

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Dolores County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**May 19, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Dolores County Courthouse, Dove Creek, Colorado on May 19, 2025. Present for the meeting were the Commission Chair, Eric Stiasny (Zoom), 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, DC Sheriff Don Wilson, Julie Suckla, David Sitton/Aspen Wall Wood, Corey Veach, Dusty Veach, Bruce and Joni White, and Tim Halper

Zoom – Kendra Cook, Trish Musgraves Demopolous, Tracey Beanland, Raquel Rainey, Montezuma County Public Health Laurel Schaefer, USFS Nick Mustoe, Megan Beanland, and Montrose Forest Products

**Payroll for May 15, 2025**

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$ 9,041.49	6 Employees	
County Clerk:	\$ 3,145.89	3 Employees	
County Treasurer:	\$ 2,463.98	2 Employees	
County Assessor:	\$ 4,166.60	4 Employees	
GIS:	\$ 672.22	1 Employee	
County Maintenance:	\$ 1,467.67	1 Employee	1 Part Time
Traffic Enforcement:	\$ 3,442.14	1 Employee	
County Sheriff:	\$ 12,784.03	6 Employees	1 Part Time
County Coroner:	\$ 375.70	1 Employee	
EMA:	\$ 2,234.68	1 Employee	
Extension:	\$ 1,396.36	2 Employees	1 Part Time
Veterans Office:	\$ 825.63		1 Part Time
Fair Board:	\$		
Senior Services:	\$ 10,377.88	2 Employees	11 Part Time
Health & Nurse:	\$ 6,866.31	4 Employees	
Mandatory Weed:	\$ 2,105.16	2 Employees	0 Temp
R&B Administration Other:	\$ 23,608.17	18 Employees	
Social Services:	\$ 10,102.42	7 Employees	1 Part Time
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 95,076.33</b>	<b>61 Employees</b>	<b>26 Part Time 0Temp</b>

### **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**

Presented for approval were the April 21, 2025 Regular BOCC 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.

### **Boundary Adjustment Preliminary Approval/Mark Coffey**

Mr. Coffey presented to the BOCC a request for preliminary approval for a boundary adjustment. Currently Mr. Coffey owns a 3.13-acre parcel located at 56322 HWY 491 Cahone, Co. as well as the 105.25 acres directly behind it. He would like to increase the acreage where the house is located to around 7 acres. There was discussion regarding whether the action would be a boundary adjustment or a subdivision exemption. Since the current lot was created by subdivision exemption prior to the current regulations, it was determined that the best action would be to classify it as a subdivision exemption. Boundary lines drawn by Mr. Coffey are set to give the most benefit available to the farm ground. A survey will be done by Huddleston Survey.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion for preliminary approval adding roughly 4 acres to the existing 3.13 for a total of 7 acres.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

### **Cottonwood Subdivision/Corey Veach**

Previously Corey Veach/Cottonwood subdivision owner went through the Subdivision process. Mr. Veach would like to take the current 35+ acre lots in the already existing Cottonwood Ranch subdivision and break them into 10/15-acre parcels. Mr. Veach followed the process all the way to the BOCC Public Hearing held on August 28, 2023. During that public hearing the BOCC determined that the HOA covenants had lapsed. A meeting with all subdivision members voting and adopting new covenants was

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not provided. The BOCC asked Mr. Veach if he would agree to continue the hearing in order to work on the covenant issues, including presenting evidence that the formalities of the prior covenants were followed. It was also noted that the BOCC had not yet weighed in on other possible issues with the subdivision, including road widths. Any such issues were reserved for a future hearing. Mr. Veach agreed to the continuance of the hearing. As of May 19, 2025 Mr. Veach had not provided any of the necessary documentation. On March 18, 2025 County Administrator Daves issued a letter to Mr. Veach advising him of the application process and the lack of activity for over a year as well as a Court of Appeals decision that would impact the ability of a County to approve the application with only seasonal road access. See, *Wolf Creek ski Corp vs BD of County Comm'rs*, 170 P.3d 821 (Colo. App. 2007). The court in that case held that it is abuse of discretion by a County to approve a subdivision without a minimum of year-round four wheeled vehicle access. Mr. Veach attended the meeting today to discuss the case and what that means for his subdivision request. After much discussion it was determined that the caselaw would not allow the subdivision to move forward without year-round wheeled access.

**Winter Log Hauling**

David Sitton/Owner Aspen Wall Wood, Montrose Forest Products and Nick Mustoe USFS (via Zoom) attended the meeting to discuss Winter Log Hauling operations specifically to the Groundhog Lake and Glade areas of Dolores County. In years passed the road is closed and there is no winter maintenance. The above-mentioned loggers as well as the USFS has requested the ability to do snow removal and haul logs year-round. There was discussion of road maintenance, fences, and how year-round availability provides easier access to seasonally used homes. Contracts are being written now for the timber sales and the option for year-round road use will be a large determining factor. Dolores County does not have the funds nor the Road and Bridge staff to support year-round activity. This discussion was tabled until the June 9, 2025 Regular BOCC Meeting. No decisions were made.

**San Juan Softie 100 Mile Foot Race Special Event Permit Renewal**

Amber Daves Planning Director and Liz Haubert Race Coordinator via zoom presented to the BOCC the renewal plan for the 100 Mile Foot Race, called the San Juan Softie. The race is in the San Juans, starting and ending just north of Durango. The course does pass through Dolores County, mostly being on forest service but briefly crossing roadways. There will be multiple aid stations throughout the race, with four of them being in Dolores County. Each aid station will have a satellite phone. There will be course sweepers, and each runner will be tracked when entering and leaving an aid station. They have obtained a permit from Forest Service and have submitted a special event permit with CDOT. The Dolores County Sheriff's Office and Keith Keesling EMS Director have been notified and have no major concerns. Chauncey McCarthy with the Town of Rico has also been notified.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to approve the Special Event Renewal for the San Juan Softie 100 Mile Foot Race.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Communication -DCTV/Bill Perkins**

Bill Perkins attended the meeting to discuss the DCTV program that has previously been discontinued, which he feels leaves a lack of communication and transparency for meetings. Mr. Perkins also feels like there is equipment used for the DCTV program that he had purchased when he previously helped with the program. He would like the equipment transferred to his company or to be paid for an invoice previously submitted but retracted. Mr. Perkins would like to be in charge of communications for the County. The BOCC would like to have all equipment from DCTV be inventoried and valued then have further discussion from there. Mr. Perkins offered to come and do an inventory and possibly provide a proposal for equipment, at no cost to the County.

Commissioner Stiasny made a motion to have Bill Perkins/TPI Productions conduct an inventory and possible proposal for equipment at no cost to the County.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**New Business**

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to approve Kendra Cook, Kyle Carhart and Rick Gersch as new members to the Dolores County Lodging Tax Board.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**MOU with USDA Rocky Mtn Region Local Law Enforcement:** Sheriff Wilson presented to the BOCC MOU between Dolores County Sheriff's Office and the USDA Forest Service Rocky Mountain Region Law Enforcement and Investigations. The purpose of this MOU is to identify protocols for the Sheriff's office and the USDA, Forest Service when it is engaging in enforcement actions in Dolores County. This is a 5-year contract. In the last few years this has been a paid contract that will now be unfunded. Patrols will not be regular this year; they will be on call unless the deputies are up there for other reasons.

Commissioner Stiasny made a motion to approve the MOU between the Dolores County Sheriff's Office and the USDA Rocky Mountain Region Local Law Enforcement for help law enforcement on Forest Service property.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Social Services Core Services Plan:** Malynda Evans presented to the BOCC the 2025 Dolores County Core Services Plan. This plan describes how the County uses its core services funds i.e.: adoption, prevention services, child welfare investigations, youth in conflict cases – anything related to child welfare.

Commissioner Stiasny made a motion to approve the 2025 Core Services Plan presented by Malynda Evans.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Stiasny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:45

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