

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

July 31, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado on July 31, 2019. Present for the meeting were Chairperson Floyd Cook, Commissioner Kibel and Commissioner Steve Garchar. Also, present for the meeting were County Attorney Dennis Golbricht, County Administrator Margret Daves and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner.

Guests

Dolores County Clerk and Recorder Lana Hancock, Dolores County Emergency Manager Keith Keesling, Dolores County Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Dolores County Assessor Berna Ernst, HR and Finance Specialist Lenore Carhart, Dolores County Sheriff Don Wilson, Dolores County Senior Services Director Julie Bingham, Dolores County Health Nurse Mary Randolph, Dolores County Maintenance Supervisor Steven Stiasny, Dolores County Treasurer Janie Stiasny, Dolores County Extension Agent Gus Westerman, Dolores County Deputy Treasurer Machel Jones, Dolores County Deputy Assessor Takara Harrington, Resident Spencer Frost, American Ag Solutions Owners Loren and Linda Workman, Resident Jeanie Babin, Resident Tom Myer, Dove Creek Chamber/DCTV News Representative Kendra Cook

Pledge

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

Approval of Agenda and Expenditures

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to approve the agenda with additions and Expenditures. Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of Minutes

Presented for approval were the July 25, 2019 Special Meeting minutes.

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

Department Head Meeting

Assessor: Berna Ernst is preparing for certification.

Deputy Assessor Amber Blackmore and the summer-higher employee have been out taking photos and measurements of new structures within the County.

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Maintenance: Steven Stiasny mentioned that the 2nd Judicial Court is ordering chairs for juror selection seating in future proceedings. Mr. Stiasny reported that a shed will need to be purchased to house the chairs. A shed would cost approximately \$4,000.00. A Connex was discussed as an alternative storage unit, however, room to set one may not be available.

Road & Bridge: Steve Davis said the road crew is moving right along with the gravel hauling and grading on the Glade road. Loads per day have increased from 4 loads to 5 loads per truck per day.

The grader accident last week slowed down the project for a day while the grader was set upright and loaded on a low boy trailer to be taken to Durango to the dealer.

Commissioner Garchar asked about progress on fog sealing Road R. Mr. Davis has not heard back on a possible application date.

Treasurer: Janie Stiasny left before she could share any information.

Clerk: Lana Hancock and Deputy Clerk Taylor Funk will be attending a training for the new Dominion Election equipment they will use for this year's elections.

Extension and Weed: Secretary Oma Fleming was not present.

Extension: CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman had a busy month with plant and insect sight visit identifications.

The STEM group is looking for a replacement for Patsy Smith.

The 4-H Livestock Fair is this week in Montezuma County with 7 Dolores County 4-H members participating. The Dolores County Fair will be next week.

A Junior Rodeo was canceled due to a virus most often transmitted by flies called vesicular stomatitis. The next rodeo is still tentatively being planned.

Nurse: Mary Randolph closed out last year's contracts. New contracts will begin at the end of June with an increase in deliverables.

Two CDPHE site visits were completed.

Ms. Randolph has several conferences and upcoming meetings.

Sheriff: Don Wilson discussed marijuana updates per the State. Smoking will be permitted on private property and in vehicles in the back seat. Persons arrested for marijuana or meth offenses will have a mandatory hearing within 48 hours. Possessions under 4oz. is now considered a misdemeanor offense.

A Fire Prevention meeting will be held on August 7, 2019 in Durango. Mr. Wilson requested that a Commissioner attend.

Mental Health disability cases have increased. Mr. Wilson expressed his frustration with Axis Health for releasing persons quickly and not effectively dealing with disabilities.

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Human Resources: Lenore Carhart said the audit has been completed and came out good.

Colorado County Officials and Employees Retirement Association (CCOERA) will officially be rebranded as Colorado Retirement Association. CCOERA enables Colorado local government employees to maximize savings for retirement through flexible investment options, best-in-class fund access and a menu of retirement plan products and services.

Senior Services: Julie Bingham is dealing with some “poopy issues” with the malfunctioning of the lift station at the Pioneer Center. Attorney Golbricht will review contracts and warranties before repairs are completed.

EMS: Keith Keesling has had quarterly coordinating meetings.

The DCFD tower and repeater have been installed at the Squaw Point Fire House. Improved communication has been noted throughout the County.

Mr. Keesling was elected as the Regional Director to the Southwest Regional Communications Committee with his first duty being to find a tower location along Highway 145 to improve Rico’s communication.

Social Services: Malynda Evans was not present.

Addressing and Mapping: Amber Fisher was not present.

Special Projects Manager: Margret Daves shared on behalf of the Addressing and Mapping department that signs are being completed for installation in the West Fork area and locates in the Dunton area will soon be conducted.

Weed District Enter Upon Lands Request

Weed Manager Oma Fleming was present to request permission to enter upon three parcels owned by Cecil Monger to brush-hog the Canadian thistle and to discourage blowing seed. Ms. Fleming had contacted tenant farmer Spencer Frost as a courtesy. Mr. Frost requested an extension until Friday to be able to combine the weed patches and put it in a windrow. Ms. Fleming doesn’t feel that they should wait any longer as she has received 27 phone calls total from neighbors with concerns of the blowing seed. The BOCC reviewed the parcel data and photos of the weeds.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion allowing the Weed District permission to enter upon the property to assist in the weed mitigation effort.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Auditor’s Annual Report

Certified Public Accountant Chris Majors presented the 2018 tax audit review.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion accepting the 2018 audit as presented.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Liming Special Septic Allowance Request

Resident Gregg Liming was present to request a special allowance for a new septic. The parcel Mr. Liming owns is 1.0 acre. Mr. Liming would like to place a 30x70 modular home on the parcel and therefore install a new septic. The existing home and rental share an existing septic that would be left as is. Regulation 43 septic requirements were discussed. Septic Inspector Jeff Carhart was contacted, he recommended an engineered septic system.

Jones and Demille Engineering Firm was recommended to Mr. Liming for review of the parcel, setback considerations and possibly engineering a system.

Dove Creek Fire District Subdivision Exemption Final Decision

Dove Creek Fire District Board President Dan Johnson was present to receive final approval for a subdivision exemption request. The final plat and mylar were previously signed by property owner Weber Family Trust Representative Don Weber.

Attorney Golbricht received confirmation from the Dolores County Development Corporation that access to the newly created parcel would be available.

Preliminary approval of the Subdivision Exemption was granted on July 22, 2019 by the BOCC during a regular meeting.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to granting final approval of the Subdivision Exemption Request for Resolution # 07-19-06.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

There was discussion of the time frame for beginning construction on a new fire station.

Meetings and Information

Commissioner Garchar: Mentioned a Club 20 meeting he attended in Pagosa Springs where the decline in agricultural exports statuses were discussed.

Commissioner Kibel: Will serve on a biological panel with the Sage Grouse Efforts.

Will attend a meeting with DOLA to research a strategic plan to supplement County revenue stream.

Commissioner Cook: Attended a West Fork Fire meeting. A 40' Conex was purchased to store equipment that has been in a rented storage unit. Placement at the West Fork Road and Bridge location was requested to store the Conex.

Public Comment

There was no one was present for public comment.

Public Hearing for American Ag Solutions

Commissioner Cook opened the Public Hearing Meeting.

American Ag Solutions owners Loren and Linda Workman shared their hemp processing plan for the old Senior Center Facility in Cahone, CO.

The parcel currently has two mobile units rented to oil field workers. Compliance with Trailer Park regulations state that a single unit is not an issue however a second unit should have compliance with all trailer park regulations and requirements. After review of regulations, Attorney Golbricht suggested that allowing the two units to remain would be possible if only one unit was income generating and the second was for employee housing with no rent charged. Workman's would like to use one unit to house employees for onsite security purposes.

Commissioner Cook asked for public comment. There were questions and comments from a couple local residents.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to end the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to approve the proposed LDA agreement with American Ag Solutions.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

New Business

Ormiston Fund Request: The BOCC reviewed a Clara Ormiston application previously reviewed and approved by Social Services Director Malynda Evans.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to approve Resolution #7-19-04 approving the distribution of funds from the Clara Ormiston Fund.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Old Business

Salvage Rights Discussion: A previous County Transfer Station employee had salvage rights at the transfer station as a perc benefit to her employment position. County liability if an accident or injury occurred is high. The BOCC per HR and Attorney Golbricht's recommendation will no longer allow the former employee those rights. Salvage rights will remain with the County as a supplemental income to the transfer station for all recycled metals and other materials. HR Director Lenore Johnson will inform the former employee and request the key to the facility be returned.

Assessor's Office Printer/Plotter Continued Discussion: Assessor Berna Ernst and Deputy Assessor Takara Harrington presented new numbers for the existing plotter trade in value.

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Commissioner Cook closed the meeting.

Floyd L. Cook

Chairman to the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Josy Gardner Seal

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

