

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

November 29, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado on November 29, 2018. Present for the meeting were Chairperson Steve Garchar and Commissioner Julie Kibel via phone. Also, present for the meeting were; County Attorney Dennis Golbricht, Special Projects Manager Margret Daves and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner.

Guests

Dolores County Assessor Berna Ernst, Dolores County Treasurer Janie Stiasny, Dolores County Maintenance Supervisor Steven Stiasny, Dolores County Clerk and Recorder Larita Randolph, CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman, Dolores County Health Nurse Mary Randolph, Dolores County Sheriff Jerry Martin and Sheriff Elect Don Wilson, Dolores County Emergency Manager Keith Keesling, Dolores County Social Services Director Malynda Evans, Dolores County Human Resources and Finance Specialist Lenore Carhart, Dolores County Senior Services Directors Nita Purkat and Julie Bingham. Dolores County Mapping and Addressing Specialist Amber Fisher, Jones and Demille Representative Chad Sondregger

Pledge

The meeting opened with Commissioner Kibel joining in via phone to start the meeting with the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to approve the minutes from November 19, 2018.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Department Head Meeting

Assessor: Berna Ernst is preparing to do tax roll and verify mill levy certifications. Ms. Ernst will be attending Winter Conference next week in Denver.

Road & Bridge: Steve Davis said crews are busy cleaning ditches, hauling chips, and getting graders ready for winter road maintenance. The DOLA grant contract for the Road R project has been signed.

Clerk: Larita Randolph said the November election went off without a hitch.

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Treasurer: Janie Stiasny stated that County held onto a lot of property the day of the tax lien sale that did not get purchased. However, the day after the sell all properties were sold by noon. Ms. Stiasny plans to have tax lien sales online next year.

Maintenance: Steven Stiasny thanked the Road and Bridge Department for marking the handicap parking locations in the Courthouse parking lots.

Extension and Weed: Secretary Oma Fleming was not present.

Extension: CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman week long extension class.

The 4-H Awards banquet in October went well. 2019 4-H enrollment has started. The majority of last year's leaders returned. Some leaders have started having classes.

The planning phase has started for the San Juan Basin Workshop as well as the Ag Economic Workshop.

The 4-H Stem after school program is going well.

Nurse: Mary Randolph attended a Tobacco Pricing Training. Since the legalization of marijuana Colorado's tobacco use has increased above the national average. Studies show that the most effective way to decrease the usage of tobacco is to increase product prices.

Colorado has the highest vape usage in the nation. Vapes contain high levels of nicotine, therefore, chances of addiction are high.

Sheriff: Jerry Martin said the Sheriff's office is preparing to transition under the direction of newly elected Sheriff Wilson.

The Western State Sheriff's Association has a lot of changes and issues coming forward. Sheriff Martin encouraged the BOCC to maintain close contact with the Sheriff's Association. Sheriff Martin's goal has always been to maintain the rural lifestyle for citizens of the County. He stated that there are certain threats to that lifestyle approaching. One such threat may be in the form of gun control. Some Counties in the U.S. are taking proactive measures; such as the creation of Sanctuary County's that prohibit certain restriction upon firearms.

Sheriff Martin added that the negative effects of legalized marijuana in Colorado are snowballing. Other states are considering approving medicinal marijuana use which leads to recreational use.

Social Services: Malynda Evans attended the CCI Winter Conference. Human Services transportation could possibly being taken back from counties and turned into a regional RFP. Medicaid travel reimbursement expenses are high and the State is looking to change that.

Opioid usage has skyrocketed. To avoid misuse, any old or unused prescriptions drugs can be dropped off at the Community Health Clinic or any pharmacy.

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EMS: Keith Keesling was working with the Town of Dove Creek to get pre-hazard water mitigation grants in place to help with the water supply from the pumps, however, a presidential declared emergency has to occur before funding is available.

FEMA has funding available for critical infrastructure and generator placement for Dove Creek or Rico for a fully certified shelter in the County during any Colorado state declared emergency.

The Youth Preparedness Initiative Program is now half full. Mr. Keesling has been asked to be a State homeland security conference presenter.

First Net Emergency Responder signups will be next week to. First Net provides priority and preemptive services.

Human Resources: Finance and HR Specialist Lenore Carhart mentioned there will be a 5.4% insurance premium increase. Open enrollment begins tomorrow.

Ms. Carhart reminded Department Heads to be mindful of budgets with the end of year closing in and two more months of expenses to add.

Senior Services: Nita Purkat said Julie Bingham started training as Director full time on Monday. The two have been to Durango for trainings.

The Senior Center employee are busy decorating for Christmas.

Ms. Purkat handed out 2019 planners to the BOCC.

Addressing and Mapping: Amber Fisher has the Peel cemetery plots all mapped out. Future plots and the need for expansion are being planned for.

Next, Ms. Fisher will begin working on the Dove Creek Cemetery mapping and plot sizes.

Ms. Fisher has also been busy mapping out right of way and driveway permits.

Special Projects Manager: Margret Daves mentioned that December 7 from 2-5pm will be Senior Services Director Nita Purkat's Retirement open house.

Job descriptions and employee reviews are due from Department Heads by December 31.

The State Court Administrator Courthouse Security grant that funded the security camera project last year was reapplied for. The County was awarded \$19,705.00 for courtroom deputy wages. The County can reapply for more funds in April 2019.

The County health insurance will have a rate increase of 5.4%. Newly Elected officials will pay for a spouse or children at the same rate as the County employees with the County paying 85% of the spouse and children's healthcare costs.

Road and Bridge Stacker Discussion

Road and Bridge Road Foreman John Nielson presented information on 2 rock stackers that will be auctioned off on December 5. Road and Bridge Truck Foreman Lonnie Pribble was able to preview both stackers in person and recommended the purchase of either piece of equipment. Mr. Nielson requested a high bid of \$40,000.00 be approved. Price comparison research had similar stackers valued at \$56,000.00. Via phone Commissioner Kibel gave her consent to bid up to the high bid amount requested. Commissioner Garchar was concerned that now may not be an appropriate time to try to purchase a stacker. With Commissioner Cook unavailable the discussion was tabled and added to the December 3, 2018 agenda.

Budget Workshop

The regular BOCC meeting was closed for various department heads to discuss and make final budget changes.

Public Comment

Commissioner Garchar opened the meeting up for public comment. No one was present.

Town of Dove Creek Water and Sewer Discussion

Water Solution Representative Dagan Chadd and Town Manager Sonny Frazier discussed the possibility of an upcoming joint effort project creating up to date septic and waterline maps for the Town of Dove Creek utilizing the Counties Mapping and Addressing department and technology. Mapping and Addressing Specialist Amber Fisher will contact some fellow GIS colleagues to gather information for the most accurate equipment and user-friendly map reading apps.

Meetings and Information

Commissioner Kibel:

Commissioner Cook: Attended the CCI Winter Conference and shared details of a product for dust control on roads with Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis.

Commissioner Garchar: Attended the CCI Winter Conference. SIPA funds are available to provide a website and maintenance to Counties and Towns throughout Colorado. The service is provided from fees collected through vehicle registration collections and renewals.

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New Business

There was no new business.

Old Business

Execution of the Social Services Northwood Software Contract: Attorney Golbricht discussed the Northwoods Consulting Partners, Inc. contract, previously submitted by Social Services Director Malynda Evans. The Software Service Agreement is offered to Counties with small populations. Also, participating in the agreement are Archuleta, San Miguel and Ouray Counties.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to approve the Northwood Contract.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Executive Session: An Executive Session was not needed.

Steve Lane

Chairman to the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Joy Gardner

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

