Proceedings of the Dolores County Board of
County Commissioners

January 8, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado on January 8th, 2018. Present for the meeting were Chairperson Julie Kibel, Commissioner Steve Garchar and Commissioner Floyd Cook. Also, present for the meeting were; County Attorney Dennis Golbricht, Special Projects Manager Margret Daves and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner.

Guests

22nd Judicial Court Representative Eric Hogue, Alpine Security Representative Keith Echols, Dolores County Sheriff Jerry Martin, Dolores County Emergency Manager Keith Keesling, Rico Fire Representatives Todd Jones and David Kunz, ZumaCom Owner Erich Hennig, and County Resident Robyn Nelson

Pledge

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

Approval of Agenda and Payroll

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

- County Commissioners: $6902.25 7 Employees
- County Commissioner Other: $387.87 1 Part Time
- Transfer Station: $486.47 1 Part Time
- County Clerk: $2,600.01 3 Employees 1 Part Time
- County Treasurer: $2,243.11 2 Employees
- County Assessor: $3,697.63 4 Employees
- GIS: $1,396.71 2 Part Time
- County Maintenance: $1,501.14 1 Employee 1 Part Time
- Traffic Enforcement: $1,539.47 1 Employee
- County Sheriff: $7,020.11 6 Employees 2 Part Time
- EMA: $1,046.21 1 Employee
- Extension: $1,225.64 2 Employees
- DCTV: $1,023.77 7 Part Time
- News @ Noon: $606.04 2 Part Time
- Veterans Office: $480.22 1 Part Time
- Senior Services: $8,650.60 3 Employees 14 Part Time
- Health & Nurse: $2,773.65 2 Employees
- Mandatory Weed: $1,155.67 2 Employees 1 Part Time
- Admin Other: $19,677.44 20 Employees 1 Part Time
- Social Services: $5,976.26 5 Employees

TOTAL: $70,390.27 60 Employees 33 Part Time

Agenda and Payroll

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

Commissioners reviewed the BOCC January 3, 2017 minutes and the BOCC December 18, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Cook made a motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Executive Session

An Executive Session was entered into to discuss potential liability associated with a dispatch situation. Attorney Golbricht referenced CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) and stated his opinion that the matter constituted privileged attorney/client communications and therefore no recording or minutes would be kept.

Executive Session ended at 11:50. Commissioner Cook made a motion to end the Executive Session. Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Courthouse Security Grant

Twenty second Judicial Court Representative Eric Hogue and Alpine Security Representative Keith Echols were present to discuss how the recently received Courthouse Security Grant funding will be dispersed. Handouts were given to Mr. Echols to review for the purchase of equipment that will be installed for improved safety throughout the Courthouse for personnel and citizens. A 20 hour per week salary is included in the funding that was obtained, which will cover the Court hours of operation. Sheriff Martin questioned the duties and qualifications of the Courtroom/Courthouse position. Funding has been approved and implementation of the position and security measures will begin immediately. Mr. Hogue stated that the long-term stability of the funding is positive as long as funds are appropriated correctly. The personnel services position funding will need to be reapplied for annually during the grant cycle renewal in September.

Meet & Greet with Ambulance Director

The newly hired Dolores County Ambulance Director Marc Garlinghouse was present for a meet and greet session with the Commissioners. A history of his experience was shared. There was discussion about the ambulance staff and building. Ambulance services with 24-hour coverage are planned for later this year. Future trainings and job opportunities are on the agenda. Certified EMT trainings for high-school students will hopefully be implemented next year as the certification appeals to college dorms and decreases tuition. Billing, grant writing and improving the working relations among the County entities are priority for Mr. Garlinghouse.

Rico Fire District Expansion Discussion

Rico Fire Representatives Todd Jones and David Kunz, as well as Dolores County Sheriff Jerry Martin and Dolores County Emergency Manager Keith Keesling were present to discuss with Commissioners a proposal for expanding the Rico Fire District. The unincorporated private owned land east of the Dolores River could be included in the expanded district. Disappointment may or may not be feasible.
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A voter approved expansion of the Fire District would benefit landowners in the area not only with fire protection services but also for structure insurability purposes. There was discussion on what the necessary steps that would need to be taken for the proposed expansion to be put on the ballot for the taxpayers this fall. Locations for equipment housing and response times are top concerns. Commissioners are on board with pursuing the Fire District expansion.

COG Workshop

Southwest Council of Governments Executive Director Miriam Gillow-Wiles was unable to attend due to an unexpected illness. The Workshop will be postponed until the next County Commissioner meeting.

Meetings and Information

- Commissioner Kibel gave an update on the Gunnison Sage Grouse. The CRP acreage is now considered as Sage Grouse habitat.
- An Open House was scheduled for Wednesday, January 31, 2018 after the End of the Month Meeting from 11-2.
- Commissioner Cook and Thompson Trucking owner Rodney Thompson had previously discussed the last mile of chip seal that had been completed on Squaw Point. The temperature did not allow it to process correctly therefore it will be warranted and redone in 2018.

New Business

There was not any new business.

Old Business

- Selling 15 feet of the Ambulance Parcel to neighboring land owner Ellen Warren was revisited. Town setbacks had been researched. The Commissioners discussed the impact the new property line and setbacks could have in regards to future growth for the Ambulance. Attorney Golbricht will draft a letter offering the sale of 15 feet along the entire western edge. A sale price of $3,500.00 plus fees for a boundary adjustment survey, title insurance as well as documentation and closing costs will be suggested.
- County Resident Robyn Nelson was present to discuss the possibility of subdividing a parcel. Attorney Golbricht and the Commissioners went over the subdivision exemption standard procedures and the County’s Septic requirements. A preliminary subdivision exemption was not approved at the time as the necessary paperwork had yet to be completed and the issue of the current septic systems on site needed to be explored.

Chairman to the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners