

**MEETING MINUTES
Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners**

January 16, 2024

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Dolores County Courthouse in Dove Creek, Colorado on January 16, 2024. Present for the meeting were Commission Chair Steve Garchar, Vice Chair Linda Yellowman, Commissioner Floyd Cook, 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 – Public Health Director Tracey Beanland, Social Services Director Malynda Evans, USFS Field Office Director Nick Mustoe, BLM Field Office Director Derek Padilla, BLM Canyon of The Ancients Director Ray Oneil, and DC Treasurer Taylor Funk

Payroll for January 11, 2024

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$ 8,187.06	6 Employees		
County Clerk:	\$ 3,081.28	3 Employees		
County Treasurer:	\$ 2,492.29	2 Employees		
County Assessor:	\$ 4,412.68	4 Employees		
GIS:	\$ 1,261.10	1 Employee		
County Maintenance:	\$ 1,432.39	1 Employee	1 Part Time	
County Sheriff:	\$ 14,632.17	10 Employees	1 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$ 459.93	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$ 1,312.07	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$ 1,402.27	2 Employees	1 Part Time	
DCTV:	\$ 562.59		3 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$ 499.46		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$ 69.26			1 Temp
Senior Services:	\$ 9,302.28	2 Employees	13 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$ 5,245.65	3 Employees		
Mandatory Weed:	\$ 2,103.86	2 Employees		
R&B Administration Other:	\$ 24,859.47	18 Employees		
Social Services:	\$ 11,201.46	6 Employees	3 Part Time	
TOTAL:	\$92,517.27	64 Employees	22 Part Time	1 Temp

Agenda

Commissioner Cook made a motion to accept the agenda.
Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Expenditures

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving payment of the expenditures.
Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

2024 Dolores County Reorganization Approval

Commissioner Cook made a motion that Steve Garchar remain BOCC Chair for the 2024 year, and Linda Yellowman remain Vice Chair.
Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the vote.

Deputy Clerk to the Board, Shayla Oliver submitted for approval the 2024 Dolores County Reorganizational document. Commissioner Yellowman noted the Library Board Members needed to be corrected.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion approving the 2024 Reorganization document with the Library Board Members Corrected and Rehire of all Employees.
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Weed District Areas of Operation

Weed District Secretary Oma Fleming presented the Dove Creek Mandatory Weed Control District, District Wide Weed Management Plan and the County Wide Weed Management Plan.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion to approve the Dove Creek Mandatory Weed Control District, District Wide Weed Management Plan and the County Wide Weed Management Plan.
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Rico Fire Ambulance License Approval

Clerk to the Board Shayla Oliver submitted for approval the application and supporting documentation from the Rico Fire Ambulance for the 2024 operating license renewal and approval.

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving the 2024 operating license for Rico Fire Ambulance.
Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Dove Creek Ambulance District License Approval

Clerk to the Board Shayla Oliver submitted for approval the application and supporting documentation from the Dove Creek Ambulance District for the 2024 operating license renewal and approval.

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving the 2024 operating license for Dove Creek Ambulance District.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Social Services Update/Malynda Evans

Social Services Director Malynda Evans presented for approval the Record of Proceedings for January 16, 2024 as well as the financial documents through November 2023.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion approving the above-mentioned documents.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Mrs. Evans requested the BOCC approve the MOU with the Colorado Department of Health Services for the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the MOU with the Colorado Department of Health Services for the Child Care Assistance Program.

Commissioner Yellowman 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.

- Mr. Mustoe brought maps to show the timber sales within the county as well as information regarding contract holders and length of contract, and their time remaining. Dolores County would like to be involved in the road use portion of the contracting. Mr. Mustoe said they would add the Dolores County Road Use Permit into their logging contract packet.
- Commissioner Garchar questioned the USFS process for travelers who use FS Roads and their vehicles are stranded due to weather related incidents. The USFS currently has no policies and works out each situation as it happens. They would be willing to discuss future options with Dolores County regarding plowing the roads to allow access for the towing companies.

BLM Update/Derek Padilla

Derek Padilla Tres Rios Office Field Manager for the BLM joined the meeting via zoom to update the BOCC on current happenings involved with Dolores County and surrounding areas.

- GUSG and Big Game Management Commenting period close on February 6, 2024.
- Finished burning the piles on the West Rim; There were 20/30 piles and in the last storm they were able to finish the burn project.

- The EA for the Disappointment Pit should be finished and ready by the time the County is ready to access this year.
- The Black Snag Pit Road Realignment has not had any updates or changes.

BLM Canyon of The Ancients Update/Ray Oneill

Ray Oneil/BLM Canyon of the Ancients Monument Manager joined the meeting and would like to attend meetings quarterly to update regarding the Monument.

- During the upcoming Resource Advisory Committee meeting February 6 and 7, the discussion will include the vacant grazing allotments in the southern part of the monument. This allotment is sparking a lot of interest from both sides of the spectrum; Cattle ranchers wanting grazing rights as well as groups wanting to protect the resources. The BLM is working towards a solution that will work in the best interest of both groups.
- The trespass horse issue is an ongoing and growing problem. Over the last year and a half, the BLM has tried to track the number of horses in the area. BLM is continually working towards a solution.
- The Painted Hand Monument has had many improvements and will be the meeting point for the February 6 RAC Meeting Field Trip.

New Business

Dolores/Norwood Road Closure Resolution# 01-24-09: A Resolution was presented temporarily closing County Road 31 - Dolores/Norwood Road to wheeled-vehicles due to actual or likely snow-packed conditions and or to prevent damage or destruction due to deterioration, rain, snow or other climatic conditions. The closure shall be posted by signage at the Cottonwood Gate, Disappointment Shop, and at the San Miguel/Dolores County Line. Based upon input from the County Road Superintendent and Emergency Manager, the BOCC finds that the Dolores-Norwood Road is or is likely snow-packed, creating conditions warranting over-snow use only, or is in danger of damage or destruction due to mixed snow and high moisture on the road. The closure will remain in effect until the seasonal snow-pack is melted and the road is no longer a danger for unsafe travel or in danger of damage due to high moisture.

CRS § 42-4-106(3)(d) provides that the County may close wheeled-vehicle travel on a county highway due to actual or likely snow-packed conditions for a continuous seasonal period, allowing for over-snow use only; and

CRS § 42-4-106(1) provides that the County may close vehicular travel on a County highway in order to prevent damage or destruction due to deterioration, rain, snow, or other climatic conditions.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve Resolution# 01-24-09, a Resolution temporarily closing County Road 31- Dolores/Norwood Road.

Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Request for release of bond for L&L Construction: Commissioner Cook addressed with the Board a request from L&L Construction/Loren Workmen for a release of their cash construction bond. L&L Construction has done many jobs for Dolores County and typically gives cash bonds. They do the majority

of the work with minimal subcontractors hired. The publication of project completion settlement date was posted twice as required by statute with no claims within 10 days. While the subject bond statutes indicate a longer release period, they also indicate any claims must be made within 10 days of the settlement posting. There are two cash bonds in question for the Sheriff's Evidence Building and the Public Health Drive-Thru and Covered Entry Way.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to release the bond for L&L Construction.
Commissioner Yellowman seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Dolores County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report: The Dolores County Treasurer in and for the County of Dolores and the State of Colorado certified the statement of the semi-annual report.

Commissioner Yellowman made a motion approving the Semi-Annual Report.
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Garchar adjourned the meeting.

Chair to the Board of County Commissioners

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

Approved March 4, 2024