

**Proceedings of the Dolores County board of
County Commissioners
February 17, 2015**

A Regular meeting of the board of County Commissioners was held in their boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado February 17, 2015. Present for the meeting was Chairman of the Board, Julie Kibel and Commissioners Ernie Williams and Doug Stowe. Also present for the meeting was, Lorraine Hancock, Deputy Clerk to the Board, Dennis Golbricht, County Attorney, and Margret Daves, Special Projects Manager.

Guests

Doug Funk, Dove Creek Press, Derek Padilla, Forest Service, Mary Randolph, Dolores County Nurse, David McCart, Dolores County Inspector, Steve Davis, Road and Bridge Supervisor.

Pledge

The meeting was started by everyone standing and saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to accept the Minutes from February 2, 2015 and the Special Meeting February 9, 2015.
Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted in favor.

Agenda

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of NCA Discussion and SRS Funds, as well removing the IT Contract.
Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted favor.

Approval of Payroll & Bills

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to accept the payroll and bills.
Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted in favor.

The following is a list of total payroll by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$5,818.43	6 Employees	
County Commissioner Other	230.87		1 Part Time
Transfer Station	328.11		1 Part Time
County Clerk:	2,754.88	3 Employees	
County Treasurer:	2,137.04	2 Employees	
County Assessor:	3,061.93	3 Employees	1 Part Time
GIS:	1,007.77		2 Part Time
County Maintenance:	1,452.13	1 Employee	1 Part Time
Traffic Enforcement	1,173.22	1 Employee	
County Sheriff:	7,886.36	6 Employees	4 Part Time
County Coroner:	360.31	1 Employee	
EMA/EMS:	567.78		1 Part Time
Extension:	489.26	1 Employee	1 Part Time
DCTV:	1,372.77		6 Part Time
Veterans Office:	480.22		1 Part Time
Senior Services:	6,391.65	2 Employee	15 Part Time
Health & Nurse:	2,498.66	2 Employees	
Mandatory Weed:	1,028.66	2 Employees	1 Part Time
Admin Other:	18,329.08	18 Employees	1 Part Time
Social Services	<u>3,038.66</u>	3 Employees	
TOTAL	\$60,407.79		

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Meetings and Information

Commissioner Kibel said she attended the BLM GIS sage grouse meeting and they are at a standstill.

Margret Daves, Special Projects Manager discussed the paperwork for the remodel of the Court Clerk's office. Commissioner Williams made a motion that the Commissioner Kibel, Chairperson can take care of the remodel of the Court Clerk's office.

Commissioner Stowe seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted yes.

Margret said that she and Commissioner Williams attended an informative GIS/Fire meeting that Amber Fisher, GIS coordinated.

Steve Davis, Road and Bridge Supervisor said that he is having troubles with fast traffic on one of the county roads. He said that Jerry Martin, Sheriff has issued tickets already and the word is getting out that we mean business when we tell them that they need to slow down.

Dennis asked Steve to keep a notebook of concerns.

Cecil Martin, Dolores County Resident was here to discuss his septic system. He said that he paid for his permit in 2013 but never got the job done. He was wondering if he had to pay the fee again.

Commissioner Williams said that we could waive the fee and extend the application.

Cecil was instructed to contact David McCart, the County Inspector.

There was discussion on the new regulations.

Open Bids- Road and Bridge Pickup Truck

The County put a notice in the Dove Creek Press for sealed bids on a pickup truck for Road and Bridge and they received two sealed bids. Commissioner Williams opened the bids.

Keese Motor Company- \$25,769.00

Martins Implement- \$25,966.00

Commissioner Williams said that after the 5% cost advantage for local businesses, we would go with Martins Implement who is local.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the bid for Martins Implement.

Commissioner Stowe seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted yes.

Board of Health

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to open into the County Board of Health.

Commissioner seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted yes.

CALPHO Restaurant Fees

Mary Randolph, County Nurse was here to discuss CALPH Restaurant fees. She said that the restaurant inspection fees haven't been raised since 2009. To raise the fees, it has to be voted on through the legislation and they want to form a bill that will allow Pu9blic Health to just increase the fees as needed. They charge \$255 right now for 0-100 seat restaurant for an inspection which means the fees cover only 64% of the cost of inspection.

Mary said that this is a state fee that we will charge restaurants.

Long Acting Contraception

Mary was also here to discuss a long acting contraception program for Dolores County. She said that in 2009 a donor donated 5 million dollars to this project. She wants to approach the state and ask for more funding to continue the program. She said that the clinic would also be interested in this program. She said that the rates of unplanned pregnancy and teen pregnancy have dropped since they started the program; Montezuma County for instance dropped 24%. She would like the Commissioners to support this project.

Commissioner Williams asked about tire inspections and asked if the inspections would be mandatory later.

Mary said that she thinks that it probably will be mandatory later.

Commissioner Kibel said that we need something in place for the removal of tires.

Commissioner Williams said that there is a problem with illegally dumped around the county and that is what we need to focus on.

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Septic System

David McCart, County Inspector was here to discuss an issue with a septic system. He needs guidance and a way to proceed. He said that with the new rules and regulation he said if you go out to do a repair and you see a health situation, in his opinion its best to alleviate the problem with science.

There was discussion on the removal of waste.

Commissioner Williams said that when we started with the new regulations, we didn't want to make it a huge burden if someone had a repair. We need to work with them in the best financial way but we need to also protect the people of Dolores County.

There was discussion on where the regulations call out the cleanup of the waste.

Dennis said that he needs to address the immediate concern and educate the citizen on the new standard.

Dennis said that the past inspector assisted people in the design of the systems without actually designing them. He said that David needs to work within the rules but be as helpful as possible. If he has a question, he should bring it to Margret and then to the board if they cannot come up with a solution.

There was discussion on the difference between a repair and a new permit.

David asked if they look at a leach field and have it tested and replaced and then they find out that the tank needs to replaced, can he sign off on a new system with a repair permit.

Dennis said that if their actions were done in good faith, we should just move ahead with the repair permit and not insist on them paying for a new permit.

David asked if he is working too many hours and if he can continue to work on updating the permits.

Commissioner Williams said that we will be reevaluating the pay compared to the hours that he works for next year's budget.

David and Margret will work together to update the permits.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to close out of the Board of Public Health and open into the Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Stowe seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted yes.

Ambulance Support Letter

On February 9, 2015 the commissioners held a special meeting to discuss donations to the Dove Creek Volunteer Ambulance. A letter was drafted stating the donation amount of \$17,000.00 which is for the entire year.

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to sign the letter.

Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted yes.

Farmers Contract

Commissioner Williams met with Doug Pace, with Farmers to discuss a 5 year contract for a lower cost than resigning the contract on a yearly basis.

Commissioner Williams is also working with a company out of Moab to get fast internet for local citizens off of the excess fiber. Commissioner Williams said that we will not light any other fiber right now. He said that there are 24 strands in the ground, two of which are leased to Eaglenet, two are leased to Farmers, and 20 strands of dark fiber that are not lit.

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to approve the Farmers contract.

Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted yes.

Secure Rural Schools

Commissioner Williams said that traditionally Secure Rural Schools brings approx. \$400,000 to our county. The PILT funding bill passed but the Secure Rural Schools bill failed. Dolores County will only get a payment of \$29,746.32 from the Forest Service Fund and it all has to go to Road and Bridge or to the school. He said that we should consider giving the \$29,746.32 to the school. If we get a retroactive bill we can consider splitting that up later.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to donate the \$29,746.32 to the school.

Commissioner Stowe seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted yes.

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Healthy Forest Management and Wildfire Prevention Act of 2012 Comment Letter

R. Darlene Marcus, Field Representative for Congressman Scott Tipton said he will be reintroducing his Healthy Forest Management and Wildfire Prevention Act of 2012 into this new Congress. She is requesting that the commissioners resubmit a letter of support for this bill, just as we did in 2013.

Commissioner Williams read the letter.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to sign the letter of support.

Commissioner Stowe seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted in favor.

Resolution 02-15-01

Commissioner Williams read the resolution.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to sign resolution #02-15-01 to approve the funds transfer received from the County Treasurer to transfer \$15,882.27 from the Dolores County Fairgrounds to the General Fund.

Commissioner Stowe seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted in favor.

Dolores County AOP

Ryan McCulley, CDPS sent us the draft 2015 Dolores County AOP with the changes that were made during the January 29, 2015 meeting.

Commissioner Kibel signed the AOP since it was voted on during a previous meeting.

West Dolores Cemetery Reappointment

The commissioners received a reappointment letter from Charles Thompson asking to serve another term.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to reappoint Charles Thompson for another term on the West Dolores Cemetery Board.

Commissioner Stowe seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted in favor.

Land Swap

Commissioner Kibel said that the county will be swapping land with Stanley Daves, Dolores County Resident. The county will get 40 acres on C.R. 4 for their 10 acres just south of town and also give Stanley an additional \$10,000 plus gravel his driveway. The county has tested for gravel on the 40 acres but before they use the land as a gravel pit, the county will need to apply for a state permit. The gravel pit will also need to be passed through the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Kibel read the resolution to trade the property.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to sign the resolution and the contracts if all of the contingencies on the contract are met.

Commissioner Stowe seconded the motion. Stowe had a question on the closing date and Dennis confirmed all of the dates. All three commissioners voted yes.

Sage Grouse

Commissioner Kibel said the state filed suit against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

There was discussion on this.

Wi-Fi Equipment

The Wi-Fi equipment was offered to the Clinic but they declined. The equipment will be used for the Road and Bridge Department.

Dolores Fire Protection District

No updates.

Web Site Bids

This will be tabled until the next meeting.

Rico 1041 Regulations

No updates.

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RBSC Building

The commissioners had an RBSC workshop on February 2. Chris Endreson, University of Colorado, Denver attended the meeting and discussed the services his students could provide to the county and the fees involved. The commissioners later signed the MOU and decided to move forward with the plans on the new RBSC building.

Social Services

Josiah Forkner, Social Services Director was absent but he did send in the Social Services minutes and financials from January.

Dennis said that he has the information on what the case worker is working on in case there were questions.

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to accept the minutes.

Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted in favor.

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to accept the Social Services financials from January.

Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted in favor.

NCA

Commissioner Williams said that for several years the commissioners have been working with the Lower Dolores Legislative Group studying an NCA (National Conservation Area). As it continues, there is some legal stuff coming up and there is concern that some of the junior water rights may be taken away. Every year the fish pool has a certain release that we have had to meet and we have never been able to meet that release. What they are afraid of if this goes to NCA and is a legislative issue, those rules have to be followed by law, which in turn could take water away from famers, MVIC and DWCD. Montezuma County and the Farm Bureau recently voted to go against the NCA for this and other reasons.

There was much discussion on water rights.

Dennis said that as a group, don't speculate, and don't rely on individuals opinions. You should be engaging the best water attorney in Colorado and ask for a real legal opinion and you should also bring up the specific concerns.

BLM/Forest Service

Derek Padilla, Forest Service was here to discuss Spruce/Fir Management. The last spruce fir timber sale was in 1998. It's been harder to get the spruce fir in the sale area. The attitudes of the public have changed and some level of management is needed. We are fortunate in that we haven't had large scale die off because of the beetle yet. On March 17 they will be having a spruce fir workshop in Durango. This summer they will be doing recon in the Taylor Mesa area. In 2016 they will have environmental analysis and be up and running in 2017.

Commissioner Williams asked if this was a project under the RAC.

Derek said that the RAC funding will be utilized this spring. He said that they are trying to develop bio char which can be used for fertilizer.

Derek said that Jerry asked if he would be interested in attending the Western States Sheriffs meeting and he will be attending.

Derek said that they are usually able to contribute for magnesium chloride but they will not be able to provide those funds this year. They are looking into using a new product on their roads that includes pine tar.

Commissioner Williams told Derek that the county will be using production water for the roads.

Commissioner Kibel discussed the letters that we received from the Rico West Dolores. She was also concerned that there were no businesses on the board.

Derek said that they were under the impression that the Town was representing the residents and businesses.

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Commissioner Williams asked if some roads might open early.

Derek said possibly, but some are due to wildlife closures.

Commissioner Kibel asked how we are doing on dryness.

Derek said that it should start off ok, but the question is whether the moisture will last the whole season.

Adjourned

Commissioner Stowe made the motion to Adjourn.

Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted in favor.

The meeting ended at 2:24pm.

Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Deputy Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners