

**Dolores County  
Board of County Commissioners**

**September 21, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held via Zoom conferencing in Dove Creek, Colorado on September 21, 2020. Present for the meeting were Chairperson Julie Kibel, Commissioner Steve Garchar, 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**

Royal 6 Welding and Fab Owner Cory Tunnel, Emergency Manager Keith Keesling, Cahone Cemetery Vice President Berlinda Johnson, West Dolores Cemetery District President Steve Davis, Sheriff Don Wilson, Senior Advisory Board members Margret Webb and Linda McCart, West Dolores Cemetery District Maintenance Provider Brett Martin, County Residents David and Clinton Cressler, Tres Rios Field Manager Connie Clementson, SJNF District Ranger Derek Padilla

**Payroll for September 15, 2020**

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$7,755.40	6 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:	\$13,933.42	10 Employees	2 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$361.61	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$1,014.40	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$1,269.01	2 Employees		
DCTV:	\$1,128.58		8 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$480.22		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$92.35			1 Temp
Senior Services:	\$9,860.59	3 Employees	13 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$3,744.92	2 Employees		1 Temp
Mandatory Weed:	\$2,049.60	2 Employees	1 Part Time	
R&B Administration Other:	\$21,888.64	18 Employees		
Social Services:	\$6,451.96	5 Employees	1 Part Time	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$83,246.81</b>	<b>61 Employees</b>	<b>27 Part Time</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Temp</b>				

**Agenda**

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of the Cahone Park contract discussion.

Commissioner seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Minutes**

There were no minutes for approval.

**Expenditures**

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the expenditures.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**West Dolores/Cahone Cemetery Districts Maintenance and Budget Discussion**

Cahone Cemetery Vice President Berlinda Johnson, West Dolores Cemetery District President Steve Davis and Maintenance Provider Brett Martin and were present to discuss the budgets for the three cemeteries and the maintenance costs for both cemetery districts. Each cemetery district receives funds through mill levies for operating costs. Due to the increase in maintenance required and the decrease in area resident's donation of time for maintenance upkeep, the current budgets are not sufficient. The West Dolores Cemetery District has employed Brett and Mary Martin for several years for maintenance purposes. Much of their time over the years has been donated due to insufficient funding to keep the cemeteries presentable as the public and community desires.

A load of gravel will be taken to the Cahone Cemetery by Road and Bridge to eliminate ruts created during the winter months when services are provided.

The Districts will look into drafting written policies, regarding pricing, bulk sales, resale, and availability. There was discussion regarding the Districts having been created for local residents that pay taxes funding the districts. The free and low cost of burial has created some issues for the Districts that will be addressed by the written policies.

The West Dolores Cemetery District is requesting a mil levy increase on the November 3 election ballot to balance the budget for the increasing operating expenses.

**Discussion on to Legalized Marijuana in the County**

In consideration of a previous discussion regarding the legal allowance of marijuana production and sales within Dolores County, the BOCC has chosen to let the people of the County decide. The BOCC has directed the County Attorney to research the timelines for ballot referendums and costs associated with the available election dates.

**Continuation of Senior Services Congregate Meal Discussion**

Pioneer Center Director Julie Bingham shared her wish to resume congregate meals at the Pioneer Center in a detailed draft request. Addressed were maintenance, sanitation, attendance capacity at 50%. Attorney Golbricht suggested that the plan be reviewed by Public Health provider Mary Randolph. If approved the plan will be added to the End of the Month meeting.

Ms. Bingham discussed the AAA and CDOT contracts that needed approval.

The San Juan Basin Area on Aging contract for 2021 Services totaling \$176,826.47 was presented. Includes carry over and Family First Relief Funds Included:

Assisted Transportation:	\$52,255.47
Counseling/Support/Caregiver Training	\$2,500.00
Home Delivered Meals	\$4,716.00
Monitoring Devices	\$2,000.00
Chore	\$5,200.00
Congregate Meals	\$47,433.00
ADRC/SHIP	\$2,900.00
Disease Prevention	\$2,400.00
Home Delivered Meals	\$45,302.00
Homemaker	\$8,000.00
Material Aid	\$4,120.00

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve signing the AAA contract.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Funds for two CDOT grant contracts are waiting to be awarded. A Dispatch Software contract in the amount of \$25,000.00 as well as the Vehicle Shelter Grant in the amount of \$84,000.00.

**Social Services Update**

Social Services Director Malynda Evans shared the Record of Proceedings from August 17, 2020 as well as the Expenditure Report through August 31, 2020.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the above-mentioned documents.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Financial fluctuations may be present in reports due to a change of state approval dates.

Director Malynda Evans again discussed a maternity leave plan and having backup personnel in place.

### **Dove Creek Fire District Squaw Point Receiver Discussion**

Dove Creek Fire District President Dan Johnson and member Gary Smith were present to discuss replacing the damaged repeater and additional equipment on the Squaw Point Firehouse Tower.

County Emergency Manager Keith Keesling gave an update. The repeater is used by the Road and Bridge Department as well as the Dove Creek schools bus garage. The repeater is actually located at the Pleasant View tower not on the Goodman Point tower as previously thought. A repeater added to the Squaw Point Firehouse Tower would benefit the County more so than replacing the one at Pleasant View. An 8x10 enclosure in the Squaw Point firehouse would need to be constructed to keep equipment cool and dust free. A second tower would be placed along with a lightening suppresser.

Sheriff Wilson discussed the height of the antenna and the potential loss of service. The canyons could potentially lose some connectivity. According to Mr. Keesling the coverage should be at 94%.

Mr. Johnson mentioned that the current electrical cost is approximately \$50 a month. With additional equipment the electrical bill would likely increase. The Fire District would like to recoup some of the funds incurred when the tower was built. Mr. Johnson couldn't speak for the Fire District Board, however, a monthly cost to the County for tower space and utility costs would likely be implemented.

The County will discuss the situation with the School District and do some cost research. The Fire District will meet again on October 13. The BOCC will attend the meeting if necessary.

Commissioner Garchar asked about the status of the new fire house for Dove Creek. Mr. Johnson said a floor plan has been drafted. Colorado University is assisting with a cost analysis. The project is estimated at 4-5million dollars. DOLA funding will be applied for.

### **BLM Update**

Tres Rios Field Manager Connie Clementson handed out a draft communications strategy. The Tri-State wire pull will begin September 28, 2020 for approximately one month. Unfortunately, the timing is not optimal for hunters. Road closures will need to be implemented for the safety of the public. County assistance and signage will be placed to provide communication and awareness to hunters and residents visiting the area.

Drone footage of the line pull will be shared after the project is completed.

Sheriff Wilson is attending a meeting with Tri-State and will share any details or updates with the BOCC.

### **Forest Service Update**

San Juan National Forest Service District Ranger Derek Padilla and Commissioner Kibel discussed the continuing calls in regards to the removal of Forest Service Road 305 Fish Creek Bridge. The Forest Services' recent administrative decision to remove the range structure, has received multiple objections since its removal over Labor Day weekend.

During the Rico West Dolores Travel Management Plan review, no protests were received from recreationalists or motorized users for the ½ mile decommissioned section of FS Road 305 as there are nearby roads that access that area. The notice of decision for the plan was made in 2018 with no injunctions having been placed. The ongoing litigations with the West Dolores plan did not include the bridge or Road 305. From a Forest Service maintenance and safety standpoint, removal of the bridge was needed for public safety and liability reasons. Grazing has not been permitted in that area because of the watershed issues for several consecutive years.

County property owners and residents David Cressler and Clinton Cressler joined the discussion. David Cressler said the historical significance of the stock drives and bridges are what need to be preserved for future generations, not removed or erased. Clinton Cressler shared his frustrations as he and his family enjoyed the destination of the bridge specifically during annual motorized rides.

Mr. Padilla said the 204, 409 and Big Water Springs roads are slated for upgrades.

The Ormiston timber sales will be out for bid for the next 30 days.

Previously purchased fuel wood permits have been extended through the end of the year since Forest Service offices are closed due to COVID-19.

Commissioner Garchar asked for a Rico Land update. Mr. Padilla said the Forest Service, Atlantic Richfield and the State are working out the historic alliance details for implementation of a Memorandum of Understand for public use in that area. An environmental assessment is pending.

Mr. Garchar also asked for an update on the Meadows Land. Mr. Padilla said the appraisal came in below the amount the seller was asking. The seller was firm on the price; therefore, the property is still listed at this time.

### **New Business**

**Revised Bank Depository Resolution #09-20-03:** The Dolores County Treasurer made a request to add the CSAFE to the list of County Depositories.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving Resolution #09-20-03.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

*Proceedings to the Board of County Commissioners Meeting on September 21, 2020*

**Colorado Surplus Asset Fund Trust Model Resolution:** The Dolores County Treasurer made a request to pool funds with other local government entities by becoming a Participant in the Colorado Surplus Asset Fund Trust (CSAFE) and therefore signs the resolution.

Commissioner made a motion approving the above mentioned CSAFE Participant Resolution.  
Commissioner seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Old Business:**

There was no old business.

**Executive Session**

There was no executive session needed.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Kibel closed the meeting

  
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