

**Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners**

June 1, 2020

A special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held via Zoom conferencing in Dove Creek, Colorado on June 1, 2020. Present for the meeting were Chairperson Julie Kibel, Commissioner Steve Garchar and Commissioner Floyd Cook and County Administrator Margret Daves. Attorney Dennis Golbricht attended via ZOOM.

The meeting began with everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

Town of Dove Creek Mayor Brett Martin, Dolores County Sheriff Don Wilson, West Dolores Cemetery District Secretary Joan Thompson

Payroll for May 29, 2020

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$7,755.39	7 Employees		
Commissioner Other	\$742.50		1 Part Time	
County Clerk:	\$3,328.51	3 Employees		
County Treasurer:	\$2,636.60	2 Employees		
County Assessor:	\$4,033.73	4 Employees		
GIS:	\$1,186.00	1 Employee		
County Maintenance:	\$1,413.35	1 Employee		
County Sheriff:	\$13,329.14	9 Employees	3 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$361.61	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$2,695.13	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$1,269.00	2 Employees		
DCTV:	\$2,473.41		9 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$207.79			1 Temp
Veterans Office:	\$480.22		1 Part Time	
Senior Services:	\$7,978.34	3 Employees	12 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$3,072.88	2 Employees		1 Temp
Mandatory Weed:	\$2,049.60	2 Employees	1 Part Time	
R&B Administration Other:	\$23,428.15	19 Employees	1 Part Time	
Social Services:	\$6,467.53	5 Employees	1 Part Time	
TOTAL:	\$84,908.88	62 Employees	29 Part Time	2Temp

Agenda

Commissioner Cook made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of discussions on a Fire Ban, the Alkali Fire Dispute Letter and the Fourth of July Celebrations.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Expenditures

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

Minutes

Presented for approval were the regular meeting minutes from the Special meeting on May 12, 2020 and the regular BOCC meeting minutes from May 18, 2020.

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving the above-mentioned minutes.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

West Dolores Cemetery Funding Discussion:

West Dolores Cemetery District grounds keeper Brett Martin and Secretary/Treasurer Joan Thompson. The District includes the Dove Creek Cemetery and the Peel Cemetery in Egnar, CO.

Mr. Martin said there needs to be something done as the cemetery's grow, there are several things that are not getting done because of budget constraints. Mr. Martin and his family have been the cemetery caretakers for 16 years and they have worked on the same amount of pay for 15 out of the 16 years.

Dolores County Mapping and Addressing specialist Amber Fisher has been helping map out the plots.

The Commissioners noted that they previously approved efforts to raise the mill levy and place the matter on the November ballot. The Commissioners discussed the increase amount and whether it would be sufficient in the long-term.

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving a ballot initiative increase to 2.5 mills and to make County Administrator Margret Daves the election officer. Attorney Golbricht will draft the election ballot initiative.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Martin and Ms. Thompson for all of their work.

New Business

Fire Ban Discussion: Sheriff Don Wilson shared his concerns with the dry conditions and the constant winds. The Sheriff would like to think everyone could do smart and sensible things. Commissioner Kibel said the Forest Service already has a ban in place and the BLM will probably soon follow. In the past, the County has followed suit when both entities have implemented fire bans. The Commissioners don't want to limit residents from making a living and want to keep everyone aware of how dry it is.

Sheriff Wilson will draft a public awareness letter.

Discussion for the 4th of July: Chamber of Commerce Director Kendra Cook announced that there are not going to be any Pic-N-Hoe sponsored activities on July 3rd and 4th this year. Health Nurse Mary Randolph said she appreciates all what Ms. Cook has tried to do, but with the Governor's orders, we have to comply. The previously approved County wide variance states, "if we have 2 people or more get sick then we will have to start shutting back down." Ms. Randolph said, "it is very difficult to be in her position." Commissioner Kibel told her we appreciate her efforts and we are not trying to add more work to her position.

Commissioner Kibel mentioned that she is starting to see unease and unrest within our community and she doesn't want to see everything taken away. Unfortunately, all of the events in our area are being shut down and people are wanting to have some place to go. Commissioner Floyd Cook thinks the variance is a good thing, but he doesn't feel that it will stop the people from having a parade anyway. Commissioner Steve Garchar said he is all for the variance. He does not want the County connected with an unauthorized event, however.

In regards to the Fourth of July Parade: Ms. Randolph said she doesn't know who would be held liable. Suggestions included that people stay in small groups and/or their cars. As the Public Health official, Ms. Randolph has to vote no on having a parade. In terms of liability for individuals, attorney Golbricht noted that it would be difficult for someone to prove that they caught COVID-19 at a parade. However, he made it clear that the County should not take action contrary to current State orders without a variance.

Attorney Golbricht believes the County has time to write a variance requesting a parade with specific guidelines. Allowing the fireworks display would be included in the variance request. EMS Director Keith Keesling said fireworks are not disallowed at this time. Ms. Randolph suggested no gathering on the football field and that attendees stay in their cars if the variance is approved. Sheriff Don Wilson will coordinate with the fire department. Commissioner Kibel stated that she would move forward with the variance request letter at the direction of the Commission.

Town of Dove Creek Mayor Brett Martin said they will be discussing these issues at a board meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2020. Mr. Martin believes that managing the parade would be the easiest thing to allow people to celebrate their Independence and to give something back to the people. The longer we keep saying no, no, no the sooner the unrest is going to start.

2018 Alkali Fire Dispute Letter Continued Discussion. The County disputes the charges. Sheriff Don Wilson said he has spoken to all involved parties and there were no conversations about cost sharing at the time of the fire. Additionally, the Forest Service added a 10% indirect cost on the original \$4,356.89, and another 10% was added by the DFPD totaling an extra \$871.38. Sheriff Wilson will be sending a letter disputing the bill.

Transfer Station Berm Removal Discussion: Commissioner Garchar discussed the berm behind the pits where the electronics, mattresses and metal pile were kept before Bruin took over. Mr. Garchar said flattening the berm would be a maintenance/cosmetic issue.

Commissioner Kibel suggested caution be taken in regard to expenses as some line items, including the Transfer Station are over budget.

The Road and Bridge Department will flatten the berm.

Lottery Fund Request Discussion: Administrator Daves reported that two requests for funds were received. The Fair Board requested \$5,000.00 for bleacher covers at the fairgrounds. Xi Delta Tau requested \$3,000.00 for tree and stump removal at the Cahone Park.

The Lottery Board members were in agreement to fully fund both requests.


The BOCC also agreed.


Social Services Building: Attorney Golbricht stated that contracts are ready to sign. Attorney Golbricht recommended that the County needs to be aware that this is a guaranteed maximum price and we shouldn't make any changes without agreement. A Zoom meeting will be set up with Jones and Demille later in the week.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Kibel closed the meeting.


Deputy Clerk to the Board of County
Commissioners


Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners

