

MEETING MINUTES
Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners
June 9, 2025

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Dolores County Courthouse, Dove Creek, Colorado on June 9, 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(via Zoom), 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, Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, DC Clerk Lana Hancock

Zoom – Kendra Cook, Assessors Office, Public Health Megan Beanland and Raquel Raney, Rico Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy, Gerrish Willis, USFS Nick Mustoe, Montrose Forest Products Jerrod Stentson and Tom Henderson, Aspen Wall Wood David Sitton

Payroll for May 29, 2025

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$ 9,163.11	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	\$ 1,967.80	1 Employee	
County Sheriff:	\$ 11,043.73	6 Employees	1 Part Time
County Coroner:	\$ 375.70	1 Employee	
EMA:	\$ 2,234.68	1 Employee	
Extension:	\$ 1,546.81	2 Employees	1 Part Time
Veterans Office:	\$ 608.83		1 Part Time
Fair Board:	\$		
Senior Services:	\$ 10,159.86	2 Employees	14 Part Time
Health & Nurse:	\$ 4,477.03	3 Employees	
Mandatory Weed:	\$ 2,105.16	2 Employees	0 Temp
R&B Administration Other:	\$ 23,260.76	18 Employees	
Social Services:	\$ 10,109.18	7 Employees	1 Part Time
TOTAL:	\$ 88,969.01	61 Employees	24 Part Time 0Temp

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Agenda

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the agenda adding the FAMLI Leave for Short Term Disability Discussion, and deleting the 9:30 Matt Schiff CR N.2, 10:00AM Subdivision Exemption, and 10:30 Town of Dove Creek Law Enforcement agenda items.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Expenditure

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 May 5, 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.

Winter Log Hauling

During the May 19, 2025 Nick Mustoe with the USFS as well as Aspen Wall Wood Owner David Sitton and Montrose Forest Products Tom Henderson and Jarrod Stentson attended the meeting to discuss the option of winter log hauling on Dolores County Roads. These business owners are requesting access to seasonally maintained roads to haul logs off USFS per Timber Contracts during the winter months. The discussion was tabled for today's meeting. There was continued discussion with no decision made. A workshop with the USFS, BOCC, Dolores County Road and Bridge Department and all logging contractors will be held on July 23, 2025 @ 10:30AM at the PSC.

Social Services Update/Malynda Evans

Commissioner Stiasny made a motion to suspend the rules of order and add Social Services Update to the agenda.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Social Services Director Malynda Evans presented for approval the Record of Proceedings for June 9, 2025, as well as the financial documents through April 2025.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the Record of Proceedings for June 9, 2025 as well as the financial documents through April 2025.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion

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Ms. Evans updated the BOCC regarding her open cases and assistance applications. There are 558 Eligible Assistance Cases in Dolores County. There were 44 eligibility cases applied for in May and the following ongoing cases:

- 39 Child Support Cases
- 1 Open Child Welfare Cases
- 6 Open Adult Protection Cases
- Leap Program has ended
- 2 Childcare Cases

Showers At the Public Health Building

There was concern from the BOCC regarding community members showering at the Public Health Building. They would like to add a BOH meeting following the June 16, 2025 Regular BOCC Meeting, to consider taking long-term action regarding this matter.

Commissioner Stiasny made a motion to suspend the public use of the shower at the Public Health building until the BOH can officially meet.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Paradox Basin Resources Bankruptcy

Executive Session: Attorney Golbricht requested an executive session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) to provide legal advice regarding the Paradox Bankruptcy. It was his opinion that the matters constituted privileged attorney communications and therefore no minutes or recordings would be kept.

Commissioner Stiasny made a motion to move to executive session at 11:36AM.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

The regular meeting of the BOCC was reopened at 12:08PM No Decisions were made during the Executive session.

New Business

Lottery Funds Requests Approval: The Lottery Trust Board shared their recommendations regarding the distribution of the \$7,500.00 available lottery funds. Four requests were received. The funds were distributed as follows:

Xi Delta Tau Sorority requested \$3,000.00 for the purchase of a lawncare maintenance equipment to help with Cahone park and will receive \$2,500.00.

The Dolores County Fair Board requested \$2,000.00 to go towards installing a mini split in the Fairgrounds kitchen. They will receive \$2,500.00.

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The Dolores County Pioneer Center requested \$400.00 to purchase bedding plants to be planted in the landscaping barrels purchased with the previous year's Lottery Funds. They will receive \$500.00.

The Colorado Laureate Delta Beta Sorority requested \$5,000.00 for continued improvements to Weber Park. They will receive \$2,000.00.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to approve all Lottery Funds requests as presented by the Lottery Fund Board.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Breakroom Expense Policy Resolution #06-25-01: A policy outlining the use and expenditures associated with Courthouse employee breakrooms.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to approve Resolution #06-25-01 Breakroom Expense Policy.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Funeral/ Celebratory Expense Policy Resolution #06-25-02: A policy outlining the guidelines for County Staff in the even of a funeral or celebratory even to both honor employees while establishing a fair and economical process.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to approve Resolution #06-25-02 Funeral/Celebratory Policy.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

FAMLI Short Term Disability: HR/Finance Director has asked for discussion regarding the County short term disability policy. Currently Anthem is the County policy provider. Ms. Johnson would like to explore other options. More information is needed, and the discussion will continue during the June 16, 2025 Regular BOCC Meeting.

Commissioner Stiasny made a motion to suspend discussion and action for the June 16, 2025 BOCC Meeting.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Vavra Property for the EMS Cabin: Attorney Golbricht updated the BOCC regarding the land lease for the property that may be used to place the EMS Cabin, which was purchased through grant funding in 2024. There were previous discussions regarding a possible lease agreement. Ms. Vavra has some new questions and concerns that will have to be addressed before final documents can be executed.

Commissioner Stiasny 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.

Chair to the Board of County Commissioners

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners
Approved August 4, 2025