

**Proceedings of the Dolores County board of
County Commissioners
August 31, 2015**

A Regular meeting of the board of County Commissioners was held in their boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado August 31, 2015. Present for the meeting was Chairman of the Board, Julie Kibel and Commissioners Ernie Williams. Commissioner Doug Stowe was absent. Also present for the meeting was Lorraine Hancock, Deputy Clerk to the Board and Margret Daves, Manager of Special Projects.

Guests

Berna Ernst, County Assessor, Janie Stiasny, County Treasurer, Gus Westerman, Extension Agent, Oma Fleming, Weed District, LaRita Randolph, County Clerk, Jerry Martin, County Sheriff, Nita Purkat, Senior Services Director, Greg Liming, Diane Smith, Pay It Forward, Norman Waddoups, Health Board.

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 Kibel seconded the motion. Both commissioners voted yes.

Department Head Meeting

Gus Westerman, Extension Agent discussed industrial hemp production within the state.

Commissioner Kibel asked if the seed is hard to find and buy.

Gus said there are still issues with importation and quality of the seed which is heavily regulated by the Department of Agriculture. If they test your THC level for your crop and it is above the limit they will fine you. Pueblo County only allows industrial hemp in certain areas because of cross pollination to medical marijuana. They are the only county who has done anything like that. He said the CDA already has rules in place and essentially if there is a grow that's questionable you can check to see if they are registered with the CDA.

Margret Daves, Special Project Manager said she received a call about industrial hemp.

Gus said they are doing a test grow under the farm bill at the research center. He said right now they can buy Chinese hemp for \$70 per ton.

Dave McCart, said you can't ship the fiber across the state lines.

Berna Ernst, County Assessor said they have been out in the field and have been working on their abstract.

LaRita Randolph, County Clerk said they are gearing up for elections.

Janie Stiasny, County Treasurer had no updates.

Oma Fleming, Weed District Manager said she just advertised for a few hours of free labor to spray weeds. She said the tractor trailer should be delivered to the fairgrounds soon and the oyster fry was the biggest we have ever had.

Nita Purkat, Senior Services Director said they have been working on the planning grant for

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transportation.

Jerry Martin, County Sheriff said they have had two search and rescues that went well. They also found the body of a Rico man in Nevada that they have been looking for, which is unfortunate.

Amber Fisher, GIS said she is getting ready to readdress the rest of Cahone. There are about 100 addresses that should be changed.

Lenore Carhart, Bookkeeper said typically she pays the part time people on the 31st of December and runs the salary payroll on the same day. She said now they will run part time on the same pay schedule as the full time and there will not be a December 31 payroll. She also said time sheets will need to be turned in by 8:00am Monday morning instead of Tuesday afternoons to give her more time starting in January 2016.

Commissioner Williams said we are working on the budget already. We are also moving ahead with the RBSC project.

Margret Daves, Special Projects Manager said we had a meeting with the residents of the West Fork of the Dolores River to discuss the lack of a fire district. The next meeting on this will be Sept 24, 2015 in Dolores at 2pm.

There was discussion on this.

County Inspector Update

David McCart, County Inspector was here for an update. He discussed some issues on the West Fork of the Dolores River. He also said there is an issue with some land with a septic system on another person's property.

Commissioner Williams said it's probably grandfathered in and until a legal issue comes up, we probably cannot do anything about it.

David said there is a situation in Groundhog where they moved a water cistern into their house. They do have a drain in case of a rupture; he will look into this issue. He said that they are rewriting Regulation 43 which he will be involved with.

There was discussion on grey water usage.

David said he is in favor of using local dirt from the property for fill instead of hauling in sand. He would like to be our county's stake holder on some of these issues. He said he has too much work to do for only 50 hours a month.

There was discussion on this and it will be furthered discussed at the next meeting.

Champ Tax Protest

Commissioner Kibel heard Mr. and Mrs. Champ's tax protest late as it was postmarked for the correct date and just arrived at the Post Office late. She said Billy Moffat actually protested for Mr. Champ. She said the land is valued high due to real estate sales in the area.

Commissioner Williams said the cabin is valued around \$3,700.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to keep the values as the assessor valued it.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion. Both commissioners voted yes.

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Pay It Forward

Greg Liming and Diane Smith, Pay It Forward were here to give a presentation. He said the Telluride Foundation is the umbrella organization. He said some of their holdings are with Telluride Foundation for the purpose of accruing interest; the goal is that the savings account will be self sustaining.

Commissioner Williams said the Telluride Foundation wants to hold the funding to accrue interest and tax dollars cannot be used for that.

Greg said the purpose of the savings account is to gap fill.

Diane said each community can set up its own Pay It Forward club.

Commissioner Williams said the quality of living mill levy in Rico could not be use for this, even though they thought it could be.

Greg said the income comes from corporate or personal donations. He said the overriding premise is to build a savings account for necessity not for extras. A community savings account is essential for our area. This is to ensure things that are necessary for the health of our community are available. They are in the early stages right now and are looking to grow the fund. The control of the funds will remain in our community.

Commissioner Kibel asked how long the funds can stay in the account before they can be used.

Greg said technically immediately. He said people will appreciate seeing the investment in the community sooner rather than later. Greg said there would be a community committee to decide how the funds should be used.

Commissioner Williams asked what kind of projects these funds can be used for.

Greg said it is not constraining, just the betterment of the community. The goal is not to be a band aid, but to reach further. There a few areas that funds can be spent on including new ventures, to pursue high interest projects that have no budget, and emergency funding.

Commissioner Kibel said last year the county printed flyers for Pay It Forward and maybe that is how we can contribute.

There was discussion on non profit donations.

Diane said individually we can all make a difference for our community.

Public Health and Environment Contract

The Commissioners had a contract from Public Health to sign.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to sign the contract.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion. Both commissioners voted yes.

Payroll Dates for 2016

Lenore Carhart, County Bookkeeper presented payroll dates for every two weeks for 2016.

The commissioners decided to keep the payroll dates the same which is twice a month.

Social Services Time Card

Commissioner Kibel said she received a time card from a Social Services employee for a bill that we thought was already paid monthly. There was discussion on having the office closed and having an on call worker. The time card issue will be tabled until the first meeting in September.

Workshop with the Clinic

The commissioners held a workshop with the clinic.

Diane said the clinic has experienced some unexpected growth especially on the dental side. They are not taking new patients and are just trying to maintain what they have right now as appointments are 3 months out. They have run out of space. The health nurse is taking some much needed space at the

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clinic right now. Even if they expanded, they wouldn't have enough parking. She said the board has looked at the contract with the county and it will be up at the end of the year and would like to take back the space the county is using presently to expand the dental area.

Commissioner Kibel asked if the county was involved with the grant for their expansion years ago.

Diane said it was energy impact and there is a contract that states the county doesn't have any interest in that expansion after 2016.

Commissioner Williams said we would like to prolong the move until at least the end of 2016. He said that we are looking into other options for health services.

Commissioner Kibel said she understands needing more space for the dental clinic but we need time to find more space for the health services.

The commissioners will attend the next clinic meeting in September to discuss some options.

RBSC Planning Workshop

The commissioners held a workshop for the RBSC project.

Adjourned

Commissioner Williams made the motion to Adjourn.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the Motion. Both commissioners voted yes.

Meeting ended at 12:00pm.

Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Deputy Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners