as presented.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Expenditures**

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to accept the Expenditures.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Minutes**

The January 14, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes and January 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes were presented for approval.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to approve the above-mentioned minutes.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**JUWI Update/John Barger**

John Barger JUWI Construction Manager updated the BOCC on the Dolores Canyon Solar project:

- There are currently 190 employees.
- They are still working on fencing and installing torque tubes for the solar panels.
- Inverters will start being delivered March 1, 2025.
- They are right on schedule with most things and a few areas are ahead of schedule, the good weather has allowed them to stay on track.
- After the project is complete they will remove most of the buildings and only one permanent building and maybe a shed will remain.
- There was some discussion regarding parking, onlookers and security etc. with the Sheriff.
- Mr. Barger, Commissioner Stiasny and Road Supervisor Steve Davis did a site visit to discuss drainage issues and are working on a resolution to those issues.

**VSO/VFW Building Office Use**

VSO Officer Rick Brown and VFW Member Dave McKusky requested a letter from the County regarding the need to have the VSO Office in the VFW Building. There has been discussion within the VFW of liability issues with VSO Offices being placed in the VFW Building. Mr. McKusky feels that it is best served at that location. The County pays rent for the office space as well as an annual donation. The local Veterans also feel like having the VSO Officer in the building is the best option for them. It was pointed out that the County has limited space within the County Offices.

### **Social Services Update/Malynda Evans**

Social Services Director Malynda Evans presented for approval the Record of Proceedings for February 3, 2025, as well as the financial documents through December 2024.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the Record of Proceedings for February 3, 2025 as well as the financial documents through December 2024.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Ms. Evans updated the BOCC, regarding her open cases and assistance applications:

- 4 Adult financial cases
- 1 behavioral health admin case
- 6 Colorado Works cases
- 124 Employment First Cases
- 315 Medical Assistance Cases
- 133 SNAP Cases
- 5 Workforce Development Cases
- 100 LEAP Applications Processed
- 38 Child Support Cases
- 3 Open Adult Protection Cases
- 2 Open Child Protection Cases

Ms. Evans also reported that they are meeting all State Standards for the CSTAT measures.

### **County Road N.2/Steve Garchar**

Steve Garchar attended the meeting requesting maintenance on County Road N.2. The road is classified as a Class 2 road. Mr. Garchar bought property at the end of the road and is having trouble accessing his property with farm equipment. He would like the road to be developed. Landowner Drew Hollen submitted a letter stating he is not in favor of this request. David Acree, also a landowner, joined the meeting via Zoom and stated he has property that is also accessed by the road, which is for sale, and he is in favor of the road development. There was discussion regarding the cost and time to do this project. Commissioner Davis requested a site visit as well as a detailed cost and time breakdown from the Road and Bridge Department. The discussion was tabled for the March 3, 2025 meeting.

### **Flight Care Insurance Information Presentation**

Orion Lane with Eagle Air Med presented to the BOCC Air Ambulance Insurance Options. This is a stand-alone policy not already included with the CIGNA insurance plan. The closest hospitals using Eagle Air Med are Monticello, Utah and Durango, CO. Coverage is for anything denied or not covered by current insurance carrier regarding Medical Air Care. The plan can be purchased by employees if desired. More information will be given to Lenore Johnson HR/Finance Director for review and distribution.

### **Dove Creek Ambulance/Damiond Smith**

Dove Creek Ambulance District Chief Damiond Smith attended the meeting with concerns and suggestions regarding EM services for the County. Mr. Smith has requested an EMS Council be formed. He feels the council should include multiple emergency services community members and agencies, as well as the existing Dolores County EMS Manager and West Fork Fire and Rico Fire Chiefs. There was also discussion requesting better communication between the County and the Ambulance District. Mr. Smith has also asked for a letter stating Dolores County approved local operating authority to The Dove Creek Ambulance District for their billing purposes. The State requires this confirmation annually. A letter as well as a copy of the Reorganization Minutes will be provided to the Ambulance District.

### **Groundhog Lazy Acres RV LLC New Liquor License**

Daryll Buffington and Larry Sharp submitted to the BOCC their application for the Groundhog Store Liquor License. A Public Hearing will be set for March 17, 2025 @ 10:00AM. The store owners will post proper notice at the store location as well as in the Cortez Journal with information regarding the Public Hearing.

### **5311 CDOT Subgrant/DC Senior Services**

Alisa Schultz Dolores County Senior Services Director submitted by DocuSign to Commissioner Stiasny a request for approval for the 5311 CDOT Subgrant in the amount of \$156,783.00. The purpose of this grant is to provide capital, planning, and operating assistance to states to support public transportation in rural areas with populations less than 50,000, and where many residents rely on public transportation.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to approve the 5311 CDOT Subgrant.  
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

### **Executive Sessions**

Attorney Golbricht introduced two executive sessions:

1. The first is to discuss County Security measures pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(d). A recording will be kept and destroyed after 90 days.
2. The second is to discuss an HR Matter pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(f). A recording will be kept and destroyed after 90 days.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to go into executive session at 1:18PM.  
Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.  
The executive session closed at 2:03PM, and no decisions were made.

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Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to go into executive session at 2:31PM  
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.  
The executive session closed at 3:25PM, and no decisions were made.

### **New Business**

**Funds Transfer Resolution: #02-25-01** The Dolores County Budget Officer made a request to Transfer Funds from the General Fund to the Public Health Fund in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to accept Resolution #2-25-01 Funds Transfer from General Fund to the Public Health Fund in the amount of \$100,00.00.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Funds Transfer Resolution: #02-25-02** The Dolores County Budget Officer made a request to Transfer Funds from the IMM 2 Grant Fund to the Public Health Fund in the amount of \$5131.00.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to accept Resolution #2-25-02 Funds Transfer from IMM 2 Grant to the Public Health Fund in the amount of \$5131.00.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

### **Senior Services Transportation Policies and Procedures Policy Update**

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to approve the Senior Services Transportation Policies and Procedures update policy.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

### **Impact Assistance Grant:**

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to approve the Impact Assistance Grant as presented by the Dolores County Assessor Amber Blackmore.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Pause in Wolf Reintroduction Letter of Support:** A letter of support regarding Garfield County's stance on pausing Wolf Reintroduction until further information and data and have a more secure defined reintroduction plan moving forward.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the Pause in Wolf Reintroduction Letter of support.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

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**Planning Commission Special Event Letter:** The Dolores County Planning Commission presented to the BOCC a letter of recommendation for the Youth Trek Special Event planned for the summer of 2025. The group submitted and discussed in great detail the Youth trek activities

and plan. The planning commission met with the applicants as well as the Dolores County Sheriff and EMS Manager. It is the planning commission's recommendation that the BOCC move forward with a public hearing for this event. A public hearing was set for March 3, 2025 at 10:30AM during the regularly scheduled BOCC Meeting. All notices and postings will be sent by the Planning Commission Director.

Commissioner Stiasny 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 February 18, 2025