

**Proceedings of the Dolores County board of
County Commissioners
April 30, 2015**

A Regular meeting of the board of County Commissioners was held in their boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado April 30, 2015. Present for the meeting was Chairman of the Board, Julie Kibel and Commissioners Doug Stowe and Ernie Williams. Also present for the meeting was Lorraine Hancock, Deputy Clerk to the Board, and Margret Daves, Manager of Special Projects.

Guests

LaRita Randolph, County Clerk, Amber Fisher, GIS, Berna Ernst, County Assessor, Gus Westerman, Extension Agent, Todd Parisi, EMS/EMA, Janie Stiasny, County Treasurer, Nita Purkat, Senior Service Director, David McCart, County Inspector.

Pledge

The meeting was started by everyone standing and saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the agenda as written.

Commissioner Stowe seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted yes.

Department Head Meeting

Nita Purkat, Senior Service Director said that the Senior Center is back in working order after a problem with the septic system. They are looking at getting shelters together for their vehicle.

Gus Westerman, Extension Agent gave an update on the uses of hemp. He said that there is research out there that shows that it is nutritious and the fiber can be used for various items from paper to clothing. He said right now there is no way to get the seed here in order to grow hemp. He said that the THC level determines if it can be used for industrial hemp versus medical marijuana. He said that an industrial hemp crop needs 16" of water per year.

There was much discussion on hemp seed.

Gus said that the bio diesel plant was recently purchased and he is not aware of what they are planning to use the building for.

Commissioner Kibel said that she attended a STUD meeting and they are thinking about holding an Alive at 25 meeting.

Janie Stiasny, County Treasurer said they are collecting taxes today.

LaRita Randolph, County Clerk had no updates.

Commissioner Kibel asked about the cost to get an issue on the special election ballot.

LaRita said \$10,000-15,000.00 and the ballots go out the first of October. The cut off to get on the ballot is July 1.

Berna Ernst, County Assessor said that Angela Myers, Dove Creek Volunteer Ambulance came in and would like a levy for 2016 and said that they have their own attorney helping them with the levy.

There was discussion on this.

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Berna Ernst, Count Assessor said that the county's values are going up. She did have a discussion with Air Products, and they questioned why we are taxing the production since they aren't selling in Colorado. Berna looked into this and she found out that they should be taxed for production. She said it is taxed at the point of sale which is where it originates in Dolores County. She also has Jerry Wisdom look over taxation and he found a \$50,000 error in the county's favor.

There was discussion on the Air Products plant.

Berna asked about the RBSC building.

Commissioner Kibel said that we are still piecing things together. Right now the Road and Bridge shop as well as the Senior Center buildings are the priority. There also might be a big board room for special events. The office spaces will not be leaving the court house. She said that a new shooting range at the fairgrounds has been discussed. There was also discussion of the Doves Nest adjoining the Senior Center.

Commissioner Williams said that we received a planning grant to start the process. The energy impact grants are not a guaranteed thing, but we do stand a good chance. He said that we are able to use in kind work as well as cash.

Berna asked about the cost of the project this far.

Margret said that the rough cost for Road and Bridge comes to \$2,998,000.00, which includes new shop equipment. The weed shop comes in at \$582,000.00. The average for the Senior Center is \$1,700,000.00. She said that Ecosphere has already done a site assessment.

There was discussion of having the Road and Bridge and Senior Center done in two separate projects.

Margret said that the Town of Dove Creek is also looking at doing a new community center.

There was discussion of having a commercial kitchen available for use.

Todd Parisi, EMS/EMA said that the prices for the AED's are about \$1,300 for the sheriff's office. He said that the AED's would also include an "officer down kit". The commissioners approved Todd to buy two \$1,300 AED's for the Road and Bridge shop and sheriffs office. He said he has a CPR/First Aid class scheduled for the Road and Bridge and Senior Center. The Dove's Nest is also up to date on their CPR/First Aid. He is also working on the Emergency Plan.

Margret Daves, Special Projects Manager said that CTSI suggested doing a defensive driving class for all county employees. He is available to teach the class in May. Margret called her personal insurance company to find out about discounts and her insurance said that the discount would be around 5% and that the driver would need to be 55 years of age to eligible.

Commissioner Williams discussed Bill 232. He said that this bill creates a commission to study the movement of Federal lands to the State. There will be a long study and this will conclude in 2018. He feels that if this commission forms, we need to part of it.

County Inspector Update

David McCart, County Inspector was here to give an update. He would like to start cleaning up the septic permits and he discussed some changes that should be made.

The commissioners will ask the county attorney for advice on the changes.

Commissioner Williams asked about grey water usage.

David said that Colorado cannot use rain water or grey water legally. If you collect rain water, you legally need a permit. He said that a lot of counties want to do the inspections on systems 6,000 gallons or less and he suggested that the county should be in favor of this during the next revision of Regulation 43. David discussed some differences in the 43 Regs vs. the 23 Regs.

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Margret discussed changing the fees on septic permits.

David said that the current fees do not cover the current costs. Other counties are charging 3-4 times what we are charging.

Commissioner Williams said that the county is not a money making entity. He would rather keep it cheap to help the citizens.

The commissioners agreed to keep the permit costs to a minimum.

Commissioner Stowe said that if anyone has a problem with our current permits, David should remind them that our fees are less than most counties and they will not have to pay for an engineered system.

There was discussion on water collection.

USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant

Nita Purkat, Senior Services Director was here to gain approval to apply for a USDA Rural Development Grant for kitchen equipment and shelter for their fleet of vans.

She said that her share of the cost will be \$3,905 and the grant will take care of the rest. She contacted the county attorney and he will write an opinion letter.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to sign the grant once the opinion letter comes in.

Commissioner Stowe seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted yes.

There was discussion of where the shelters for the vans should be located.

BLM Grazing Allotment Support Letter

The commissioners drafted a letter of support addressed to the BLM to bring the vacated grazing allotments in the Canyon of the Ancients National Monument to the position for qualified applicants to apply for the permitted use as identified in the monument proclamation.

RBSC Workshop

The commissioners held a workshop on the Road and Bridge/Senior Center building.

Adjourned

Commissioner Williams made the motion to Adjourn.

Commissioner Stowe seconded the Motion. Both commissioners voted yes.

Meeting ended at 11:44pm.

Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Deputy Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners