

**Proceedings of the Dolores County Board of
County Commissioners
April 9, 2020**

A special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held via Zoom conferencing in Dove Creek, Colorado on April 9, 2020. Present for the meeting were Chairperson Julie Kibel, Commissioner Steve Garchar and Commissioner Floyd Cook, Attorney Dennis Golbricht, County Administrator Margret Daves and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner.

The meeting began with Commissioner Kibel reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

Jones and Demille Engineering Firm Representatives Scoot Flannery and Jamison Christensen, Tri-Hurst Construction Company Representative Cooper Sharp, Community Voice and DCTV Representative Kendra Cook, Sheriff Don Wilson, BLM Field Manager Connie Clementson, CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman and CSU Extension Secretary Oma Fleming

Minutes

There were no minutes available for approval.

Agenda

Commissioner Cook made a motion to accept the agenda as emailed out.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Executive Session

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to enter into an Executive Session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(e)(I) for the purpose of determining negotiating positions relative to the Social Services contract and bids, as well as related to County property interests per the advisement of Attorney Golbricht. A recoding of the session will be kept for 90 days.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Kibel ended the Executive Session at 2:32pm. Attorney Golbricht stated that the Executive Session subject matter was to give the Social Services Project Owner's Representative, Jones and Demille, directive to communicate to the General Contracting Company, Tri-Hurst, expectations for Phase 2 of the project.

A workshop was tentatively scheduled for April 28, 2020 to continue with the new sub contracted bids and floorplan cuts to meet the budget.

New Business

US Department of the Interior (BLM) Competitive Coal Lease Discussion: BLM Tres Rios Field Manager Connie Clementson had previously shared an email with details concerning a coal lease up for bid in La Plata County per the request of Commissioner Garchar. No action was necessary as the details did not pertain to Dolores County.

Empire Electric (on Kinder Morgan property) Tax Abatement Recognition: An imputed error, on property classified as CIAC (Contributions in Aid of Construction) that had been transferred to Tri-State G&A and Trans Association in 2019, was discovered for the Kinder Morgan property when the 2020 tax statements were received.

Assessor Berna Ernst had previously reviewed and signed the abatement request.

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving the new breakdown of assessed property value by taxing district for the Kinder Morgan property for the 2019 year along with the petition for refund of taxes. Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

US Department of the Interior (BLM) Proposed Treatment of Vegetation Discussion: BLM Tres Rios Field Manager Connie Clementson discussed the optional request for a reply letter previously sent to the BOCC in regards to input being sought in a proposal to treat vegetation in Dolores and San Miguel Counties. The proposed prescribed 8900-acre burn within a 34,376-acre project area is 15 miles northeast of Dove Creek, Colorado on the south side of Disappointment Valley. Mastication and hand thinning would be used to reinforce containment lines as needed. Some supplemental seeding and/or herbicide treatment would follow if determined necessary. The containment line preparation could begin as early as the summer of 2020. A prescribed fire would likely occur beginning fall of 2020 and continue each year (as budget allows) over the next 20 years when favorable environment conditions exist.

COVID-19 was discussed as it may pertain to the prescribed burn with wind directions and safe breathing air conditions.

The BOCC had no concerns.

BLM Restroom Facilities Discussion: Ms. Clementson said the BLM's goal is to keep public lands open in conjunction with CDC guidelines in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Restroom facilities at Lowry Ruins National Monument and the Bradfield Bridge Campground are closed due to frequent use that may jeopardize BLM employee's health during cleaning due to the COVID-19 pandemic germs on surfaces lifespan. Porta-johns have been placed at both locations for the public.

At this time the Dolores River Canyon's three restrooms (The Pumps, Mountain Sheep and Box Elder) are open. The possibility of closing one restroom at a time, on an alternating schedule, for a one-week time period, to allow possible Corona virus germs to die before cleaning was discussed as public use increases. Porta-john rentals may also be implemented.

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Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

Public Comment

Commissioner Kibel shared that San Juan Forest Service Representative Derek Padilla had been in contact informing the BOCC that Forest Service Campgrounds will remain closed due to COVID-19 and that a Stage 2 Fire Restriction is currently in place.

Commissioner Kibel closed the meeting.



Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners



Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners



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