

MEETING MINUTES
Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners
April 21, 2025

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Rico Town Hall, Rico, Colorado on April 21, 2025. Present for the meeting were the Commission Chair, Eric Stiasny, Commission Vice Chair Linda Yellowman, Commissioner Phyllis Davis(Zoom), 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 –DC Sheriff Don Wilson, Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Road Supervisor John Nelson, Truck Supervisor Lonnie Pribble, West Fork Road Supervisor Jack Ayers, Matt Schiff, Allyn Svoboda, Rico Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy, and Rico Mayor Crystal Hibbard

Zoom

Payroll for April 15, 2025

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	
TOTAL:	\$ 94,025.54	64 Employees	25 Part Time	0Temp

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Agenda

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to approve the agenda with the added items.
Commissioner Davis 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

Presented for approval were the March 10, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes, March 25, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes, March 31, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes and April 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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.

Rico Road Maintenance Project

A contractor will be performing an environmental clean-up project in portions of Rico. Included in the project is funding for dust mitigation and certain maintenance on portion of the Rico roads. Rico lacks the equipment and manpower to prep and apply mag chloride to the roads. In the original plan, which was put out to bid, the project map included over five miles of road. There were no proposals received. The town has since adjusted the map to show 2.5/3 miles of road that is subject to the prep and mag. Due to the lack of response to the prior RFP, Rico is seeking to hire the County to perform the prep and application services. This would be a one-time project. Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis stated that to do the job correctly there would need to be extensive road work and maintenance, including storm water drainage systems done, etc. Rico town manager Chauncey McCarthy stated they would like to do the minimal this year. They would like to just get the surfaces smooth for this season and then in 2026 they should have the funding to do the stormwater systems, and work towards long term repairs. Mr. Davis reaffirmed he did not recommend doing it that way, but they would be able to do the work requested once an IGA between the Town and County was agreed upon. The County Attorney was directed to draft an IGA for the project, with costs estimates by Road and Bridge included.

Reallocating Salaries in the Sheriff's Office

Dolores County Sheriff Don Wilson attended the meeting to discuss employee salaries and positions in the Sheriff's office. The Sheriff's Office has five Deputy positions budgeted. The lower wages and demographics of Dolores County make those positions hard to fill. Sheriff Wilson would like to restructure his office and have only four deputies (one being the undersheriff) and reallocate

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the salary of the fifth deputy between the four deputies. This would be a long-term office structure with no plans of adding the fifth deputy position back in.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to reallocate salaries in the Sheriff's Office to the four deputies (one being the undersheriff), with no future plans of adding the fifth deputy back in.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Executive Session

The County Attorney sought an executive session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) to provide legal advice regarding Paradox Bankruptcy and legal action possibly going forward. It was his opinion that the matters constituted privileged attorney communications and therefore no minutes or recordings would be kept.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to move into executive session at 10:31AM.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

After coming out of the executive session, it was explained on the record that the actions of our prior bankruptcy attorneys, who were to represent us in the Paradox Basin Bankruptcy, may have failed to take appropriate action, resulting in the potential for Dolores and San Miguel Counties seek damages. The malpractice attorney engaged seeks authorization to hire a pre-litigation expert to provide an opinion on the case.

Commissioner Stiasny made a motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,000.00 to obtain a preliminary report. The \$1,000.00 is Dolores County's 20% contribution to the possible \$5,000.00 of the expense.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Old Business

Policy Review and Discussion: The BOCC will be reviewing and implementing policies over the next few months. The policy drafts will be sent out and discussed at the EOM Department head workshop with final approval at the next BOCC meeting. Included in these policies will be:

- PPE Policy
- Cell Phone Policy
- Breakroom Policy
- Funeral and Birthday Expense Policy

Commissioner Yellowman moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 AM

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Stiasny adjourned the meeting.

Chair to the Board of County Commissioners

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

Approved May 19, 2025