

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

**August 20, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado on August 20, 2018. Present for the meeting were Chairperson Steve Garchar, Commissioner Floyd Cook and Commissioner Julie Kibel. Also, present for the meeting were; County Attorney Dennis Golbricht, Special Projects Manager Margret Daves and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner.

**Guests**

Dolores County Pioneer Center Representative Nita Purkat, Julie Bingham, Community Voice Representative Ronda Lancaster, Dove Creek Press Representative Tammy Bar, Dolores County Fair Board Members Amber Fisher, Jeremy Redshaw, Christy Cressler, Linda Rehmert and Matt Forst, Dolores County CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman and Secretary Oma Fleming, Dolores County Social Services Representative Janet Crawford, San Juan National Forest Service Representative Derek Padilla, Bureau of Land Management Representatives Connie Clementson and Southwest District Manager Steph Connolly, Dolores County Sheriff Jerry Martin, and Dolores County Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis

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

**Approval of August 15, 2018 Payroll**

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$7,096.75	6 Employees	
County Commissioner Other:	\$		
Transfer Station:	\$557.54		1 Part Time
County Clerk:	\$3,821.59	4 Employees	
County Treasurer:	\$2,311.04	2 Employees	
County Assessor:	\$4,364.45	4 Employees	1 Part Time
GIS:	\$2,340.45	2 Employees	1 Part Time
County Maintenance:	\$1,330.95	1 Employee	
Traffic Enforcement:	\$1,427.41	1 Employee	
County Sheriff:	\$11,888.02	8 Employees	3 Part Time
County Coroner:	\$360.31	1 Employee	
EMA:	\$1,022.20	1 Employee	
Extension:	\$1,724.72	2 Employees	1 Part Time
DCTV:	\$461.75		1 Part Time
News @ Noon:	\$858.85		2 Part Time
Veterans Office:	\$480.22		1 Part Time
Senior Services:	\$9,941.98	3 Employees	13 Part Time
Health & Nurse:	\$2,848.19	2 Employees	
Mandatory Weed:	\$2,698.19	2 Employees	1 Part Time
Admin Other:	\$22,171.30	20 Employees	2 Part Time
Social Services:	\$5,446.22	4 Employees	1 Part Time
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$80,048.70</b>	<b>63 Employees</b>	<b>27 Part Time</b>

**Agenda and Payroll**

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

**Minutes**

Approval of the Board of County Commissioners minutes on August 6, 2018 and the August 14, 2018 Special Meeting minutes.  
Commissioner Kibel made a motion to accept the above-mentioned minutes.  
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**San Juan Basin Older American Contract/CDOT**

Pioneer Center Director Nita Purkat was present to discuss a grant through the San Juan Basin Area on Aging, Inc. contract. The 2019 fiscal year State funded grant total was \$75,675.00 for assisted transportation, home chore, congregate meals, health promotion, home delivered meals, homemaker services and material aid.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to sign the San Juan Basin Area on Aging contract.  
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Attorney Golbricht reviewed the Southwest Colorado Network of Care MOU with San Juan Basin Area of Aging. Director Purkat will submit the documents and present them at a later date for approval with changes and signatures.

Ms. Purkat announced that the CDOT Admin and Operating Transportation award letter was received. The contract will come at a later date.

Commissioner Kibel announced that the assembled Director Hiring Committee had chosen, with complete Commissioner support, Julie Bingham as Director Purkat's replacement. Ms. Bingham will attend some important upcoming meetings and trainings over the next three months and will begin full time training with Director Purkat on December 1, 2018.

**Weed District/Permission to Enter**

Weed District Secretary Oma Fleming was present to request permission to enter upon two properties within the County that have the State and County identified noxious weed musk thistle within their boundaries. Two certified control notice letters were previously sent requesting that the weed issue be addressed within a specific time period. No reply had been made to either certified letter, therefore the Weed district needs to move forward with County mandated compliance regulations.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to allow the Weed District sprayer permission to address the noxious weed issues on the Black Trust and Monger properties.  
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

### **Road Grader Lease Contracts**

Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis and Secretary Linda Rehmert were present to request that the lease agreements for four County leased John Deere Road Graders be signed. Attorney Golbricht would like to add an addendum to the contract that mirrors neighboring County's agreements with John Deere. The leases will be signed at the end of the month meeting assuming that the addendum is agreed upon.

A Crusher agreement was previously signed for the rental of a crusher unit at the Black Snag Pit gravel pit.

### **Social Services**

Dolores County Social Services Representative Janet Crawford presented the Record of Proceedings from July 23, 2018 as well as the July monthly financials.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to accept the Record of Proceedings as well as the monthly financials.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

### **Forest Service**

Forest Service Representative Derek Padilla provided Plateau Fire Operations Maps detailing the perimeter of the burn area that is mostly located on lands within Dolores County. Mr. Padilla stated that all active burning is currently within the interior perimeter of the fire which is 95% contained.

The West Guard fire, also located in Dolores County, is also 95% contained with burning continuing within the fire borders.

A few lightening spot fires were started from the recent thunderstorms, however, the falling rains controlled and extinguished them.

Sheriff Martin shared details from flyovers on the Plateau and West Guard Fires.

### **BLM**

Bureau of Land Management Representative Connie Clementson and the newly appointed Southwest District Manager Steph Connolly were present for a meet and greet session and to update the Board on happenings within the BLM.

Ms. Clementson said that the BLM is working closely with grazing allotment permittees. Each allotment is being individually assessed as summer rains have been spotty, providing varied amounts of grazable foliage. Adjustments on grazing periods and pasture rotations are being made to assist permittees with the drought conditions.

Lease sales on Oil and Gas are done quarterly. At this time there have been no expressions of interest. The BLM may look at doing some parcels for drainage issues. Ms. Clementson will advise Dolores County of any parcels within the County.

Hazardous conditions within the Box Elder Campground have necessitated the removal of some trees. Certain areas of concern have been blocked off as removal will continue to improve public safety.

Come rain or shine the Commissioners will attend a field trip with the BLM on September 17, 2018 in lieu of their morning BOCC meeting to the Ansel Hall Ruins located in Dolores County on the Canyon of the Ancients Monument.

Sheriff Martin is working with the BLM as he would like to increase officer presence along the Dolores River to the Pyramid. Use of the river and traffic along it has increased over the last few years. Low visibility from overgrowth accompanied by limited cell phone service warrants Sheriff Martins need for action.

Recently appointed BLM Southwest District Manager Steph Connolly brings years of experience to the table from a variety of positions. Ms. Connolly works in Montrose, Colorado at the District Office.

**Executive Session to Receive Legal Advice**

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 10:00am to receive legal advice regarding a work issue. Attorney Golbricht announced an Executive Session in accordance with CRS 24-6-402 (4)(b) for the purpose of receiving legal advice from council. It was the opinion of Attorney Golbricht that the matter constitutes attorney/client privileged matters therefore no minutes or recordings should be kept.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to end the Executive Session at 10:29am.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Executive Session to Receive Legal Advice**

The Dolores County Fair Board met with the BOCC and Attorney Golbricht to discuss a potential threatened litigation. Attorney Golbricht recommended an Executive Session in accordance with CRS 24-6-402 (4)(b) for the purpose of receiving legal advice from council. It was the opinion of Attorney Golbricht that the matter constitutes attorney/client privileged matters therefore no minutes or recordings should be kept.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 11:02.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to end the Executive Session at 11:31.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three voted in favor of the motion.

**New Business**

**PSC Flag Pole Discussion:** Special Projects Manager Margret Daves discussed the issue of a flagpole that had been attached to an existing light pole at the Public Service Center. It was brought to the attention of County staff that the height of the flag needs to be above the light pole with under lighting not downcast lighting. Pricing for a flag pole with solar lighting will be researched, purchased and installed.

**Lottery Fund Request Discussion:** Special Projects Manager Margret Daves shared the details of a recent request for lottery funds totaling \$1125.00 from ROCK (Reaching Out to Community and Kids) for a cement pad and basketball hoop for the YES ROCKS club. The requirements needed for a Lottery Fund distribution were not met and therefore no funds will be distributed at this time.

**Old Business**

**DOLA Grant Results:** Special Projects Manager Margret Daves read an email from the Department of Local Affairs stating that; in receipt of the County's application for state Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance funds, the grant award was approved in the full amount of \$267,332.00 for the resurfacing of approximately 3 miles of Dolores County Road R with chip seal. The funding proceeds are from the severance tax proceeds.

Commissioner Garchar closed the meeting.

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Chairman to the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

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Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners