Proceedings of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners

April 30, 2018

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

Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman, Extension Office and Weed Board Secretary Oma Fleming, Maintenance Supervisor Steven Stiasny, Mapping and Addressing Director Amber Fisher, Social Services Director Malynda Evans, Sheriff Jerry Martin, Southwest COG Representative Miriam Gillows-Wiles, County Residents Nadine Funk and Sherry Richardson

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 with additions. 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 March 28, 2018, June 29, 2017 and July 17, 2017 meetings with corrections.

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 was not present.

Clerk: Larita Randolph was not present.

Treasurer: Janie Stiasny was not present.

Maintenance: Steven Stiasny is in the process of getting a new back flow on the boiler. Preparing to clean up and maintain the parks. Door knobs will be changed that are sticking. Bids have been requested to finish updating lighting.
Road & Bridge: Steve Davis said the crew is in the process of applying Mag Chloride to county roads. Ditch cleaning has begun. The dry weather is making cleaning the ditches easier.

There was discussion of applying mag chloride in the Groundhog area per Bonnie Candelaria’s request of the County perhaps matching her funds. Commissioners were not in agreeance of matching funds as that presents a sticky situation for not doing so for others in the County. Ms. Candelaria will be contacted with the details of the decision.

$4,000 of chips has been acquired and hauled and is being stored at the Cahone Road and Bridge location to be used on Road R later this fall.

Extension: CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman accomplished AG Disaster Training in April.

The Road Grant was submitted and a meeting will be held on May 2 at 11 in the PSC with the new DOLA Representative to answer questions.

DCDC and Pay it Forward Club are both moving along.

Kenny Smith helped with spraying at the Yellow Jacket Experiment Station and provided a demonstration of a Yeomans Plow at the County Road W Fozzi’s Farm.

4-H Stem AmeriCorps program is willing to waive administration fees to help implement a program through the school next fall. The Extension office will need to provide office supplies and an office space. Twenty hours a week will be dedicated to Stem.

Extension and Weed: Secretary Oma Fleming discussed the 4-H Club’s two major fundraisers.

The Fairgrounds has scheduled 4 rentals. The baseball fields have been prepped by the Road and Bridge Department and are ready for use. Water will be requested to be turned back on.

Kenny Smith is on full time with the Weed Department.

Nurse: Mary Randolph was not present.

Sheriff: Jerry Martin had discussed his concern of the security camera locations in and around the Sheriff’s office.

A Stage 1 fire ban will be in effect beginning May 1, 2018.

A meeting will be held during the May 7, 2018 BOCC meeting to discuss the chain of command for any fire incidences.

A larger area for securely storing evidence and possibly being inclusive of a vehicle inspection bay will be researched as the Sheriff’s office has outgrown the current storage areas.

Social Services is very appreciative of the newly remodeled office space and has been utilizing it on a frequent basis.
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EMS: Keith Keesling was not present.

Social Services: Malynda Evans said they had representatives from the State down to do a review of their Child Welfare practices. They will begin using a Differential Response Child Welfare Program.

A Collective Impact Group with Team-Up has been meeting with representatives from Montezuma and Dolores Counties.

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

Senior Services: Nita Purkat was not present.

Addressing and Mapping: Amber Fisher said that Ashley Spigner has been working on updating the cemetery maps.

Work on updating for census addresses has been a time-consuming process.

West Fork addresses are being updated.

Maps have been sent to Google.

Special Projects Manager: Margret Daves shared details concerning a planned CTSI mandatory Coaching Experienced Drivers Training, a Body Mechanics for lifting, and a Chemical Safety Training August 1st and 2nd.

Southwest COG Broadband Update

Southwest COG Representative Miraim Gillows-Wile was present to discuss updates of getting broadband services to rural areas with an emphasis on providing services to rural health providers. Colorado Tele-Health Network (CTN) has federal funding available to help with costs of getting fiber in to assist with lower costs when broadband services are provided. The COG requested permission to represent the County in seeking said grant.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to sign the letter of Revocation of Agency and to also sign the agreement confirming the Counties participation in the Southwest Colorado Council of Governments Healthcare Consortium to act on its behalf before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company’s Rural Health Care Division in matters related to the Consortium’s participation in the Healthcare Connect Fund, or in any other matters. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.
Meetings and Information

- Bears have been causing problems at the Transfer Station. Fencing recommendations were received from the DOW to enclose the dumpsters. Electric fencing was discussed as a temporary quick fix. Residents needing UPS hours to help with picking up trash was suggested, however there are no registered residents needing hours at this time. Grant funding will be investigated. Discussion will continue later after fencing costs have been researched.

- Courthouse Security cameras were discussed as installation is close to being completed. Covering the cameras could be a violation of the grant funding.

- Commissioner Garchar attended the renaming of the Anasazi Heritage Center.

- Commissioner Garchar attended the Region 9 meeting in Durango. Region 9 will be purchasing office space in the Tech Center.

New Business

- **Public Health Contracts:**
  Commissioner Cook made a motion to sign the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Interagency/Intergovernmental and Local Public Health Agencies (LPHA’s) Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.
  All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion

- **Minutes/Agendas Discussion:** Emails received from County residents with concerns of the time frame informing the public of the BOCC agenda and the turn around time of minutes being available. Attorney Golbricht reviewed state statute. Continued compliance will be maintained.

- **Fire Ban Discussion:** Sheriff Martin stated that as of May 1, 2018 a Stage 1 fire ban will be implemented for Dolores County. Similar restrictions are being implemented by the BLM and the Forest Service.

- **Empire Electric Association Confidentiality Agreement:** Shape files were requested by Mapping and Addressing Director Amber Davis for the purpose of mapping and locating Empire Electric’s power poles and power lines for emergency responders during emergency situations. The shape files will not be available to the general public.

  Commissioner Kibel made a motion to sign the confidentiality and non-disclosure statement subject to the parameters of the attached letter drafted by Attorney Golbricht with Empire Electric Association.
  Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
  All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.
Board of Health Meeting

Commissioner Garchar closed out of the Board of County Commissioner meeting and opened as the Board of Health.
Septic Inspector David McCart discussed the issue of several residences in the West Fork that have failed to comply with the County Septic regulations.
Attorney Golbricht suggested that a working log be kept for documentation and future inspectors. A Potential Action Sheet (PAS) will be kept. Several locations in the County are of concern.

Old Business

- **Pioneer Center Parking Lot/Walking Path Discussion**: There was discussion of using asphalt on the parking lot. Another option for the parking lot was concrete. The higher initial cost of concrete would over time require less maintenance.
The walking path was designed for gravel. Weeds would then be one issue. Another issue would be the inaccessibility of the walking path for wheel chair use. Concrete would be permanent and low maintenance. The budget will be reviewed from the previous bids for landscaping to be completed.

- **Green Donation Discussion**: A donation of financial assistance was discussed in regards to the previous request made. Mr. Green will be invited to visit with Commissioners again.

- **Executive Session Regarding Potential Road Litigation**: Attorney Golbricht requested an Executive Session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(b)(4) for an issue regarding potential litigation. It was his opinion that the matter constituted attorney client privileged matters and therefore no recording would be made.

  Commissioner Cook made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 2:22pm
  Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.
  All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

  Commissioner Garchar closed the Executive Session at 2:42

  Commissioner Cook made a motion to allow $5,000.00 of expenditures to be available for research for potential road litigation.
  Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.
  All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.
Commissioner Garchar adjourned the meeting.

Chairman to the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners