

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

September 30, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the Public Service Center in Dove Creek, Colorado on September 30, 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 standing to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

Community Voice Ronda Lancaster, Senior Services Director Julie Bingham, Extension Secretary Oma Fleming, CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman, Deputy Treasurer Machel Jones, Social Services Director Malynda Evans, HR and Finance Specialist Lenore Johnson, Mapping and Addressing Specialist Amber Fisher, Road and Bridge Secretary Linda Rehmert, Assessor Berna Ernst, Clerk and Recorder Lana Hancock, Emergency Manager Keith Keesling, Dove Creek Press Owner Kathleen Keesling, Treasurer Janie Stiasny, Maintenance Supervisor Steven Stiasny, Sheriff Don Wilson and District Attorney Elect Matt Margeson

Agenda

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

Minutes

Presented for approval were the regular BOCC September 8, 2020 minutes.

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

Department Head Meeting

Assessor: Berna Ernst said they are waiting for the next certification.

Treasurer: Janie Stiasny discussed 12 mobile homes that will be sent Warrants of Distraint for unpaid property taxes.

Ms. Stiasny thanked the Board for the recently approved CSAFE resolution.

Colorado Trust Representatives visited from Denver to discuss the economic outlook relating to interest rates.

Ms. Stiasny has been working with Attorney Golbricht on some improvement only property delinquencies that are going to tax sale.

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Nurse: Mary Randolph was unable to attend.

Human Resources: Lenore Johnson had no updates.

Sheriff: Don Wilson discussed the road closures for the Tri-State line pull.

A software grant of \$61,000.00 was received to assist with upgraded equipment for SB-217 legislative requirements.

Glitches in the Courthouse security video recording battery backup have been detected.

Clerk and Recorder: Lana Hancock discussed the upcoming election in 34 days. Extra hours of operation at the Courthouse are required for election purposes. Plans have been made for doors to be open after hours and for staff to assist. The Rico ballot box was obtained and will be available to voters until 7pm on election day.

Voter registration pushes by outside sources have been on the increase. Mail in Ballots should be received by the middle of October. If votes do not receive one, the Clerk's office can print a replacement ballot.

All ballots are signature verified in the State of Colorado.

Tabor notices are going out for several entities within the County.

EMS: Keith Keesling said the 2018 All Hazard Grant funds were received. The SALAMANDER program was purchased with those funds. A training will be held on October 20, 2020 for all County employees interested in the training. Registration is online.

Colorado Emergency Preparedness President Tim Gablehouse will be visiting, in the last effort to assist with the Emergency Planning Committee. More information will be coming soon.

Search and Rescue has had an increase in searches in the last month.

Care and Share received another \$20,000.00 to obtain food and be able to continue to distribute fresh foods to community members in need.

A Utah/Colorado Emergency Management meeting began last month to increase communications across state lines.

Discussions with the Hope and Media Foundation to provide services for small counties for online archiving of Town Board meetings and agendas has begun. A link for agenda items is designed to be specific to each agenda item so that discussion can be viewed. Research and possible implementation will be considered.

Senior Services: Julie Bingham was unable to attend.

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Extension: CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman has been working on the DOLA grant application for the West Fork Fire building. The application will be sent in upon approval later today.

The Yellow Jacket CSU Extension Research and Experiment Station had a very successful drive through style fruit distribution. Staff picked the fruit for buyers as a COVID -19 safety precaution as opposed to normal annual U-Pick fruit distribution. Local food banks benefited from over 5000 pounds of distributed fruit.

4-H just starting. 4-H online getting set up. Enrollment will begin at the beginning of October. In person projects are being allowed. Club meetings will be held via ZOOM.

Economic development hasn't received any recent fund requests. Funds will be available through April 2021.

Extension and Weed: Secretary Oma Fleming is working on how to revamp the 4-H awards ceremony. A drive through style system is likely.

The Junior Rodeo awards ceremony is being planned in the arena so that it is outdoors.

Fairground Bleacher cover materials were purchased.

Social Services: Malynda Evans has been working through the construction requirements of the new Social Services facility.

Road and Bridge: Steve Davis was not present. Secretary Linda Rehmert said several of the staff were picking up two towers recently donated to the County by Williams Construction to be installed for County radio services.

Addressing and Mapping: Amber Fisher has been helping Census workers with addresses.

Utility markers were purchased and are being placed.

Maintenance: Steven Stiasny had nothing to share.

County Administrator: Margret Daves shared the details of the October 10, 2020 Health Fair. There will only be 8 health fairs throughout the state. The Dolores County health fair will be held in a drive through fashion at the Road and Bridge shop on October 10, 2020. Volunteers are needed.

Ms. Daves requested budgets from department heads. Budget meetings will begin later today.

Ms. Daves requested assistance in a final sweep at the Cabin Canyon day use facility to pick up trash before the gate is locked for the season.

Ms. Daves thanked the Road and Bridge department for the recently constructed and installed ADA accessible picnic table at Debbie Park. The old tables were removed.

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Attorney Golbricht: discussed the onslaught of recent CORA requests for expenditures or monies held.

Commissioner Garchar: discussed several meetings he recently attended, including a Housing Solutions meeting. There are projects in the works for low in-come housing to hopefully assist with remedying the homeless situation in La Plata County.

Commissioner Cook: said the CCI Legislative session will begin this Saturday.

Commissioner Kibel: shared the ongoing Tri-State wire pull information. The pull is slated to have begun September 28 and last through October 31, 2020. BLM would like to build a bike trail along the canyon edge from the old-line crossing to the Overlook.

The SIPA website transition will begin in the next couple weeks. Trainings will be offered once the site is established for departments to be able to make their own changes.

Approval of DOLA Grant Application

Commissioner Garchar made a motion in favor approving the West Fork DOLA grant application. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Judicial Court District Attorney Budget Discussion

Upcoming elect District Attorney Matt Margeson was present to discuss the current case load and services provided to Dolores County by the 22nd Second Judicial System. Mr. Margeson did not request changes to the 2020 budget amount of \$74,232.22 for the 2021 budget.

New Business

Approval of Tier III Expenditures: Dolores County has received funds through the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 Federal Forest Funds. Dolores County will be allocating the collective amount received for the following:

Any emergency equipment and related response services needed by Search and Rescue, Law Enforcement, Firefighting and our local Road and Bridge Department while being performed on a National Forest or specified BLM lands.

Commissioner Cook made a motion in favor approving the Tier III Expenditures. Commissioner Garchar 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.

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Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Kibel closed the meeting.


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Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners

