

**Proceedings of the Dolores County board of
County Commissioners
January 5, 2015**

A Regular meeting of the board of County Commissioners was held in their boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado January 5, 2015. Present for the meeting was Chairman of the Board, Ernie Williams, Commissioners Julie Kibel, & Doug Stowe. Also present for the meeting was Lorraine Hancock, Deputy Clerk to the Board, Dennis Golbricht, County Attorney, and Margret Daves, Manager of Special Projects.

Guests

Doug Funk, Dove Creek Press.

Pledge

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

Agenda

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to approve the agenda as written.

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

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to accept the Minutes from December 15 and December 31, 2014.

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

Approval of Payroll & Bills

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to accept the payroll.

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

The following is a list of total payroll by Department:

County Commissioners:	5,830.52	6 Employees	
County Commissioners Other:	230.87		1 Part Time
County Clerk:	1,909.53	2 Employees	
County Treasurer:	2,137.04	2 Employees	
County Assessor:	2,586.86	3 Employees	
GIS:	709.56		1 Part Time
County Maintenance:	1,188.68	1 Employee	
Traffic Enforcement	1,174.61	1 Employee	
County Sheriff:	7,139.35	6 Employees	2 Part Time
County Coroner:	262.19	1 Employee	
EMA/EMS:	567.78		1 Part Time
Extension:	440.48	1 Employee	
DCTV:	461.75		1 Part Time
Veterans Office:	480.22		1 Part Time
Senior Services:	829.15	1 Employee	
Health & Nurse:	2,498.66	2 Employee	
Mandatory Weed:	1,134.30	2 Employee	1 Part Time
Admin Other:	18,058.86	18 Employees	

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Social Services	<u>3,038.66</u>	3 Employees
TOTAL	\$50,679.07	

Meetings and Information

Commissioner Kibel said that when she attended the BLM EIS meeting, they worked on the Management Actions Review draft. She said that the main topics that she commented on that would affect Dolores County the most were grazing allotments, oil and gas, and travel management.

Semi Annual Report

Commissioner Kibel went over the Semi Annual Report from the Dolores County Treasurer. She said that the beginning balance was \$13,828,828.29 and the ending balance was \$13,600,395.42.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to sign the Semi Annual Report.

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

Resolution 01-15-01

The Dolores County Treasurer made a request to Transfer Funds from the General Fund to the Public Health Fund in the amount of \$50,000.00 and also from the DSL Fund to the Public Health Fund in the amount of \$750.00.

Commissioner Kibel read the resolution.

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to approve the resolution.

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

Phone Systems for Road and Bridge

The Road and Bridge Department is having issues with their phone system and Commissioner Williams will look into the issue.

There was discussion regarding the use of older equipment versus spending money on a new system.

Atlantic Richfield Company Solids Repository

At a Regular meeting of the Dolores County Planning Commission on December 22, 2014 a Public Hearing was held for Atlantic Richfield Company to construct and operate a Solids Repository near Rico. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve this application with no conditions and move it forward to the County Commissioners. The hearing will be on the 17th of February, 2015 during a regular Board of Commissioners meeting.

Sage Grouse

Seltenreich Property

Commissioner Williams met with the San Miguel County Commissioners and The Montezuma Land Conservancy about conservation easements on two parcels of land in Dolores County. Commissioner Williams said that this land will stay agricultural and it will stay on the county's tax roll. San Miguel County is saying that they will pay for the closing costs on the parcel up north in Dolores County. The other parcel in Dolores County, known as the Seltenreich property which consists of 788 acres with an active lek would take approximately \$6,000 to close on. Patt Dorsey from Parks and Wildlife thought that they could partner with Dolores County to close on this property.

San Miguel County and Colorado Parks and Wildlife along with Dolores County think that this would be a good move to continue to protect the Gunnison sage-grouse.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to contribute \$3,000.00 to the Montezuma Land Conservancy along

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with a match from the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Service to close on the Seltenreich property and to move forward with the conservation efforts.

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

Dennis Golbricht, County Attorney said that this is a unique situation and any time anyone asks Dolores County to contribute to conservation efforts it will be handled on a case by case basis. This particular scenario is nearly perfect based on the timing, the placement of the properties, and the relationship with the county coalition on conservation of the sage grouse.

Commissioner Stowe said the Seltenreich property actually borders state land and after this parcel has a conservation easement, the state land will no longer be fragmented.

There was discussion on future conservation easements that may be presented to the Commissioners. Commissioner Kibel said that any future conservation easements that the county might be presented with must tie in to the sage grouse conservation.

Commissioner Williams said that any other opportunities will also have to be with in our budget.

Commissioner Stowe said that the land owner is donating the land value to the conservation easement and is not making any money on the 788 acres.

There was discussion on the size of the two parcels.

Commissioner Stowe said that with the addition of these two parcels, there will be a total 4,600 acres in Dolores County that will be conserved.

Intent to Sue

Dennis said that the Endangered Species Act has a provision which states that in order to bring a law suit based upon the Endangered Species Act you must give written notice to the service. There are numerous organizations sending in their intent to sue with the recent listing of the Gunnison sage-grouse and critical habitat designation. Several environmental groups have sent in their intent to sue based upon what they thought was an inadequate listing. Other parties have filed intent to sue saying it was an unneeded listing and an overly broad critical habitat designation. Two of the parties that have filed on that front are the State of Colorado and Gunnison County. Just because you file the intent to sue doesn't mean that you have to proceed forward with an actual lawsuit, there are some strategies' involved. There will be a lot of parties that file their intent to sue and not sue. It is supposed to trigger some cooperation between counties and the Service to proceed forward without suing. Dennis presented an intent to sue letter to the Commissioners that is based on Gunnison County's intent to sue and modified with Dolores County's concerns.

Commissioner Kibel said that a lawsuit brought forth by the State and the county coalition would not have as big of an affect as if each county sues individually.

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to move forward with signing the letter of intent to sue based on the violations of the Endangered Species Act and the determination of the threaten species status of the Gunnison sage-grouse.

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

Commissioner Williams said that he has some concerns. We need to keep close tabs on what we spend on this as we do not have a wide open check book.

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New Gravel Pit

Dennis said that in terms of the pending purchase of property for the potential gravel pit, there are some issues that need to be resolved.

There was discussion regarding some potential conflicts with the land swap and the Gunnison sage-grouse, which was recently listed as threatened.

Commissioner Stowe said that with some of the issues that have come up it would be in our best interest to hold off with this contract and Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Kibel agreed.

The Commissioners will hold off on the land swap until they have more knowledge on how the listing of the sage grouse will affect Dolores County.

Fiber Locating

No updates.

Wi-Fi Equipment

No updates.

Dolores Fire Protection District

Margret Daves, Special Projects Manager said that Amber Fisher, GIS is working on a map for Dennis on the West Fork of the Dolores River. Dennis is preparing a letter regarding what the Dolores Fire Protection District will need to do to proceed forward with adding area to their fire district. Margret, Commissioner Williams and Dennis will be attending the next Dolores Fire Protection District meeting on January 14, 2015 and we will know more after that.

Web Site Bids

Margret asked how the Commissioners would like to proceed with developing a new web site.

There was discussion on how to proceed and Margret and Lorraine will continue to look into web site companies.

There was discussion on Colorado State University taking over our web site.

Rico Center

Dennis said that the Rico Center has submitted to us their minutes, proposed budget, tax returns, and all of the information that we asked for. They understand the importance of transparency and that Mill Levy funds must be segregated from any other fund.

Commissioner Williams said that this item will be removed from the agenda until April of 2015.

Rico 1041 Regulations

No new updates. Dennis said since the regulations will tie in with the Land Use Code we will need to update the Land Use Code and he will work with Margret on this.

Transfer Station Building and Restroom

The Road and Bridge employees are almost done finishing out the building for the transfer station and they will move it into position soon.

Margret said that Steve Davis, Road and Bridge Supervisor suggested using the old building for storage of the generator and that David McCart, County Inspector is looking into a vault unit for the restroom at the transfer station.

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RBSC Building

Margret said she is trying to schedule the next meeting on February 2, 2015 at 1:00pm. She said attendees of the last meeting are supposed to have their homework packets submitted by the 15th of January and we will use that information for the meeting in February.

Adjourned

Commissioner Kibel made the motion to Adjourn.

Commissioner Stowe seconded the Motion. All three Commissioners voted yes.

Meeting ended at 11:01am.

Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Deputy Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners