

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

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

Guests

Janie Stiasny, County Treasurer, Amber Fisher, GIS, Paul Engle, Ameresco, Josiah Forkner, Social Services Director.

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 Kibel seconded the motion. Both commissioners voted yes.

Department Head Meeting

Amber Fisher, GIS said they finished most of the Cahone area. She said they have one sign left to put up. She said they predated the letters and sent them out so people were aware. She said things went very smooth this time. They did 80 signs in one day. She said they still have everything south of County Rd N to the county line to do. She said 811 Dig should have the updated road names on their website soon.
Amber talked about doing the utility locates and how that works.

Janie Stiasny, County Treasurer said they went to a conference in Montrose & the poster they did was the best one there. She said there was a good session with Weld County on oil and gas. She said they discussed the pay increase for elected officials some. She said we are about 95% collected on taxes for the year.

Oma Fleming, Weed District Manager, said the weeds this year are very healthy.
She said the junior rodeo went well this weekend and they are preparing for the fair.

Commissioner Kibel said the BLM EIS that she has been working on since February they have taken Leigh Espy off of that project to work on the Greater Sage Grouse and have moved Lori Armstrong in that position.

Jerry Martin, County Sheriff discussed issues with elderly drivers that don't want to give up their license and stop driving even though they have become dangerous. He said its a challenge to balance safety with their rights. There was discussion on this.

Sheriff Martin said the state has made it difficult to get a salvage title on a vehicle and it is costly to have a vehicle towed if the owner has to go to jail. He asked if the commissioners if they had an objection to just holding the vehicle here versus having a vehicle towed. Sheriff Martin will be further looking into this.

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Quilt Drawing

Janie Stiasny was the winner of the quilt that we sold tickets for the Neely family.

Weed District

Oma Fleming, District Weed Manager was here and she said she needs to gain permission to enter upon premises to spray noxious weeds. She said this is a property that is CRP and she has visited with John Lestina about this and they will spray it with 2-4D. She said they have sent numerous letters and it's going to be a busy summer.

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to sign the request for approval to enter upon lands. Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion. Both Commissioners voted yes.

Oma said they had a few issues with CDOT when they did Rico last week. She said she will visit with them to make sure both parties are on the same page next year.

Jerry Martin said he is having some issues with older aged drivers who shouldn't be driving. He said it is a real challenge for him. He said there are a few people in the county that drive vehicles that are not insured and it is very expensive for the people to pay the fees when the car is impounded. He said the state has made it very difficult to get a salvage title. He said the paperwork involved with that is a nightmare. He asked the Commissioners if he can park the cars at Road and Bridge and charge them a storage fee instead of them having to pay an impound fee.

There was some discussion on insurance liability. We will check with CTSI and find out.

Internet Service

Dennis called in and has some concerns about the possible internet for the rest of the county who will be coming to the planning commission tonight. Dennis said we are planning on selling our bandwidth to this person but we might want to bid this out. We discussed the price he would pay. Dennis said we would be giving this person exclusive rights to the entire county for internet services. Doug said he thinks we should contact Farmers & put it out for bid.

Dennis said from a legal perspective he thinks we should put it out for bid because there are a lot of players out there. Dennis suggested that we do an RFP and we need to be really careful with the Quest bill.

We will cancel the meeting tonight with the Planning Commission and put this on the agenda for Monday's meeting.

Ameresco Solar Initiative

Paul Engle, Ameresco was here to discuss solar power for the new Road and Bridge/Senior Center.

Paul said he has met with Montezuma County and they may be going down a single track with Empire Electric. Paul said they worked with them several years ago with the geothermal they did in their courthouse.

Paul said Ameresco are a design-build engineering firm. He said in 2013 the Colorado legislature passed SB13-252 which requires electric coops to produce 20 percent of their electricity from renewable energy by 2020. In 2001 the Colorado Legislature passed CRS 24-30-2001 to provide Colorado local governments with an optional method of procuring & implementing improvements with an emphasis on increasing energy & operational efficiencies. He said they could offer us a way to utilize the energy and 300+ days of sunshine that we have here.

He said we could get grants that would help supplement if we choose to do anything. He said there are also monies available for fleet upgrades. He said grant money for that is available until 2017.

He said they can do a feasibility study at no cost to us to see what we have available and what we have spent as far as our utilities go.

Commissioner Kibel said energy wise if we are looking at our new senior center and road and bridge project would it be solar panels or what.

She said we want to make sure our Master Plan is followed. She said we are aware and we think if Montezuma County does big projects it will move this way.

Commissioner Stowe said a couple of the problems he sees is that there will be excess energy, the energy demands in this country are generally at night and the lines that we have here now are at capacity for the excess energy it would create.

Commissioner Kibel said we might look at a feasibility study but we need to visit with Commissioner Williams about this first. Paul said they would be happy to do a feasibility study but we need to be ***Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, June 30, 2015*** serious about this also.

Paul said he writes the grants and that is included in the price once a letter of intent is signed. The Commissioner thanked him for coming and said we will be in touch.

Social Services/STUD

Josiah Forkner, Social Services Director, Kay Daves, & Jenny Smith with STUDD, & Chuck who is on the Board of RSAP, were here to discuss RSAP dissolving and making sure we can keep STUDD and the Adult Prevention program that they run.

Chuck said that SUCAP (Southern Ute Community Action Program) based out of Ignacio will take over RSAP (Regional Substance Abuse Partners.) That program is what paid our Americorp worker which is in charge of STUDD and the adult prevention program.

Commissioner Kibel said that we need to figure out how to keep this afloat and not have the funds go through the school.

Kay said that by Jenny not being under Americorp her living allowance is being cut.

Josiah said HB1451 is done. He said they will be giving \$4500 to STUDD and they can spend it any way they want. He said Social Services will help any way they can.

Chuck said they need to be careful because a lot of grants don't want to fund governmental entities.

Commissioner Kibel said we want to make sure this program continues.

They discussed possibly going under Pinon Project. They will meet with those people next week.

They thanked everyone for coming.

Forest Service Letter

Commissioner Kibel wrote a letter to Derek Padilla with the Forest Service on some campground closures.

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to approve the letter in reference to the Recreation Analysis requested by the Forest Service. Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion. Both Commissioners voted yes.

Adjourned

Commissioner Stowe made the motion to Adjourn.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the Motion. Both commissioners voted yes.

Meeting ended at 11:50P.M.

Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Deputy Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners