

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

**September 26, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado on September 26, 2018. Present for the meeting were Chairperson Steve Garchar, Commissioner Floyd Cook and Commissioner Julie Kibel. Also, present for the meeting were; Special Projects Manager Margret Daves and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner.

**Guests**

Maintenance Supervisor Steven Stiansy, Pioneer Center Director Nita Purkat, Mapping and Addressing Director Amber Fisher, Colorado State Extension Representative Gus Westerman, Social Services Representative Janet Crawford, Assessor Berna Ernst, Dove Creek Press Representative Tammy Barr

**Pledge**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the Board of County Commissioner minutes from the August 20, 2018 minutes.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to accept the minutes.  
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Department Head Meeting**

**Assessor:** Berna Ernst said they are waiting for the next certification and everything is going well in her office.

**Road & Bridge:** Steve Davis was not present.

**Clerk:** Larita Randolph was not present.

**Treasurer:** Janie Stiasny was not present.

**Extension and Weed:** Secretary Oma Fleming was not present.

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**Maintenance:** Steven Stiasny discussed the need for handicap parking ground signs in the east parking lot of the courthouse. Varying sizes are available. Senior Services Director Nita Purkat stated that signs as well as parking designation lines on the new concrete were needed at the Pioneer Center. Mr. Stiasny will order the signs needed.

A plumber will be contacted for backflow testing compliance at the Courthouse.

**Extension:** CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman has been tidying up the 4-H year in preparation for October sign-ups for next year.

STEM after school program is coming along. An ad will be in the paper with the program details as soon as its up and running.

The U-picks at the CSU Yellow Jacket Research Center have been well attended. Gates will be opened soon for community organizations and food pantries. An estimated 26,000 pounds of fruit was grown. An orchard restoration project is planned for next year. The focus will be on catering to the cider industry with rare and endangered varieties by grafting dwarf root stock. An analysis of the varieties will be conducted.

**Nurse:** Mary Randolph said funds had been awarded totaling \$10,000.00 from the Office of Planning and Partnership Program. The Immunization Program awarded \$5000.00 for immunizations. A travel refrigerator may be purchased with the funds for transporting immunizations to the Rico area. Half of the funds will be received before the end of this year and the other half in 2019.

Employees seeking the County offered flu immunizations will have to wait until November as the contract to provide those through Cigna was delayed. The CBC recommends that flu shots be done as soon as possible.

**Sheriff:** Jerry Martin was not present.

**EMS:** Keith Keesling was not present.

**Social Services:** Janet Crawford was not present.

**Human Resources:** Finance and HR Specialist Lenore Carhart was not present.

**Senior Services:** Nita Purkat said that the parking lot project is complete as well as the walking path. Pioneer Center attendees are excited to start using the path. Some cleanup around the path is still needed. Some safety issues exist for walkers and wheelchairs as drop-offs are present. The issues will be addressed as soon as possible.

Community use of the Center is growing for weddings and funerals.

The meal program provided over 900 meals last month.

Transportation is up over 18%. Most months average 500 runs, a one month high however totaled 700 rides. New programs include a quilting group, a photography class, a yoga session and a chair exercise class.

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Ms. Purkat is pleased and commended her staff on their hard work and excellence in caring for the public users of the Center.

Commissioner Garchar mentioned meeting with Orkin to visit about services provided to the County as a whole for pest services.

**Addressing and Mapping:** Amber Fisher has been working on different maps and logging addressing and driveway points.

An address training was given to the assist the Sheriff's office deputies and dispatchers, a with the layout of the County's addressing system. A second training will be held for the Dove Creek Volunteer Fire Department as they were unable to attend. Jeff Yoder with the Pleasant View Fire Department will also be contacted to attend the training as they are located in Montezuma County but respond to fires in Dolores County.

In October, an Active 911 training will be held with Montezuma County GIS and our Emergency responders. The training will give Ms. Fisher the opportunity to practice accurately compiling data for emergency situations.

Ashley Spigner has been mapping out septic permits on file. The project will allow staff to pursue information on missing septic data at all residences in the County.

The Division of Mining requested more data on the Stanley Gravel Pit. Structures and utilities within 200 feet of the location will be compiled. Commissioner Kibel suggested that per the Species Select Assessment for the Fish and Wildlife to show the County's conservation efforts in the last 5 years. The area is in the occupied habitat for sage grouse. In accordance with land use regulations it was suggested that Ecosphere be contacted to do a count to prove it is historic and was at one time an occupied habitat.

**Special Projects Manager:** Margret Daves shared details on donating PTO hours to fellow employees.

**Fiber Grant Discussion**

Southwest Colorado Council of Governments Executive Director Miriam Gillow-Wiles was present to discuss several hot issues including broadband fiber and recycling equipment.

**Meetings and Information**

**Commissioner Kibel:** Discussed the Ansel Hall Field Trip that was recently guided by the BLM. Discussion of opening the ruins to the school and public is being considered.

**Bruin Waste Visit**

Bruin Waste Management Representative Chris Trosper met with Commissioners to discuss the possibility of installing a compacting unit at the County Transfer Station. The Board is considering compacting waste and recycling services. Several costly improvements including electricity and concrete pads are necessary for the compacting and recycling equipment. An operator, utilities, and disposal fees are being researched in an effort to provide the best possible services to residents as well as manage County funds resourcefully.

**New Business**

The Colorado State Land Board calculates that Proposition 112 will eliminate \$230.3 million of funding for Colorado's schools from state trust lands over a three-year period. School funding from trust lands will be reduced by 60%.

Proposition 112 will be on the Colorado ballot for a vote in November 2018. It proposes that all new oil and gas surface developments on non-federal land in Colorado have a setback of 2,500 feet from any occupied structure and any land considered to be a sensitive/vulnerable area.

**Old Business**

**Executive Session:**

There was not an Executive Session.

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