

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

July 22, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado on July 22, 2019. Present for the meeting were Chairperson Floyd Cook, Commissioner Julie Kibel and Commissioner Steve Garchar. Also, present for the meeting were County Attorney Dennis Golbricht and County Administrator Margret Daves.

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

Guests

Dolores County Assessor Berna Ernst, Dolores County Deputy Assessors Joi Redshaw and Takara Harrington, Montezuma County Landfill Representative Mel Jarmon, Bruin Waste Management Representative Chris Trosper, Dolores County Social Services Director Malynda Evans, Jones and Demille Representatives Chad Sonderegger and Scoot Flannery, Community Voice Representative Ronda Lancaster and Forest Service Representative Derek Padilla

Approval of July 15, 2019 Payroll

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$7,649.57	6 Employees		
County Commissioner Other:	\$			
Transfer Station	\$594.57		1 Part Time	
County Clerk:	\$3,274.94	3 Employees		
County Treasurer:	\$2,563.28	2 Employees		
County Assessor:	\$4,577.08	4 Employees		1 Temp
Traffic Enforcement	\$1,510.39	1 Employee		
GIS:	\$1,166.29	1 Employee		
County Maintenance:	\$1,394.57	1 Employee		
County Sheriff:	\$11,863.35	8 Employees	1 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$420.77	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$1,070.86	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$1,288.19	2 Employees		
DCTV:	\$839.86		3 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$480.22		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$			
Senior Services:	\$8,802.49	3 Employees	12 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$2,866.17	2 Employees		
Mandatory Weed:	\$3,075.31	2 Employees	1 Part Time	2 Temp
Admin Other:	\$23,163.34	19 Employees	1 Part Time	
Social Services:	\$6,119.23	5 Employees		
TOTAL:	\$87,720.48	61 Employees	20 Part Time	3 Temp

Agenda

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to accept the agenda.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Payroll and Expenditures

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to accept payroll and expenditures.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Minutes

Presented for approval were the End of the Month Meeting minutes from June 27, 2019 and the Regular Meeting minutes from July 8, 2019.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to approve the above-mentioned minutes.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor.

Board of Equalization

The Dolores County Commissioners opened a hearing as the County Board of Equalization for the purpose of hearing a tax value protest from RM & ML, LLC regarding various ag properties. County Assessor Berna Ernst and Deputy Assessor Joi Redshaw were present. County Property Owner Representative and Protester Richard Marsh phoned in on a conference line.

Mr. Marsh stated that his property is used as a grazing permit, which he leases to Jerry Carhart. Mr. Marsh mentioned the drought and a lack of feed resulting in a reduction of income. Commissioner Kibel asked what he receives for his permit. Mr. Marsh said it was at a reduced rate of \$22 per AUM due to the decreased feed volume. Deputy Assessor Redshaw referenced the Colorado Division of Property average AUM rates, which is less than Mr. Marsh is currently charging his renter. The rates are based off a 10-year average. Mr. Marsh does not believe that the Assessor's office has accurate data and will check with the State himself.

Based upon evidence presented, Commissioner Cook moved that the CBOE support the Assessor's recommendation and therefore deny Mr. Marsh's valuation protest/appeal. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cook closed the CBOE hearing at 8:58a.m. and opened as the regular Board of County Commissioners.

Abatement Hearing for Waste Management

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to open the public hearing.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Waste Management of New Mexico was sent certified mail Notice of the Hearing. No comments were received and the Petitioner did not appear. Assessor Berna Ernst and Deputy Assessor Amber Blackmore were present to explain the requested the abatement and recommended against the action.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to deny the Petition for Abatement.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

School Property

Attorney Golbricht stated that the County would have the property surveyed. The parcel will be approximately 6.02 acres which includes the area in the current road easement. After discussion it was determined that a Boundary Adjustment would be acceptable for receiving the new parcel as opposed to a Subdivision Exemption process.

Transfer Station Final Decision

The BOCC discussed the proposal from Bruin Waste Management which included waste hauling services for County receptacles and the installation of a compactor at the transfer station.

The discussion was tabled until Mel Jarmon with Montezuma County Landfill could be available later in the day.

With the arrival of Montezuma County Landfill Manager Mel Jarmon, the transfer station discussion continued.

Bruin Waste Management Representative Chris Trosper said a compactor that will run off of single-phase electricity is available. Electricity for the single-phase compactor would be more expensive, however, doubling the cost previously discussed would be on the high side as far as an estimate. The County receptacle portion of the proposal could be taken out of the contract. The Commissioners mentioned that a three- year contract is not an option; the agreement would have to renewed on an annual basis.

Mel Jarmon stated that anytime you can compact trash you are better off. Recycling was also discussed. Outside trash haulers would have the option of tipping at the Transfer Station. A portion of the electrical cost for the additional compacting would not be on the County.

Mr. Trosper will get notify the BOCC of the cost of electricity for single phase and for smaller dumpsters.

Discussion will continue at the End of the Month meeting with Phase 1 electrical compacting costs.

Montezuma County Landfill Tire Recycling Event Discussion

Montezuma County Transfer Station Manager Mel Jarmon requested a donation to help cover the \$25,000.00 cost associated with a tire shredder rental in September. Mr. Jarmon said the tire shreds will be used for alternative daily cover as opposed to the current daily cover which is 6 inches of fill dirt.

Plotter/Printer Discussion

Assessor Berna Ernst and Deputy Assessor Takara Harrington were present to discuss replacement of the current plotter/printer that their office shares with the Clerk's office. The original contract trade in rebate amount is no longer available. After reviewing the Image Net proposals, a lease option is now also being considered. Budgets will be reviewed as well as purchase and lease terms. The new data will be submitted at the End of the Month meeting for further consideration.

Dove Creek Fire District Subdivision Exemption Request

Dove Creek Fire District Board President Dan Johnson was present to request a Subdivision Exemption for ten acres. The acreage is being purchased from Weber Trust and Representative Dan Weber. All of the paperwork was presented. The Commissioner's chose to waive the application fee.

Access will be from the County Road 6.8 loop in the DCDC business. A CDOT permit will be applied for, for highway access. DCDC fully supports this.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to give preliminary approval with the exception of receiving the application with the original signature, and to waive the fee.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Attorney Golbricht pointed out that the BOCC is only granting the Subdivision Exemption. The Town will be contacted for utilities and fees.

Review for final approval will be at the End of the Month meeting.

Public Comment

No one was present for public comment.

Social Services Update

Social Services Director Malynda Evans presented the Record of Proceedings from June 17th, 2019 as well as the June 2019 Reconciliation Summary.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to approve and sign the above-mentioned documents.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

A Social Services bookkeeper position was discussed per the recommendation of the auditory CPA. Ms. Evans will visit with the County bookkeeper to see if anything can be done in house.

Ms. Evans said July 1st is the beginning of the State's fiscal year. There will be some changes to the Core Services.

Ormiston Fund Request

Social Services Director Malynda Evans received an application for the Ormiston Fund. After review, Ms. Evans made a request for approval from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to approve Resolution # 7-19-03.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted yes.

Proposed Social Services Building Plan Review

Ms. Evans and Jones and DeMille Representatives Chad Sonderegger and Scoot Flannery discussed a design build contract for a new Social Services building, on the soon to be acquired school property site.

A Scope of Work was presented for review. After some discussion the BOCC chose to postpone signing the contract until the deed to the school property has been recorded.

Forest Service Update

USFS Representative Derek Padilla presented a West Fork Fire Station timeline. Land conveyance should be completed by the end of the year.

The Doe Canyon Fire is still slowing burning within the perimeter of the burn.

In regards to previously discussed high image resolution that the County would like to purchase; Mr. Padilla said the USFS acquires their imagery for free, therefore, assisting the County with the cost of the imagery is not a justifiable expenditure.

Forest Service workers will be at Cabin Creek next week to do more cleanup and to place fire pits.

At this time, there are no fire restrictions. Weekly calls are made to discuss and decide that.

Commissioner Kibel mentioned that the Town is looking at designating roads for OHV use and asked if there is anything the FS has in place. Mr. Padilla said it is based on usage of the road and posted speed limits, so OHV use on sections of the roads with those high designations of usage is prohibited. OHV usage is not allowed on a section of the Dolores/Norwood road in Montezuma County and one place in the West Mancos area. There are no restrictions on the Glade.

DOLA Grant Possibilities General Discussion

DOLA Representative Patrick Rondinelli was present to discuss some grant opportunities. An Administrative Planning grant for up to \$25,000 with a fifty percent match is available. Funding would be available within a month. An RFP to get a consulting firm on board to provide some starting numbers would be the first step.

There was some discussion on the production of Hemp and regulating or restricting the type of hemp grown. In the State of Colorado 90% of the hemp grown is for CBD oil.

Renewable Energy Initiative grants are also available. Those are not high priority grants in our area.

Road grants are available to apply for three times a year, and it does not decrease our chances for getting one because we just finished one. They have to be a clear improvement and stamped by an engineer.

There was discussion on the upcoming Census and the money available for that.

Division of Housing is also a part of DOLA. A meeting can be set up anytime about housing needs and development for our area.

Commissioner Kibel mentioned how we rely on Kinder Morgan and Air products as a main source of income for the County. The history of Dolores County has always been based on natural resources.

New Business

San Juan Skyway Scenic Byway Management Committee Discussion: Commissioner Kibel said this pertains to the highway up by Rico. The list of requirements summary was reviewed. The summary appeared inconclusive; therefore, no action was taken.

Discussion Town of Dove Creek OHV Ordinance: There is a statute that has a provision for OHV's to cross highways.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Floyd L. Cook

Chairman to the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Joseph Lardner
Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

