

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

A Regular meeting of the board of County Commissioners was held in their boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado November 30, 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 and Margret Daves, Manager of Special Projects.

Guests

Berna Ernst, County Assessor, Janie Stiasny, County Treasurer, Gus Westerman, Extension Agent, LaRita Randolph, County Clerk, Amber Fisher, GIS, Angela Myers, Dove Creek Volunteer Ambulance, Nita Purkat, Senior Services Director, Malynda Evans, Social Services Director.

Pledge

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

Agenda

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

Department Head Meeting

Gus Westerman, Extension Agent said he has been working on grants this month and the public service center grant is ready. He said that he should have a proposal for the shooting range grant as well.

Malynda Evans, Social Services Director said that they have seen an increase in their adult protective services. The office will also be re applying for their Medicaid eligibility status. She said right now, they are out of space and any room they could get would be appreciated.

Amber Fisher, GIS said she held an address training with the Pleasant View Fire Department last week and it went well.

Margret Daves, Special Projects Manager said the RFQ's (Request for Qualifications) are due tomorrow for the Public Service Center/Senior Center. She also discussed an upgrade to our phone system and the commissioners decided to look into an upgrade.

LaRita Randolph, County Clerk said she had no updates.

Berna Ernst, County Assessor said that they are waiting for the State Board of Equalization (SBOE) December 1, 2015 to make their ruling. She asked if they could write a letter to suggest a deadline for the assessed value and the commissioners agreed.

Commissioner Williams asked if Berna was going to accept what the SBOE recommends or if

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she will go against the recommendation.

Berna said that the Assessor's Office is done and will go with whatever the SBOE recommends.

Janie Stiasny, County Treasurer said she had no updates.

Commissioner Kibel asked about treasurers fees in the county budget.

Janie said the fees are based on statute and charged for collection of taxes. She said these funds are collected then transferred right back to the County General Fund.

Nita Purkat, Senior Services Director said they are working on CDOT contracts. Last month was one of the highest service months they have had in the last few years so they are looking for another driver. With the Affordable Care Act they have to watch employee hours more to make sure they are in compliance and that is why they have an advertisement out in the paper for three more part time employees.

Margret said that we had a request from a VA passenger to have a Senior Services driver operate the VA van instead of the VA Officer.

The commissioners decided that the passenger cannot choose the driver and Rick Brown, VA Officer will continue to drive the VA passengers to their appointments.

Nita said CTSI will be doing an inspection of the Senior Services Center; if he finds anything that is dangerous, it will need to be fixed.

Commissioner Kibel said that for the grant to pass, we will need a tenant for the existing Senior Services Center.

Action by the Board for the Public Service Center Grant Application

Gus Westerman, Extension Agent said the DOLA Grant Cycle will be pretty competitive but we have a pretty good team to present the application at the hearings. He said that DOLA asks that there is an official action to accept the proposal.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept and move forward with our Public Service Center Grant Application.

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

The commissioners thanked Gus and Dan Fernandez for their hard work.

Final Budget Workshop

The commissioners held the final budget workshop.

Ambulance Funding

Commissioner Williams attended a meeting with the Fire District, Fire Board, Dove Creek Volunteer Ambulance, and the Town of Dove Creek last week regarding ambulance funding as the mill levy didn't pass. As of January 1, 2016 the ambulance will be a government entity and the ambulance will be out of funds to operate soon. He said the Fire District is willing to donate \$25,000 towards the ambulance as long as the Town of Dove Creek and Dolores County contribute the same amount. He also said they have a new book keeper

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because the budget is not clear. Since they will be a government entity in 2016, they can apply for a FEMA grant to help with other funding but they would not receive these funds until 2017. There was much discussion on this.

Commissioner Williams said that he will call for a vote on December 7, 2015 after having another meeting with the Fire District, Fire Board, Dove Creek Volunteer Ambulance and the Town of Dove Creek on December 4, 2015.

Angela Myers, Dove Creek Volunteer Ambulance attended the meeting later and the commissioners gave her an update.

Adjourned

Commissioner Williams made the motion to Adjourn.

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

Meeting ended at 10:33am.

Chairman of the Board of County
Commissioners

Attest:

Deputy Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners