Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners

July 20, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held via Zoom conferencing in Dove Creek, Colorado on July 20, 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 everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

Community Voice Representative Ronda Lancaster, Extension Office Secretary Oma Fleming, Chamber of Commerce Representative Kendra Cook, Assessor Berna Ernst, Clerk Lana Hancock, Mapping and Addressing Assistant Ashley Spigner and Resident Lonnie McCarter

Payroll for July 15, 2020

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

- County Commissioners: $7,755.39  7 Employees
- Commissioner Other: $617.92  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: $13,609.40  10 Employees  2 Part Time
- County Coroner: $361.61  1 Employee
- EMA: $2,081.95  1 Employee
- Extension: $1,269.00  2 Employees
- DCTV: $1,024.66  2 Part Time
- Veterans Office: $480.22  1 Part Time
- Senior Services: $8,999.44  3 Employees  13 Part Time
- Health & Nurse: $3,100.58  2 Employees
- Mandatory Weed: $3,440.36  2 Employees  1 Part Time  2 Temp
- R&B Administration Other: $23,506.76  19 Employees  1 Part Time
- Social Services: $6,342.53  5 Employees  1 Part Time

TOTAL: $85,188.01  63 Employees  22 Part Time  3 Temp
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Agenda

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

Expenditures

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

Minutes

Presented for approval were the End of the Month minutes from June 30, 2020, the regular meeting minutes from July 6, 2020 and the Special Meeting minutes from July 14, 2020.

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

Executive Session to Discuss Legal Matters

Attorney Golbricht referenced CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) in regards to potential litigation related to violations of land use codes and septic regulations. It was the opinion of the Attorney that the forthcoming discussion constituted privileged attorney client information, therefore, no minutes or recordings shall be kept.

Commissioner Cook made a motion at 9:04am to enter into an Executive Session.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to end the Executive Session at 10:36am.
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor in the motion.

BLM Update

Connie Clementson was unable to join due to a conflicting meeting.
Social Services Update

Social Services Director Malynda Evans shared the Record of Proceedings from June 15, 2020 as well as the Expenditure Report for the month of June 2020.

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

The State of Colorado extended the LEAP Utility Assistance Program until the end of July. Increases in applications are expected as Unemployment rates are higher due to COVID.

Ormiston Fund Resolution #07-20-02: Director Malynda Evans presented a request for Clara Ormiston funds. The BOCC reviewed the application.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving Resolution #07-20-02 dispersing funds from the Clara Ormiston fund. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Forest Service Update

USFS Representative Derek Padilla discussed lightening reports from storms over the weekend. There were no significant fires to report in Dolores County. Monsoon rains are expected to begin tomorrow and continue through the week.

Trail crews are continuing work along the Calico Trail with the implementation of the Rico West Dolores Travel Management decision to address riparian and wetland impacts along the northern four miles of the trail. There have been some challenges by folks due to having the trail opened prior to completion of all the implementations. Completion of the project is hoped for this year as long as monsoons don’t significantly impact the area.

Livestock permittees may need to move pastures early due to the dry conditions and the dwindling resources. A letter was sent last Friday notifying permittees of this possibility to salvage resources.

New Business

Candelaria Construction Liquor License Renewal Application Request: Sheriff Wilson reported no violations and therefore had no issues with the renewal of the application for the Groundhog Store.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the Candelaria Construction Liquor License Renewal Application. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.
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Old Business:

McCarter Subdivision Exemption Final Approval Resolution #07-20-01:

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving the final Subdivision Exemption, Plat Map and Resolution #07-20-01. Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Review of Courthouse Entrance Procedures: Commissioner Kibel pointed out key factors in regards to the COVID-19 updates. The Governor’s recent orders mandate masks in all public buildings. Masks are offered at Courthouse entrances. Six-foot social distancing and hand washing is recommended. Dolores County has had two positive COVID cases with one fully recovered.

Public Comment

Fair Board Secretary Oma Fleming said the first Junior Rodeo of the season went really well both weather and attendance wise.

Commissioner Kibel discussed the Strategic Implement Plan for Sage Grouse. Ms. Kibel along with Gunnison Area Fish and Wildlife Representative Brandon Miller visited sites near Dove Creek along the proposed land owner and BLM contiguous corridor. A request during an earlier comment period by Ms. Kibel to combine the areas near Dove Creek and Monticello as one satellite population due to the minute number of birds was implemented into the plan. Predator control was also recognized as one of the main issues within the corridor. Mr. Miller would like to share $100,000.00 in funding to improve hydrology including the removal pinion junipers, implementing a series of Z dikes, ponds and solar water pumps if so, chosen by landowners. Fish and Wildlife are in support of grazing, hydrology efforts and active farming within the corridor.

Commissioner Cook discussed a recent meeting with Senator Bennett at the future West Fork Fire Station location. The Forest Service presented the County land conveyance deed to John Whitney at the meeting. Mr. Whitey commented that to have the Forest Service, County and locals all working together on a bipartisan issue is favorable for all parties.

Commissioner Garchar recently attended meetings for DWRF, RMRI and STAC.

Attorney Golbricht discussed an E-FORCE software contract previously provided by Sheriff Don Wilson for review. Attorney Golbricht made some revisions to the document in regards to the legality of jurisdiction, interpretation of Colorado law and indemnification. A mutual agreement was reached between the parties.

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving signing of the EFORCE contract. Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.
Commissioner Kibel closed the meeting.