

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

June 27, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado on June 27, 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, 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 Mapping and Addressing Specialist Amber Fisher, Dolores County Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Dolores County Extension and Weed Secretary Oma Fleming, Dolores County Deputy Assessor Takara Harrington, HR and Finance Specialist Lenore Carhart, Dolores County Sheriff Don Wilson, Dolores County Senior Services Director Julie Bingham, Dolores County Deputy Treasurer Mabelle Jones, Resident Spencer Frost

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, inclusive of the expenditures.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of Minutes

Presented for approval were the June 17, 2019 minutes.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Department Head Meeting

Assessor: Berna Ernst was not present. Deputy Clerk Takara Harrington was present and stated that the real property protest period had just ended. Notices of Determination will be mailed out. There were 18 total protests. The County Board of Equalization (CBOE) may hear if Assessors' determination is not accepted.

Road & Bridge: Steve Davis said they have finished the chip seal projects and are applying mag chloride again. The chip seal looks amazing.

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Treasurer: Janie Stiasny was not present, however, Deputy Treasurer Machel Jones was. Ms. Jones stated that the PILT Funds had been received in the amount of \$162,854.00.

Property taxes are 97.2% collected at this point.

Clerk: Lana Hancock stated that it was business as usual.

There will be a state election this fall.

Maintenance: Steven Stiasny was not present.

Extension and Weed: Secretary Oma Fleming is preparing for the second Junior Rodeo of the season. The first was the biggest to date with several new participants.

The propane tanks have been exchanged with purchased ones.

Sand was added to Rodeo arena.

The shooting range will stay as is for now. Repairs may be done later this fall.

The Weed department has been really busy with the weather not always cooperating. The HPP cost share grants are being used by the residents. Advertisements almost tripled the number of new jobs.

Extension: CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman was not present. Oma Fleming stated that Mr. Westerman was out conducting crops for insurance purposes.

The STEM Camp had 26 attendees. Parents were invited to watch the final car race.

Affirmative Action Report was conducted through CSU with no issues

The peaches, plums and pears at the orchard are looking really good. The apples are spotty.

The 4-H Rafting trip took 29 to Moab. The water was chilly and the rapids were good!

Nurse: Mary Randolph was not present.

Sheriff: Don Wilson discussed the new ADA compliant scanner to be installed in the Courtroom entrance. The scanner was funded by the Courthouse Security Grant Funding. Sheriff Wilson asked for suggestions on what to do with the old courtroom scanner. A donation to the school was mentioned.

Changes to the Search and Rescue equipment was mentioned. The County pays approximately a dollar a gallon less

Rico has a VHF repeater that is having battery issues. Replacements will be flown in free. Hikers will hike up to install the new batteries.

The repeater on Squaw Point should be up and running by July 15th.

Search and Rescue was activated 7 times in the month of June. Mostly for river rescues.

Human Resources: Lenore Carhart stated that the New York Life Representative was present for signups.

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Senior Services: Julie Bingham said they recently had their AAA site visit and there no deficiencies.

The Seniors held their annual yard sale on June 15th. The yard sale was a success with \$1200.00 raised.

Updated sod quotes are expected any day.

The Memorial Garden at the Pioneer Center is full of beautiful roses.

Housing Solutions held a meeting and grant funds were discussed for availability for Assisted Living or a Senior Housing project.

EMS: Keith Keesling reported that there is now an active Facebook page with continuously updated Nixel reports.

An Air Quality Monitor has been installed at the Public Service Center that will provide 24hour air quality reports. A link to the reports will be shared.

The Town of Rico approved the Rico Evacuation Plan.

Social Services: Malynda Evans was not present.

Addressing and Mapping: Amber Fisher will be sending out letters to notify the West Fork residents that she will be putting up the new address signs.

Ms. Fisher attended a BBQ at the West Fork to update the residents of the area of the reasoning behind the readdressing project. Most of the residents understand the need for the address changes and are excited for the change that will assist emergency responders.

The high resolution pictometry imagery project is looking like it will happen. The number of interested parties willing to assist with funding is still be sought. At point, Dolores Counties portion would be in the neighborhood of \$13,000.00. The imagery would provide a 3" resolution within the incorporated areas and 9" resolution in the rest of the County.

Dolores County is exploring the costs associated with installing mile marker signs along the Dolores/Norwood road and possibly the Disappointment Road.

Special Projects Manager: Margret Daves mentioned that the restroom facility at the Cahone Park septic had been pumped out and thanked Oma Fleming for her assistance with that. The Cahone Park was mowed by the Xi Delta Tau Sorority and looks very nice.

Subdivision Exemption Request on Cecil Monger Property

Spencer Frost from Monticello, Utah was present to request a subdivision exemption on a property owned by Cecil Monger. After discussion, the BOCC found that all requirements had been met within the subdivision exemption process.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion granting preliminary approval for the subdivision exemption. Mr. Spencer was directed to return after a plat has been surveyed.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Large Printer/Plotter Possible Lease/Purchase Continued Discussion

Deputy Assessor Takara Harrington as well as Clerk Lana Hancock shared their desire to replace the large black and white printer/plotter shared by their offices. The County currently has a new color printer/plotter that was purchased with DOLA funds as part of the Emergency Operations Center located at the Public Service Center where it is housed in a temperature controlled and specifically hardwired room. It was argued that the public's need for immediate access to printed maps warrants the possible relocation of the printer/planner to the Courthouse.

After discussion, the BOCC decided to visit with Mapping and Addressing Specialist Amber Fisher who currently operates the planner/plotter which is stationed near her office to discuss relocating the printer/plotter to the courthouse.

The BOCC is hesitant to fund the purchase of another printer/plotter as much larger neighboring counties operate off of only one printer as well as much older ones.

Networking from the Assessor's and Clerk's offices to the printer/plotter at the PSC is available.

Meetings and Information

Commissioner Garchar: discussed his fear of natural resource extraction within the Oil and Gas Industry decreasing due to regulatory mandates and decreased new permit application acceptance.

Commissioner Kibel: discussed Sage Grouse meetings she has attended and the setbacks they are proposing. Dates of upcoming meetings were shared.

Public Comment

There was no one was present for public comment.

New Business

Goundhog Lake Liquor Store License Renewal Request: Sheriff Wilson stated that there had been no issues with the liquor store located at the Groundhog Store.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to sign the liquor license renewal to be sent to the state.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

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Lift Station Bid Review/Decision: Three bids were received to repair the defective lift station at the Senior Center.

CRG Construction Inc. submitted a bid in the amount of \$16,300.00

L&L Construction submitted a bid in the amount of \$18,622.80

Thirsty Birds Energy Services submitted a bid in the amount of \$12,178.00

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to accept the Thirsty Bird bid upon contract review.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

County Administrator Margret Daves will notify the bidders of the decision.

Old Business

Planning Commission Recommendation: The Dolores County Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on June 24, 2019 for an application from American Ag Solutions, LLC to convert the old Cahone Senior Center/School to a Hemp extraction and a laboratory focused on hemp seed genetics breeding. The Planning Commission voted unanimously with no conditions to approve the application as complete and send it onto the Board of County Commissioners for review.

Disappointment Creek Water Issue: Attorney Golbricht updated the BOCC with information from a conference call provided by Attorney Whitmore.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion allowing Attorney Whitmore to proceed as needed with the Disappointment Creek water issues, including.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Executive Sessions

There was no Executive Session needed.

Commissioner Cook closed the meeting.


Chairman to the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:


Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

