

**Proceedings of the Dolores County Board of
County Commissioners**

September 30, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado on September 30, 2019. Present for the meeting were Chairperson Floyd Cook, Commissioner Julie Kibel and Commissioner Steve Garchar, County Attorney Dennis Golbricht, County Administrator Margret Daves and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner.

The meeting began with everyone standing to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

Dolores County Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Dolores County Assessor Berna Ernst, HR and Finance Specialist Lenore Carhart, Dolores County Sheriff Don Wilson, Dolores County Senior Services Director Julie Bingham, Dolores County Health Nurse Mary Randolph, Dolores County Maintenance Supervisor Steven Stiasny, Dolores County Deputy Treasurer Machel Jones, Dolores County Mapping and Addressing Specialist Amber Fisher and Dolores County Extension Office Agent Gus Westerman, Dolores County Clerk and Recorder Lana Hancock, Dolores County Emergency Services Director Keith Keesling, COG Representative Miriam Gillow-Wiles and Search and Rescue Representative Jeremy Lawrence

Agenda

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

Minutes

Presented for approval were the BOCC minutes from September 3, 2019 and the September 16, 2019 minutes.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to accept the above-mentioned minutes.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Department Head Meeting

Assessor: Berna Ernst said everything is going well in her office.

Maintenance: Steven Stiasny is waiting for the irrigation water to be shut off so he can winterize the secondary system water lines.

Road & Bridge: Steve Davis said the crew is still on Bug Point at the Bartley Pit.

Treasurer: Janie Stiasny was not present. Deputy Assessor Machel Jones attended but had nothing to share.

Human Resources: Lenore Johnson said budgets are on track. The 2019 budget will go through the end of January 2020.

VSP and SIS will not have rate increases.

Ms. Johnson sent out census data for health insurance renewals. Our representative is shopping the market.

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EMS: Keith Keesling has been working on State and Federal end of the quarter and end of the fiscal deliverables.

Mr. Keesling attended a Local Planning Committee (LPC) conference.

The County Emergency Operation Plan is getting close to complete.

In October, a biyearly required Southwest Region Tactical Inoperability Communication Training and Exercise Plan will be held.

County Administrator: Margret Daves is working on the budget. All elected officials and department heads asked to meet one on one with the BOCC for budget workshops.

Clerk: Lana Hancock said that they are living and breathing elections and will be for a while.

The server that houses all the backups is hopefully going to be funded by a grant.

Extension and Weed: Secretary Oma Fleming was not present.

Extension: CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman has received a lot of phone calls concerning trees and conducting sight visits. Last year's drought is still having an effect.

The 4-H awards banquet last week was well attended. 4-H re-enrollment will begin next month.

Mr. Westerman will be attending a four-day National Conference in Colorado Springs and then at a later date an annual meeting in Fort Collins.

Mr. Westerman will be assisting 4-8 hours a week at Montezuma County as interim director while they hire a new director.

The Rodeo Awards will be held on Sunday, October 6. After that the Fair Grounds will be winterized.

Grass needs planted on the new acquired 5 acres at the Fair Grounds.

DCDC advertising signs have been finished. The lease agreements are being finalized so rentals can soon begin.

Nurse: Mary Randolph had two audits that went well with only minor adjustments needed.

EPI is being sought. Ms. Randolph has to have it on hand before immunizations can be given.

Fall flu vaccinations won't be available for a month, they are on back order.

Social Services: Malynda Evans didn't have anything to share.

Senior Services: Julie Bingham attended the CASTA Conference all last week.

The lawn is installed and waiting on a partial irrigation line installation on the north side.

A Medicare 101 Conference was held with 20 attendees.

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Sheriff: Don Wilson said Walmart and Community Voice assisted with the purchase of bicycle helmets and bikes.

An educational vape assembly will be held for the middle and high school students.

Search and Rescue were activated a couple times in the last month.

The Courthouse Security grant awarded \$5600.00 to purchase more surveillance cameras for inside and outside the courtroom. Lockers will also be purchased for court attendees to house their personal belongings during proceedings.

Practice fire drill trainings are being planned at the Senior Center. A faulty alarm is being replaced.

Tyson Cox with the DOW will put on a concealed carry permit class on Sunday, October 13, 2019, funded by fine collections that are available for firearm safety.

The Rico generator now works after a battery replacement.

Addressing and Mapping: Amber Fisher sent out address letters to Rico. Signs will be installed in the 2-3 weeks.

The "Carry Map", Ms. Fisher created and sent out, has been rave reviews from users.

This winter the Cahone, Peel and Rico Cemeteries will be plotted out.

Southwest Colorado Council of Governments Projects/Programs Update

COG Representative Miriam Gillow-Wiles shared details from a wide range of COG projects:

- Environment – Recycling, Local Foods and Resiliency Planning
- Housing
- Telecommunications- Broadband, IT Support and Shared Software
- Transportation- SWTPR, Transit Council and Tourism
- Legislative Engagement-Grant /Fiscal Management
- Workforce Development
- Opportunities for Service for Member Jurisdictions

Search and Rescue Workshop

Emergency Services Manager Keith Keesling, Search and Rescue President Jeremy Lawrence and Dolores County Sheriff Don Wilson met with the BOCC to discuss training expectations and procedural protocol for the Search and Rescue.

New Business

Right of Ways Discussion: There was a discussion in regards to telephone and fiber line locates and installation standards. Violations from various service providing entities initiated the topic of discussion. The PUC (Public Utilities Commission) has the authority to fine offenders. A 1996 County Right of Way Resolution was reviewed. Amending the Resolution of record was discussed.

COG Representative Miriam Gillow-Wiles offered Century Link contact information to assist with line locates and installation.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Public Comment

There was no one present to comment during this period.

Commissioner Garchar: Attended the BLM Sage Hen and Rico Trails planning meeting in Dolores.

Mr. Garchar attended a RAC meeting concerning e-bike classifications and use on non-motorized trails.

Commissioner Kibel: Had an interesting discussion with RE-2J School Superintendent Ty Gray in regards to a BEST (Building Excellent Schools Today) grant. Our area could apply for a 45-million-dollar BEST grant. The BEST program was established in 2008 and leverages revenue annually from the School Trust Lands, additional State Lottery revenues and marijuana excise taxes.

A newly constructed K-12 facility located at the football field is being considered. The existing middle/high school could possibly be repurposed for use as County offices and perhaps as a Community Center for the Town. Memorial Hall is a historical building that could perhaps be used by the Chamber of Commerce. The Rock Building is also a historical building that could potentially house a public library.

Ms. Kibel attended a High Priority Sage Grouse Project with \$270,000.00 of funds available for our region for Sage Grouse improvements. Interested Dolores County land owners willing to assist in the recovery of the sage grouse are invited to attend a meeting with the Dove Creek Soil Conservation District on October 8, 2019 at 5pm at the Public Service Center.

Commissioner Cook: Participated in a CCI teleconference for proposed legislation. Mr. Cook will attend the upcoming decision-making sessions in Denver.

Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting.

Floyd L. Cook

Chairman to the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Joseph Gardner
Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

