

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

July 30, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado on July 30, 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

County Health Nurse Mary Randolph, Senior Services Director Nita Purkat, Weed and Extension Secretary Oma Fleming, Treasurer Janie Stiasny, EMS Director Keith Keesling, Clerk and Recorder Larita Randolph, Maintenance Supervisor Steven Stiasny, Finance and HR Specialist Lenore Carhart, Assessor Berna Ernst, Sheriff Jerry Martin, Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Majors and Haley CPA Chris Majors, and Treasurer's Office Assistant Machel Jones

Pledge

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

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Cook made a motion to accept the agenda.
Commissioner Kibel 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 July 23, 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 just handling daily business.

Clerk: Larita Randolph discussed the recent elections process as there were several rejected ballots due to forgery on the signatures.

The Clerk and Recorders office Motor Vehicle Division will be down for three days next week for a system upgrade.

Office staff recently attended a week-long training in Durango for training on the new system that will be implemented for the Motor Vehicle Division.

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Treasurer: Janie Stiasny said that a Durango Procedural Consultant will be visiting on August 7th to insure the office works with other departments in regards to the financial handlings in the County.

Maintenance: Steven Stiasny said everything is running well.

Road & Bridge: Steve Davis did not have anything to share.

Extension and Weed: Secretary Oma Fleming said the 4-H livestock kids are at the Montezuma County Fair this week.

The remodel of the old Road and Bridge facility is almost complete and looks amazing.

CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman is on vacation and will return on August 6 in time for the Dolores County Fair.

The Yellow Jacket CSU Research Center Orchard has a great fruit crop this year.

Extension: CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman was not present.

Nurse: Mary Randolph had Attorney Golbricht review a CDPHE Data Sharing Agreement for GIS data sharing files for water tests and compromised sources.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to sign the CDPHE confidentiality agreement.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Sheriff: Jerry Martin said there are some active investigations going on. The two new department employees have been a huge asset to the County with traffic control.

The jail bill is down which budgetarily has been beneficial.

EMS: Keith Keesling said that the EOC Grant funding was finally received. Equipment that was to have been purchased is no longer available as it has been a year and a half since the funding was requested, therefore new versions of the same needed equipment will be purchased.

A week long Hazmat Training was completed in Alabama by 6 Search and Rescue team members.

Search and Rescue has had several searches in the last month.

Social Services: Malynda Evans was not present.

Human Resources: Finance and HR Specialist Lenore Carhart said that the 2017 audit was completed last week. Auditor Chris Majors with Majors and Haley will be in to go over the audit with Commissioners.

Ms. Carhart requested that all offices keep working on position descriptions for all employees, as they are due by the end of the year.

Bill processing has been non-stop lately as opposed to the previous two to three processing times per month.

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Senior Services: Nita Purkat discussed the concrete parking lot pour project that is currently going on. Thirty yards of concrete will be poured daily until the project is complete. Attendees of the Center have been rerouted through other entrances to safely accommodate the project construction.

The second of two new Senior Services transport vehicles was recently received through CDOT grant funds.

Commissioner Garchar suggested that the landscaping that needs completed at the Pioneer Center be postponed until next spring due to the drought issue as the secondary water system supply will be shut off early this year; therefore inhibiting the use of water for establishing the new plants.

The bark that was installed has proven to be a fire hazard. Smokers have started two fires in the bark. The bark will be removed and replaced with gravel.

Addressing and Mapping: Amber Fisher was not present.

Special Projects Manager: Margret Daves will start working on the budget as soon as the Audit Review is received and numbers can be entered.

The 2-year warranty walk through on both of the new buildings will be on August 23.

Elected Officials/Department Head Evaluation Training

HR Specialist Lenore Carhart provided a handout for County Elected Officials and Department Heads with some key pointers for the required Evaluations. The goal is to provide uniform evaluations throughout the County for all employees and departments.

Audit Review

Majors and Haley Auditor Chris Majors presented the Accountant's Reports and Basic Financial Statements for the 2017 budget year.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to accept the audit.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Meetings and Information

Commissioner Kibel: has been working with Fish and Wildlife with ongoing calls to open up grazing CRP lands. All lands have been opened up except for the pollinator areas. A request of twenty percent is to be left in all Sage Grouse occupied areas.

The Conservation Action Plan that Commissioner Kibel outlined and submitted detailing the local effort has received great reviews.

There have been numerous calls on the County's road conditions. The availability of water to work the roads has been hard to find this year with the drought. The Road and Bridge Department is working on the roads daily.

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RS-2477 has been a major concern by many residents of the County lately. The Motorized Trail Riders have been reaching out voicing their concerns and offering knowledge of funding availability. A follow-up meeting is scheduled at the next BOCC on August 6, 2018 at 9am.

Commissioner Cook: attended a Club 20 meeting in Granby, Colorado last week that he found to be very informative.

New Business

There was no new business.

Old Business

Executive Session: An Executive Session was requested according to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) for the purpose of receiving legal advice regarding litigation. It was the opinion of Attorney Golbright that the Executive Session matters constituted privileged attorney client communication, therefore no recordings or minutes would be kept.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to enter into an Executive Session at 10:39 am.

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 11:05.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Garchar closed the meeting.

Chairman to the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners