

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Dolores County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**March 17, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Dolores County Courthouse, Dove Creek, Colorado on March 17, 2025. Present for the meeting were the 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 March 13, 2025**

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$ 9,283.84	6 Employees		
County Clerk:	\$ 3,145.89	3 Employees		
County Treasurer:	\$ 2,463.98	2 Employees		
County Assessor:	\$ 3,298.63	4 Employees		
GIS:	\$ 672.22	1 Employee		
County Maintenance:	\$ 1,997.34	1 Employee	1 Part Time	
County Sheriff:	\$ 15,606.72	10 Employees	1 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$ 375.70	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$ 2,234.68	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$ 2,139.72	2 Employees	1 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$ 622.13		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$ 116.36			
Senior Services:	\$ 9,348.25	2 Employees	11 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$ 6,886.12	3 Employees		
Mandatory Weed:	\$ 2,130.16	2 Employees		0 Temp
R&B Administration Other:	\$ 24,514.34	18 Employees		
Social Services:	\$ 9,114.50	8 Employees	1 Part Time	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 93,950.58</b>	<b>63 Employees</b>	<b>23 Part Time</b>	<b>0Temp</b>

***Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioner meeting, March 17, 2025***

**Agenda**

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.  
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**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 March 3, 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 N.2/Drew Hollen**

Drew Hollen attended the meeting to address County Road N.2 that was previously discussed during the February 3, 2025 and March 3, 2025 regular BOCC meetings. Steve Garchar requested the road be upgraded to at least allow better access for farm equipment. The discussion was tabled for a site visit and costs to be determined. After inspection of the road, it was determined the time and cost to upgrade road N.2 would be far more costly than the purpose the road serves and the BOCC made no decisions to move forward with upgrades at that time. Mr. Hollen had some different easement information than Mr. Garchar had presented and wanted the BOCC to be aware there is conflicting information. The BOCC still feels the cost to upgrade would be much greater than the need for the road. Copies of the information presented and to be supplemented by Mr. Garchar. will be kept for any future discussion, including as to possible vacation of the subject road.

**SB 24-174 Housing Needs Assessment/Shak Powers Region 9**

Mr. Powers updated the BOCC on SB 24-174 regarding the rules and regulations of the required housing needs assessment that must be done every six years. A full housing needs assessment is a costly procedure. There is some funding set aside through the Bill for these, but not enough. Region 9 is gathering all the requirements in SB 24-174 and building a template for providing a region wide housing assessment. Region 9 is working hard to make certain each jurisdiction that is in their region remains in compliance.

**Dolores Canyon Solar/JUWI Update**

John Barger JUWI/Dolores Canyon Solar Project Director attended the meeting to provide updates on the project:

- 100% of the grading work is finished.

- 70% of the panel posts are installed.
- All the Inverters have been set.
- 90% of all supply deliveries have been made so truck traffic will start to decrease.
- The substation work will start within the next 30 days.
- The workforce load will decrease to around 100 workers. These workers will remain until around August.

David Woods, Bruce Mackenzie, and Lyle Rice attended the meeting to discuss concerns with the project. Mr. Woods was concerned about drainage from the bare panel fields to his property; with no vegetation planted he worries there will be nothing to help with storm water runoff. He also questioned who was responsible for any weather damage due to insufficient storm water drainage after the build is done (later explained to be Tri-State). Sunrise Engineering did the Stormwater survey and plans. Currently the entire site is evaluated and monitored for any water issues. If there is any kind of weather event the site is checked right away. JUWI will bring in a hard copy of the Stormwater Plans for the BOCC or any person to view. There was further discussion regarding views, traffic, noise, etc. All of the mentioned concerns were addressed and noted during the Public Hearing before the project was approved. It was further explained that Tri-State will be responsible for complying on an ongoing basis with all terms and specifications of the entire Project application approved.

#### **Executive Session**

Attorney Golbricht stated the executive session was pursuant to CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(b) to receive legal advice from counsel regarding a planning and reimbursement issue. It was his opinion that the matters constituted privileged attorney/client communications and therefore no minutes or recordings would be kept.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to move into an executive session for legal advice at 10:01AM

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion by roll call.

The executive session ended at 10:44AM.

#### **Groundhog Lazy Acres RV Park Liquor License Public Hearing**

Commissioner Stiasny opened the Public Hearing for the Groundhog Lazy Acres RV Park Retail Liquor License at 10:45AM.

Larry Sharp and Darryl Buffington previously submitted their retail liquor license for the store at Groundhog Lake 41593 CR H Cahone, Co 81320. They are the new leaseholders with the store through MVI. They have filed the application with the state, paid all application and permit fees, obtained background checks, fingerprinting and all required paperwork. There was no public comment. The BOCC did not find cause to deny the application.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to approve the local retail liquor license for the Groundhog Lazy Acres RV Park located at 41593 CR H Cahone, Co 81320.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

### **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.

- Beaver Rim Gravel Pit is moving forward, and an operating plan is in progress.
- USFS would like to set up a Wildfire Evacuation Plan training scenario, probably up by Rico in the Spring of 2025.
- USFS has prescribed spring burns planned, weather permitting, for 1600 acres in the Salter Carlisle and 3700 acres on the Cottonwood road area.
- The Scoping Period for the Ponderosa Pine prescribed fire environmental assessment is over and the commenting period will open soon.

### **Courthouse Systems Security Assessment**

The BOCC has previously been in discussions with NetForce regarding a Courthouse Network assessment. A bid amount of \$3,560.00 has been received from NetForce to provide this assessment.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to accept and approve the bid from NetForce for \$3,560.00 pending a contract to perform the Network Evaluation.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

### **CART(Community Animal Response Team) Discussion**

Keith Keesling and Gus Westerman presented to the BOCC the CART plan. When finalized this will be an annex to the Emergency Operating Plan. The CART program details the emergency plan for animals in the event of an emergency. Dolores County and Montezuma County will be working together on this team. There was discussion regarding volunteers, management, liability insurance, etc. It was suggested that they explore using Montezuma County HR for the processing and maintenance of the volunteers. Mr. Keesling and Mr. Westerman will present a final plan to the BOCC for adoption at a later date.

### **New Business**

**DWC Letter of Support:** During the Meet and Greet with the Montezuma County and Dolores County Commissioners the DWC presented to both Boards information regarding federal funding freezes and requesting a letter of support from both boards supporting the ongoing funding.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to submit a letter of support to the DWC regarding ongoing funding during the federal funding freeze.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Sheriff's Office Flooring Bid:** Sheriff Wilson presented to the BOCC the flooring bids for the Dispatch Center remodel. Bids were received from Rubio's Flooring and Top Line Floors. There was discussion regarding static free flooring, Rubio's felt it was a moot point since all flooring is basically static free so

to purchase “static free flooring” would be an added unnecessary cost. Sheriff Wilson was fine with Rubio’s and their bid price.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to approve Rubio’s Floor Covering bid of \$8,697.53 for new carpet tiles for the dispatch center remodel in the Sheriff’s Office subject to contract drafting and approval.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**DC Elections Office Ballot Printing Contract:** DC Clerk Lana Hancock presented to the BOCC a new Ballot Printing Company KP, LLC dba KP elections Services and the contract for printing services. The new company offers a more tailored service of the size of Dolores County, which was also more affordable.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the Contract for Ballot Printing Services from KP, LLC dba KP Elections Services.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Funds Transfer Resolution# 03-25-01:** The Dolores County Budget Officer made a request to Transfer Funds from the Underfunded Court Grant to the General Fund in the amount of \$25,961.00.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to accept Resolution #03-25-01 Funds Transfer from Underfunded Court Grant to the General Fund in the amount of \$25,961.00.

Commissioner Davis 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 April 7, 2025