

**Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners**

August 17, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held via Zoom conferencing in Dove Creek, Colorado on August 17, 2020. Present for the meeting were Commissioner Steve Garchar and Commissioner Floyd Cook, Chairperson Julie Kibel was absent. Also present were Attorney Dennis Golbricht and County Administrator Margret Daves. Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner was absent. Margret Daves acted as Deputy Clerk to the Board.

The meeting began with everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

Social Services Director Malynda Evans, BLM Tres Rios Field Office Manager Connie Clementson, SJNF Service District Ranger Representative Derek Padilla, on zoom were Ronda Lancaster with Community Voice, HR and Finance Specialist Lenore Johnson, Chamber of Commerce Representative Kendra Cook, Mapping and Addressing Specialist Amber Fisher, Robyn Nielson with Community Voice, Treasurer Janie Stiasny, Sheriff Don Wilson

Payroll for August 14, 2020

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$7,755.40	6 Employees		
Commissioner Other	\$950.46		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:	\$1,510.32	1 Employee	1 Part Time	
County Sheriff:	\$13,401.32	10 Employees	1 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$361.61	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$2,050.38	1 Employee		1 Temp
Extension:	\$1,269.01	2 Employees		
DCTV:	\$941.13		2 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$480.22		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$357.85			1 Temp
Senior Services:	\$9,062.83	3 Employees	14 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$3,692.33	2 Employees		1 Temp
Mandatory Weed:	\$3,651.94	2 Employees	1 Part Time	2 Temp
R&B Administration Other:	\$22,045.46	18 Employees	1 Part Time	
Social Services:	\$6,360.52	5 Employees	1 Part Time	
TOTAL:	\$85,075.62	61 Employees	23 Part Time	5 Temp

Agenda

Commissioner Cook made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of a grant agreement for the Clerk's office for Dropbox.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Minutes

Presented for approval were the End of the Month meeting minutes from July 30, 2020 as well as the regular BOCC meeting minutes from August 3, 2020.

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

Expenditures

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

Agreement for Cares Act Drop Boxes Grant

Commissioner Cook made a motion to sign the County Clerk grant funding request for \$10,000.00 to purchase and install Drop Boxes for the November 3rd election.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Resolution #08-20-02

Attorney Golbricht shared the details of Resolution #08-20-02 authorizing a ballot issue for the November 2020 election seeking to increase the mil levy for the West Dolores Cemetery District and certifying ballot title. The request is to increase the levy by 2.112 mils to a total of 2.5 mils.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve Resolution #08-20-02.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
Both Commissioners voted yes.

2019 County Audit Review

Majors and Haley CPA Chris Majors presented the 2019 Dolores County Financial Audit. Results of the audit were explained and reviewed by the BOCC for all departments. All accounts except for the Clara Ormiston Distribution fund had a profit.

Social Services Update

Social Services Director Malynda Evans presented the Record of Proceedings from July 17, 2020 and the Financial and Reconciliation Statements through July 31, 2020.

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving the above-mentioned documents.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

The Social Services office has seen an increase for aid to the needy and disabled as well as to the homecare allowance program specific to the aging population in Dolores County. The County is fully reimbursed for those program distributions.

Director Evans requested approval of the annual CORE Services Plan. The plan outlines how funds will be spent during the 2020-2021 year. Ms. Evans said the amount received is less than normal due to COVID-19.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the Core Services Program for 2021.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A hopeful intern from Denver University placement program dropped out. No one else has shown interest at this time.

Ms. Evans has reached out to Montezuma County's Social Services Department for assistance with on call services while she is on maternity leave. San Miquel County will also be contacted to hopefully provide assistance.

The Youth Mental Health program is going very well. Vouchers should be available this week. The program is open to newborns through the age of 21 years old. There are 7 providers willing to assist with counseling needs.

Forest Service Update

San Juan National Forest Service District Ranger Derek Padilla asked if the County had been working with Empire Electric Association in regards to the West Fork Fire Station property easement. Attorney Golbricht had been in contact with EEA and will follow up.

Mr. Padilla said the USFS will implement Stage 1 Fire Restrictions beginning on August 20, 2020. Fires are allowed only in designated campground fire pits.

Construction work will begin on the Lone Dome Road 504 to waypoint Road 509 beginning at the Suckla Cow Camp and continue through November.

Armiston Point Road 521 is slated for construction in 2021.

BLM Update

Bureau of Land Management Tres Rios Field Office Manager Connie Clementson discussed the upcoming Tri-State wire pull across the Dolores River project. Some road closures may occur for safety reasons, however consideration of the public's access to the BLM lands for recreation and hunting purposes will be taken into consideration. The exact dates of the wire pull are uncertain at this time but will occur in the month of September. Signage will be placed for public notice.

Test pits will be dug near the existing Black Snag gravel pit to test for additional materials through a categorial exclusion process. If minerals are found a permitting process and environmental assessment review will be conducted by the BLM. Ms. Clementson praised the County Road crew on the recently replaced Black Snag culvert. BLM's engineers were pleased with the results of the installation.

County Administrator Margret Daves questioned if additional access to the Dolores River near the Bradfield Bridge location could be implemented. Ms. Clementson will visit with BLM staff and report back with the findings.

A water well near Bradfield Bridge hasn't been functioning properly. Tests have been conducted by the BLM. The well may possibly be abandoned.

Weed District Request to Enter Upon Lands

Dolores County Mandatory Weed District Secretary Oma Fleming previously sent a certified letter to two Dolores County landowners referencing a noxious weed issue on their properties. The letters were signed for. The property owners have neglected to comply with the requirements of the notice for the control or eradication of said noxious weeds. Therefore, approval to enter upon the property to control the weeds was requested.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to grant permission for the County weed sprayer to enter upon the lands to remedy the situation.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

New Business

Review and Sign NCA Letter of Support: A letter in support of a locally developed National Conservation Area proposal for a portion of the Dolores River Canyon below McPhee Reservoir was reviewed. The proposal spans the entire west end of Dolores County along the Dolores River. The letter states that the BOCC strongly supports this proposal and asks that Senator Michael Bennet take the lead in moving the proposal forward by introducing legislation.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to sign the letter in support of the proposed NCA legislation introduction.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Proceedings to the Board of County Commissioners Meeting on August 17, 2020

Old Business:

There was no old business.

Executive Session

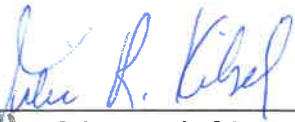
There was no executive session needed.


Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Cook closed the meeting at 2:40 pm


Deputy Clerk
to the Board of County Commissioners


Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners



The seal is circular with a double-line border. The outer ring contains the text "DOLORES COUNTY" at the top and "COLORADO" at the bottom, separated by a small star on the right. In the center of the seal, the word "Seal" is written in a stylized, gothic font.