

**Proceedings of the Dolores County board of
County Commissioners
March 31, 2015**

A Regular meeting of the board of County Commissioners was held in their boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado March 31, 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 Lorraine Hancock, Deputy Clerk to the Board, and Margret Daves, Manager of Special Projects.

Guests

LaRita Randolph, County Clerk, Oma Fleming, Weed District, Jerry Martin, County Sheriff, GIS, Amber Fisher, GIS, Berna Ernst, County Assessor, Gus Westerman, Extension Agent, Todd Parisi, EMS/EMA, Joan Thompson, Cemetery District, David McCart, County Inspector, Lenore Carhart, County HR, Steve Davis, Road and Bridge Supervisor.

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 with the addition of. Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion. Both commissioners voted yes.

Department Head Meeting

Oma Fleming, Weed District said that the Weed District is not busy as of yet. The Fair Board will possibly be advertising for bids on concrete at the fairgrounds soon and the 4H Club is about to have a few animal vaccination clinics.

Jerry Martin, County Sheriff said that there is some federal money and state assistance available to enhance our radio systems. He attended the Western States meeting and travel management was a hot topic. He discussed a program that will intercept all social media if you have an important event going on where you may need to keep information controlled. There is also a program for pawn shops to keep tabs on who sold what from what zip codes for investigative purposes. There was also discussion an emergency text notification program.

Gus Westerman, Extension Agent said he had a busy month. All of the San Juan Basin workshops have been completed and went well. The Ag Expo also went well and a lot of people attended. He submitted a grant to the Kinder Morgan Foundation for 5 computers but he hasn't heard back yet. He is working on another grant from the National Science Foundation to update the schools computers.

Commissioner Kibel asked if Gus could work on a hunter's safety course with Brandon Dye, the District Wildlife Manager.

Oma said that there are a few hunter safety classes coming up that are advertised in the 4H flyers.

Gus discussed setting up a field day for anyone who takes a hunter safety course online.

Commissioner Stowe said that the sheriff office shooting range needs to be moved when we build the new Road and Bridge/Senior Center building and he asked for some ideas.

Oma said that she talked to the Fair Board and she said that the Fair board members didn't have an issue with having the shooting range out there.

Gus said that we just need be sure that we remain a "good neighbor" and take the other houses around

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the fairgrounds in consideration.

Commissioner Stowe said that we need to figure out what all we may need at the new shooting range.

Sheriff Martin said that we should look at asphaltting the new range so that the 22 shells can be swept up easily. He said that the NRA might have a grant available to help with the costs.

Gus said that CPW might also have a grant available.

Commissioner Kibel asked Margret Daves, Special Projects Manager to see if the shooting range needs to go through the Planning Commission.

Amber Fisher, GIS said that they will be re addressing Cahone this summer.

Commissioner Kibel said that Amber's emergency plan book looked good.

There was discussion on why all homes were not listed in the book and it was determined that they were incorporating homesteads that have been there for awhile to give a land mark.

Janie Stiasny, County Treasurer said they are collecting taxes and the Secure Rural Schools act was approved for the next two years.

LaRita Randolph, County Clerk had no updates.

Berna Ernst, Count Assessor said that they are raising taxes and the assessed values on wells will be going up.

Commissioner Kibel said if you go to the doctor you need to hand them your GAP card and that would take some money off of your co pay. Just don't have the GAP card ran as your main insurance.

Todd Parisi, EMS/EMA said everything with emergency services is going well. He made up an emergency bag for county vehicles, which includes a first aid kit. He Said the Doves Nest is on track with training on First Aid/CPR and he is setting up classes for First Aid/CPR in Rico as well as Senior Services. He can also provide a class for the county.

There was discussion about the AED.

Margret said that we will be building a box to house the AED in the hall and we will hold a training class on that. The county will also be purchasing a few more AED's for the sheriff's vehicles.

Todd said that the recent pipeline meeting went well.

Margret Daves, Special Projects Manager said the she and Commissioner Williams went on a tour of the Solar Farms in Alamosa County. Montezuma County is really pushing for solar farms because of the great solar gain our area has. She said that the health fair is going on this Saturday. The county also received the VA van and it is already being utilized. Dolores County may be partnering with Montezuma County to transport some of their Veterans. She said CTSI offers a defensive driving class that each employee can take. After completion, each employee would receive a certificate to get a discount on their personal insurance policies; this course will probably take place this summer.

County Inspector Update

David McCart, County Inspector was here to give an update. He handed out a sheet referring to abandonment of tanks. He discussed an issue with a septic tank. He said that it was a very busy month and a lot of people needed information.

There was discussion on if he should be looking at old leech fields.

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Commissioner Stowe said that we can't fix it all but going forward anything new needs to be done correctly.

There was discussion on how to notify David of any new permits that come into the office.

IT Agreement

The county was presented with an IT Service contract from Keith Keesling to provide IT services to the county beginning April 1, 2015.

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to approve the contract.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion. Both commissioners voted yes.

HIPAA Training

Lenore Carhart, County HR said that there are a few employees that should have HIPAA training.

There was discussion on who would need to go through HIPAA training.

Commissioner Stowe asked Lenore to go over details of HIPAA with an employee.

Commissioner Kibel told Lenore that it would be good for her to take a HIPAA course and Lenore agreed.

Copies

Lenore said that her daughter is running for Little Miss Pick and Hoe and she asked if she brought in her own paper, could she make copies for cost.

There was discussion on this.

The commissioners agreed that she could purchase the copies at cost since it's a community event.

Ormiston Application

The Commissioners had a Clara Ormiston Fund application to sign. It had been approved by Josiah Forkner, Social Services Director.

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to approve the application.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion. Both voted yes.

Grant Funds

Todd Parisi, EMS/EMA was here to give an update. He said that the Identification Card Grant for concealed carry permits and ID cards was approved. He said that we will have to pay for the machine upfront and then get reimbursed. The machine costs around \$5,500.00 and the turnaround for reimbursement is around 90 days.

Commissioner Kibel said that it should be paid for using the Commissioners Overlay Fund.

There was discussion on what the cards could be used for.

Todd said the machine will be able to be use for a multitude of things for the county.

Commissioner Kibel said that we need to set some timelines for an emergency plan. She asked Todd to have some information ready to present in April.

There was discussion how to proceed with an emergency response team.

Cemetery Grave Billing

Steve Davis, Road and Bridge Supervisor and Joan Thompson, Cemetery District were here to discuss cemetery grave billing. Joan said that Road and Bridge sometimes digs the graves and she would like to know if the proceeds collected from opening and closing graves could go into the cemetery fund instead of the Road and Bridge fund. The cemetery district is lacking in funds to do the change in the taxation at the well head.

Joan said that the charge for opening and closing graves is \$250.00 for the Dove Creek Cemetery and \$300.00 for Peel Cemetery.

Steve said that it doesn't bother him at all to dig the graves. He said that if it happens to be a county employee they don't charge as a service to the county employee's family.

There was discussion on income for the cemetery.

Steve said that the funds collected for grave digging could go into the cemetery district's fund.

There was discussion on some maintenance issues at the cemetery.

Commissioner Kibel requested a record of the deposited funds be kept.

Joan said that the cemetery in general has very poor records but she does put on the deposit were the funds came from.

From now on the funds collected for opening and closing a grave will be deposited into the Cemetery Districts Fund and Joan will be making a report on this.

Adjourned

Commissioner Stowe made the motion to Adjourn.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the Motion. Both commissioners voted yes.

Meeting ended at 10:30am.

Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Deputy Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners