

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

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Dolores County Courthouse, Dove Creek, Colorado on March 3, 2025. Present for the meeting were 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, DC Sheriff Don Wilson, DC Deputy Coty Kelshaw, Chris Caciagli/NetForce PC, Steve Garchar, Floyd Cook, and Bob Neely

Zoom – Mandatory Weed Director/Extension Oma Fleming, Drew Hollen

**Payroll for February 27, 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>

## **Agenda**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda, and it was accepted as presented.

## **Expenditures**

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

## **Minutes**

The February 18, 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.

## **County Road 15 Winter Maintenance and Property Tax Questions/Bob Neely**

Bob Neely attended the meeting to address the lack of winter maintenance on County Road 15 and to question the differences in Agriculture land tax values between Dolores and Montezuma County. Commissioner Stiasny stated he has been in discussion with the Road and Bridge department and is working on a formalized snow removal road priority plan. Regarding the property tax values and questions, Mr. Neely will need to speak with the Assessor who was unavailable for the meeting.

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

Steve Garchar had previously requested County Road N.2 be upgraded to at least allow better access for farm equipment. The discussion was tabled for a site visit and cost allocations to be determined. Mr. Garchar attended the meeting today to find out the results and decisions after more information was gathered. The time and cost to upgrade road N.2 would be far more costly than the purpose the road serves. The BOCC made no decisions to move forward with upgrades on County Road N.2 at this time.

## **Tax Abatement/DC Assessor Amber Blackmore**

Assessor Amber Blackmore presented to the BOCC a State issued tax abatement for CenturyTel of Eagle. It is a state assessed account. The abatement amount is \$7,179.86. Century Tel of Eagle has not paid yet as it was waiting on an updated tax notice. An updated notice will be sent showing the adjusted amounts.

## **Executive Session To Receive Legal Advice from Counsel Regarding Possible Litigation in a Bankruptcy**

Attorney Golbricht felt the information given did not require an executive session and updated the BOCC on the Paradox Basin ongoing bankruptcy. Previously Dolores County BOCC approved funds

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and the ability to enter into an agreement with San Miguel County to hire a bankruptcy attorney to represent Dolores County and San Miguel County. The hired bankruptcy attorney may have failed to perform the duties necessary to fully represent Dolores and San Miguel Counties. San Miguel County is exploring the hiring of a malpractice attorney and would like Dolores County to join them in the representation. The request would be to participate in hiring the attorney and authorizing a payment up to \$2,000.00 for now as Dolores Counties part.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to authorize \$2,000.00 to join San Miguel County in hiring a Malpractice Attorney to explore recovery from the previous law firm.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

### **Potential Transaction Involving a County Trailer and the Purchase of a Metal Sign for the Dolores County Sheriff's Office Evidence Building.**

The Dolores County Sheriff's Office has had Kyle Carhart make a custom metal sign for the Evidence Storage Building. Mr. Carhartt would like to trade the building of the sign for a 2000 Utility Trailer. Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis stated the cost to repair the trailer would be much higher than the cost of the sign, and \$300.00 is the value of the trailer for the condition it is in.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to approve the transaction to trade the 2000 Utility trailer for the metal security sign for the Sheriff's office building, acknowledging the trailer is not worth fixing and valued at \$300.00, which is lower than the cost of the sign.

Commissioner Davis 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 March 3, 2025, as well as the financial documents through January 2025.

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. There are 1268 Eligible Assistance Cases in Dolores County.

- 6 Adult Financial Cases
- 24 Colorado Works
- 880 Medicaid Cases
- 350 Food Assistance Cases
- 4 Open Child Welfare Cases
- 4 Open Adult Protection Cases
- 108 LEAP Applications ( The LEAP program ends in April)

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February Applications:

- 16 Medicaid Cases
- 24 Food Assistance Cases

### **Sheriff's Office IT Technical Services for Radio Installation**

Sheriff Don Wilson presented to the BOCC a contract from Eric Simmons for IT support for the new dispatch station in the Sheriff's Office. This is a one-time contract and job. Mr. Simmons has firsthand knowledge and security clearance to work on the dispatch radios for a Sheriff's Office. L&L Construction is the General Contractor for the office improvements. Attorney Golbricht has recommended Mr. Simmons provide a scope of services and possibly be added as a subcontractor under L&L Construction.

### **Executive Session – County System Security**

The BOCC went into Executive Session at 10:27AM to discuss County Security measures pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(d). A recording will be kept and destroyed after 90 days.

The Regular BOCC meeting reopened at 11:33 AM.

#### **K9 Unit Program Grant/Coty Kelshaw**

Dolores County Deputy is applying for a JAG grant for a K9 Unit program. The K9 unit would only be for narcotics searches only. The Animal could be used for home and traffic stop searches. Deputy Kelshaw would be the Deputy that trains and keeps the animal. Once all training is done he will be Nationwide Certified. The grant provides two years of full funding with the third year covering 75% of the funding and the fourth year

fully County funded. The estimated cost to fully fund the unit would be \$10,000.00. If the dog is used for an interdiction that collects funds, the funds do go back into the K9 Unit Fund.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the application of the JAG Grant for a Narcotics K9 Search Unit.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

### **New Business**

**Rico Trails Alliance Rico Bridge Planning Commission Public Hearing Update:** The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on February 24, 2025 concerning the Bridge in Rico presented by the Rico Trails Alliance. The Planning Commission approved the application to pass to the BOCC. The Rico Trails alliance group was waiting on some information from the USFS and a few others and asked to hold off on the BOCC Public Hearing.

#### **NCA Continued Support Letter:**

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Commissioner Davis Made a motion to suspend the rules and add the NCA Continued Support Letter to the Agenda.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Jim Candelaria Montezuma County Commissioner requested a continued letter of support for the Dolores River NCA that he will take with him on their trip to Washington to discuss the NCA. Commissioner Stiasny will write a letter and submit it to Commissioner Candelaria.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

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 March 17, 2025