

**Proceedings of the Dolores County board of  
County Commissioners  
July 30, 2015**

A Regular meeting of the board of County Commissioners was held in their boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado July 30, 2015. Present for the meeting was Chairman of the Board, Julie Kibel, Commissioners Ernie Williams and Doug Stowe. Also present for the meeting was Lorraine Hancock, Deputy Clerk to the Board. Margret Daves, Manager of Special Projects was absent.

**Guests**

Chris Majors, Majors and Haley, Berna Ernst, County Assessor, Janie Stiasny, County Treasurer, Gus Westerman, Extension Agent, Oma Fleming, Weed District, LaRita Randolph, County Clerk, Jerry Martin, County Sheriff.

**Pledge**

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

**Agenda**

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to approve the agenda as written.  
Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted yes.

**Department Head Meeting**

Gus Westerman, Extension Agent said he attended a community development conference recently for emergency management and problem solving. They had 25 kids attend the STEM camp in June, which was successful. The Rodeo went well and 4H is coming along as are the Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Stowe said he received great feedback on the Rodeo.

Gus said DCDC has abandoned the land sale and have a lease ready to go. He has been appointed chairman of DCDC and is trying to gain back community support and clean things up. There is also a lot going on at the Research Center with a variety trials going on.

Commissioners Kibel asked about the emergency management training that Gus just attended.

Gus said in different counties the Extension Office is mentioned in their Emergency Plans. If a forest fire were to take place in a grazing unit, the Extension Office could help with the livestock in that unit. They also discussed residents animals in case of an evacuation. He is working with Todd Parisi, EMS/EMA about adding the Extension Office to the Emergency plan. He is also working on the shooting range with Sheriff Martin and Brandon Dye, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Manager.

There was discussion on a grant for the shooting range.

Berna Ernst, County Assessor said they are preparing for the CBOE which is keeping them busy.

LaRita Randolph, County Clerk said they are working on the Election. Dolores Water Conservancy, the School District, and the Dove Creek Volunteer Ambulance are all asking for more funds with increased mill levies. There will be three tax questions along with the School Board election on this years ballot.

Janie Stiasny, County Treasurer had no updates.

Oma Fleming, Weed District Manager said she has sent out many notices for noxious weeds.

Commissioner Kibel asked about the vine weed at the Senior Center and Oma said that should have been taken care of.

Jerry Martin, County Sheriff said they have been getting hammered with the 7<sup>th</sup> major case recently. His deputies are about 30 hours over right now. He is satisfied with the investigations so far and is still working on the town contract issues.

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Commissioner Kibel said there is a Sage Grouse Meeting coming up. She asked how everyone feels about a salary increase. She discussed a 10% increase and said 30% would probably bust us.

LaRita said 10% is reasonable. There is a chance that people will say you raised property tax to cover salary increases.

Commissioner Kibel said that we have heard that about the RBSC but that is not how it works. She also discussed the cost of living increase.

Commissioner Williams said the cost of living will be built in and he will ask the county attorney to look into this. There was discussion on this.

LaRita said the 30% increase breaks down to about 2.5% each year for the last 13 years which isn't much.

Martin said that Mineral County is pretty upset with Dolores County because they said someone from Dolores County turned them in to CCI and now they have to pay back their salary increase that was given out too early.

Commissioner Williams said that we never filed a complaint.

There was discussion on this.

Lorraine Hancock, Deputy Clerk to the Board will look into this.

Commissioner Williams said they lost a motor in a water truck. The other water truck is close to being finished and it's been hard to keep up with only two working water trucks.

**Audit Report**

Chris Majors, Majors and Haley discussed the audit results. He said that the General Fund had a profit of \$1,248,000.00, Road and Bridge had a profit of \$273,542.00, Cahone Senior Services had a profit of \$36,596.00, and all of the other funds looked fine.

Commissioner Williams said we are trying to build the new RBSC and we would like to leave at least a year's worth in the General Fund.

Chris said your job as a county is not to build a giant reserve, it's a balance between adequate reserves and adequate services.

Commissioner Stowe asked what is considered adequate.

Chris said at a minimum of 6 months reserve. Our ending fund balance is \$7,800,000.00.

There was discussion on this.

Commissioner Williams asked about the Ormiston Fund and asked if we see that the fund is going down can we add a little from the General Fund.

There was discussion on this.

Chris said if we run out of funds and want to help people then pull funds from the General Fund and deposit directly into Social Services and leave out the Ormiston Fund.

Chris said in regards to the Public Health Fund, if it could generate enough revenue than we probably wouldn't need it. It's designed to subsidize public health programs within the county. Chris said the Weed District fund is growing and he feels like some of that fund should be spent.

Lenore said that we had some issues with the part time employee's payroll went it comes to the end of year close outs. On the 30<sup>th</sup> of December she has to close out the year and quarter, open the new year, make health adjustments, make salary adjustments, etc and it can't be done physically in one day. She wants to just keep part time on the regular schedule. Their new rate will kick in on the second pay period in January just like the salaried employees. The Commissioners are fine with how to handle part time pay.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the audit.

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

**Resolution 07-15-04**

The County Treasurer reported receipt of \$359,232.35 from the U.S. Federal Forest Fund. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and passed, it was resolved that 7% goes to the Title III fund in the amount of \$25,146.26. The remainder of funds in the amount of \$334,086.09 will be dispersed in the following way: 50% or a balance of 167,043.04 will be dispersed to the County Road and Bridge Fund. The Remainder or 50% which is \$167,043.05 minus the funds already dispersed per Resolution #05-15-02 in the amount of \$29,746.32 which leaves the balance of \$137,296.73 to be dispersed to the School District.

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Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve Resolution 07-15-04.  
Commissioner Stowe seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted yes.

**Resolution 07-15-05**

Resolution 07-15-03 correcting 05-15-03 which was unanimously approved by the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners on July 20, 2015, authorizing the transfer of U.S. Federal Forest Funds to the County Road and Bridge Fund and the School District; and it was subsequently discovered that Title III funds were not subtracted from the U.S. Federal Forest Funds noted in Resolution 07-15-03 for the amount of \$25,146.26 or 7%.  
Resolution 05-15-03 was revoked by Resolution 07-15-05 on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.  
Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve Resolution 07-15-05.  
Commissioner Stowe seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted yes.

**Resolution 07-15-06**

Resolution 07-15-03 correcting 05-15-03 was unanimously approved by the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners on July 20, 2015, authorizing the transfer of U.S. Federal Forest Funds to the County Road and Bridge Fund and the School District; and it was subsequently discovered that Title III funds were not subtracted from the U.S. Federal Forest Funds noted in Resolution 07-15-03 for the amount of \$25,146.26 or 7%.  
Resolution 05-15-03 was revoked by Resolution 07-15-05 on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.  
Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve Resolution 07-15-06.  
Commissioner Stowe seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted yes.

**Correction Resolution 07-15-01**

A correction needs to be made to this resolution. The correction is as follows:  
The amount \$445.89 to Bonds needs to be added.  
Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve Resolution 07-15-01.  
Commissioner Stowe seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted yes.

**Adjourned**

Commissioner Williams made the motion to Adjourn.  
Commissioner Stowe seconded the Motion. All three commissioners voted yes.  
Meeting ended at 10:47am.

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Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

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Deputy Clerk to the  
Board of County Commissioners