

**Proceedings of the Dolores County Board of  
County Commissioners**

**September 16, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado on September 16, 2019. Present for the meeting were Chairperson Floyd Cook, Commissioner Julie Kibel and Commissioner Steve Garchar. Also, present for the meeting were County Attorney Dennis Golbricht, County Administrator Margret Daves and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner.

The meeting began with everyone standing to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guests**

Mapping and Addressing Specialist Amber Fisher, Social Services Director Malynda Evans, Wildfire Adapted Partnership Representatives Ashley Downing and Alex Graf, Bureau of Land Management Representatives Connie Clementson and Heather Sauls, Dolores County Property Owner Corey Veach,

**Approval of August 15, 2019 Payroll**

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$7,554.74	6 Employees		
Transfer Station	\$735.44		1 Part Time	
County Clerk:	\$3,289.98	3 Employees		
County Treasurer:	\$2,563.28	2 Employees		
County Assessor:	\$4,001.55	4 Employees		
Traffic Enforcement	\$1,551.10	1 Employee		
GIS:	\$1,166.29	1 Employee		
County Maintenance:	\$1,394.57	1 Employee		
County Sheriff:	\$11,762.32	8 Employees	1 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$420.77	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$1,070.86	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$1,288.19	2 Employees		
DCTV:	\$1,227.63		8 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$480.22		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$60.95			1 Temp
Senior Services:	\$9,901.77	3 Employees	13 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$2,866.17	2 Employees		
Mandatory Weed:	\$2,007.70	2 Employee	1 Part Time	
Admin Other:	\$24,255.61	19 Employees	2 Part Time	
Social Services:	\$5,765.86	5 Employees		
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$83,365.00</b>	<b>61 Employees</b>	<b>27 Part Time</b>	<b>1 Temp</b>

**Agenda,**

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to accept the agenda with additions.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Minutes**

There were no minutes for approval.

**Payroll and Expenditures**

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to accept payroll and expenditures.  
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**High Resolution Imagery Discussion**

Mapping and Addressing Specialist Amber Fisher again discussed the possible purchase of high-resolution imagery of Dolores County and its incorporated areas. Empire Electric originally requested that the County assist with the expense for purchasing the imagery along with several other entities. Numerous meetings and discussions were held with potential stake-holders, however, Empire Electric has now backed out. Ms. Fisher would now like the County to purchase the imagery along with Montezuma County, the Town of Rico and the Town of Dove Creek. Three-inch imagery is preferential but twelve-inch imagery would be better than what the County currently has at a significantly lowered cost. Ms. Fisher also shared Apollo Mapping Companies costs and imagery release dates, which would allow the County to obtain the imagery but not until 2021.

**Wildfire Adapted Partnership Presentation**

Wildfire Adapted Partnership Representatives Ashley Downing and Alex Graf gave a power point presentation detailing the wildfire education and mitigation activities of WAP. WAP in collaboration with the Dolores Watershed Resilient Forest (DWRF) have been working to reduce wildfire risk in the Dolores Watershed which provides drinking and irrigation water to thousands of people. A letter of support was requested to help obtain grant funding that would assist with the ongoing effort to expand rapid risk assessments and associated subsequent community meeting costs that would be greatly beneficial to the over 2000 residents of Dolores County. The BOCC agreed to sign a letter of support of WAP "Creating Fire Adapted Communities in Dolores County" grant proposal request.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to sign a letter of support for WAP to seek grant funding.  
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Social Services Update**

Social Services Director Malynda Evans presented the Record of Proceedings from August 19, 2019 as well as the Expenditures and Reconciliation Summary from August 31, 2019.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to approve the above-mentioned items.  
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Ms. Evans requested that a contract be signed to obtain assistance with services for technical support, as well as, a Department of Health Care Policy and Financing Agreement with the State of Colorado for renewing County incentives.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to approve the above-mentioned contracts.  
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Public Comment**

There was no one present to comment during this period.

**Forest Service Update**

USFS Representative Tom Rice was present in Derek Padilla's place.

Dolores County property owner Corey Veach requested that a cattle guard be releveled near Thompson Lane off of Road 31. Mr. Rice will have the cattle guard inspected for size and weight limit adequacies. Dolores County Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis was asked if he was familiar with the cattleguard. Mr. Davis had previously had the road hand responsible for that road check the cattle guard. A report of the cattleguard being functional with no concern was reported.

Commissioner Kibel mentioned the request by the Rico Trails Alliance that 5 trails be reopened or rerouted to include motorized and non-motorized use. Mr. Rice explained the situations with each trail which included Circle Trail, Railroad Grade and, Ryman Creek which will all be non-motorized trails that enable access directly adjacent to Rico. Spring Creek on Taylor Mesa was part of a motorized route that ran adjacent to several other creeks that inhabit the green back cutthroat. A reroute that will include Eagle Creek and Stoner Creeks Eagle Peak on Calico Mountain will tie in 4 more miles of motorized use.

Cabin Creek day use facility was discussed for use as a campground facility. Mr. Rice said several steps would have to be taken before camping would be allowed. The County will post signage stating that only day use is allowed, with no overnight camping.

Dolores County staff mowed areas around the picnic tables, grills and cleaned the walking path. A fresh coat of paint was also added to tables and benches as part of an agreement with the Forest Service to keep Cabin Creek open and available to Dolores County residents.

**BLM Update**

BLM Representative Connie Clementson introduced Heather Sauls the newly acting Tres Rios Field Office Manager.

The BLM currently operates under existing travel route resource management plans; they are now being directed to go to designated travel management routes. Information is being gathered so a proposal can be sent out for comment on the designations.

Rolling out the (ACEC) Areas of Critical Environmental Concern. A total of seventeen areas were analyzed.

The Aspen Environmental Assessment for harvesting Aspens is out for the objection period this week.

The Lone Pine harvesting project is still out for comment.

Scoping for the motorized Sage Hen Trail was released. There was discussion about the trails proposed route and potential interference with big game habitat and migration routes, all of which will continue to be discussed in upcoming meetings.

**New Business**

**Pioneer Center Sprinkler System Discussion:** Pioneer Center Director Julie Bingham had requested a bid proposal for the installation of a sprinkler system and sod on the north side of the Pioneer Center from a local business

owner. After discussion the BOCC chose to put the project out to bid in order to comply with the County procurement policy due to the estimated amount of the project.

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**Griffith Subdivision Exemption:** A Rico area parcel sale was questioned in regards to a subdivision plat with various sized lots and septic compliance issues. Gerald Huddleston is reviewing the original plat in 1991. Attorney Golbricht suggested that the County recognize the lot as acceptable as is. A septic locate will be requested.

#### Old Business

**Public Service Center North Porch Reconstruction Discussion and Possible Decision:** Discussion continued over the Public Service Centers north roof overhangs. Bids to remedy the problem were reviewed and discussed.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to accept the bid received in March 2018 from Cruzan Construction to replace the porches on the north side of the Public Service Center where there are two different pitched roofs with a problematic gap between them allowing snow accumulation on the shop compressors and electrical box. Contingency is upon the bid being the same price as it was in the spring.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Groundhog and Disappointment Road Mile Marker Discussion:** Mapping and Addressing Specialist Amber Fisher discussed the cost of purchasing mile markers to be installed along the Dolores Norwood Road and the Disappointment Road to assist with emergency services and patrol duties. The BOCC directed Ms. Fisher to proceed with ordering the signs and lettering.

Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting.

*Floyd A. Cook*

Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

*Joseph Hurdner*

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

