

MEETING MINUTES
Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners
April 28, 2025

A special meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Dolores County Courthouse, Colorado on April 28, 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: DC Sheriff Don Wilson, Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, GIS Director Amber Fisher, JUWI John Barger, JUWI John Martinez, Tri-state Jim Luigii

Zoom: TPI Productions Kendra Cook, Bill Perkins, Paul Scrivner, Peter Robinson, JUWI David Kimmett, JUWI Mark Ihnot, Tri-State Darryn Kramer

Agenda

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to approve the agenda.

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.

JUWI Update and Possible Violations of LDA Terms

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

- Currently there are 170 Employees on site.
- 90% of all Solar posts are installed.
- 70% of all torque tubes for racking systems are installed.
- 45-50% of all Panels are installed.
- System wiring and control connections to converters have been started.
- Most of all large deliveries have been made, with one more wide load delivery due in late May, which is a control building.

Construction project completion is still anticipated in late September.

An issue of possible lack of LDA compliance was discussed. JUWI is allowed per the LDA to work Monday – Friday 7:00AM to 7:00PM. A transformer was delivered on a Sunday. Per the original plan delivery was to take place on a Monday with the Road and Bridge Supervisor as well as Empire Electric

to be onsite to oversee the delivery. This was an oversized load with potential to cause road damage, powerline issues and traffic problems. Mr. Barger, Construction Manager, explained they were not aware in advance that the delivery was happening early and did not make the necessary calls when he found out. Mark Ihnot addressed the BOCC stating the transformer supplier arranged the transport after all permits were filed for with Dolores County, and they were aware of the timing for delivery. Mr. Ihnot did state they take full responsibility and agree there are no deliveries or work to be performed from Friday at 7:00PM to Monday Morning at 7:00AM.

Sheriff Wilson also addressed roads approved for use, as well as work being performed on Saturdays and Sundays. Mr. Barger stated he would put a sign on the gates stating no work to be performed on Saturday and Sunday.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to move into an executive session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) to provide legal advice regarding this matter and enforcement of the LDA at 11:00AM.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

BOCC came out of executive session at 11:16AM.

Two issues JUWI to be aware of going forward.

- The transformer delivery was a violation of the LDA regarding the limited work hours of Monday – Friday, which has been discussed at length. Fines may be imposed for such violations and/or injunctions sought.
- The transformer delivery was a violation of the permit for the heavy haul. It was hauled on a day not allowed by the permit, therefore did not allow monitoring by law enforcement or the road department. This could result in a \$1,000.00 fine as well as a suspension of all hauling operations as well as the County Attorney fees.

The BOCC will allow this to be a warning, but asks JUWI to remember the Community Members and to please follow all rules and regulations for safety and community relations etc. In the future if there are any further violations this discussion will reopen, and action will be taken.

Elections Security

The Dolores County Clerks/Elections Office is required to add more security cameras. The breakroom will need to be used during elections so a camera will be added there and outside the front door of their office showing entry and exit from that office. The cameras are only on during election time and record no sound. The price for the cameras after grant funding is \$3,354.75. This price includes two cameras, licensing, cable installation and shipping. The supply company will install the cameras, and the information will go directly to the state.

Commissioner Stiasny made a motion to approve the expenditure to Technology West for \$3,354.75 for election security upgrades.

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