

**Proceedings of the Dolores County board of
County Commissioners
October 29, 2015**

A Regular meeting of the board of County Commissioners was held in their boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado October 29, 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, Malynda Evans, Social Services Director, Todd Parisi, EMS/EMA, Amber Fisher, GIS.

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 they filled the position that they are sharing with the Commissioner's Office. He has been working with Dan Fernandez on the DOLA grant for the Public Service Building project. The grant paperwork should be finished up next week.

Commissioner Kibel asked about the weed shop and Commissioner Williams said that we will probably remodel the building and it won't affect the grant.

Gus said they looked into the EPA regulations for chemicals and there is already a good size sump in the shop already. He said that the Road and Bridge Department put together all of the rates for in kind work.

Amber Fisher, GIS said that they have the entire west half of the county readdressed. They will start on the east end of the county soon. There are a lot of roads in subdivisions with plated road names that don't work with the address grids that will need to be changed. She also discussed some zip code issues; she's working with the post office and Doug Roth on this issue. She discussed the Cahone boundary's that were changed and the issues that this created. She said Doug Roth, Montezuma County GIS is working on 911 addresses for Dolores County.

There was some discussion on a land owner trying to close off public access on a county road.

Malynda Evans, Social Services Director said there have been a lot of changes in their office. They have hired Melissa Markhart to be our new caseworker and Malynda is now our Social Services Director. She said that the State of Colorado does CStat Reports and our numbers look good. She said that she has finished her Director Training and will finish her Supervisor Training in January.

Margret Daves, Special Projects Manager said that she has been working on the RFQ for the two building projects. She said this will be advertised in our paper and the Four Corners Press as well as our county website. She said Chris Endrenson, University of Colorado will be on our review committee. She said

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that they are still working on the budget. We also welcomed Jody Gardner, Administrative Assistant to our office yesterday.

Berna Ernst, County Assessor said she had no updates.

LaRita Randolph, County Clerk said she is working on the election. They have received about 20% of the ballots back.

Janie Stiasny, County Treasurer said she had no updates.

Commissioner Kibel said she is still working on the sage grouse issue but everything is still tied up in court. The Greater Sage Grouse was removed from the listing. She said that the U.S. Forest Service did Recreation Site Analysis and they closed Cabin Creek Campground and they are looking at closing Farris Campground. She wrote a proposal letter stating that we could use the UPS money to re open Cabin and keep Farris open.

EMS/EMA Grant

Todd Parisi, EMS/EMA said he applied for and received a 90/10 grant to receive \$41,000 in funds to hire a professional company to help write a mitigation plan. He said if we have a mitigation plan, we can request funds from the state if we ever have an emergency.

There was some discussion on this.

Margret asked how long it might take to write a mitigation plan and Todd we should have a plan finished by October 2016.

Commissioner Stowe asked who will choose the firm that will work on the mitigation plan and Todd said that we will hold interviews and choose.

He said that the systems grant hearing was yesterday. He said that Emergency Management has been going very well. He said all of our Deputy's and our Sheriff will have AED's in their vehicles.

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to sign the grant paperwork.

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

Todd said that the Health Fair will be April 2.

Margret asked if we can ask the Senior Center for help to transport elderly residents to the Health Fair and Commissioner Kibel will talk to Nita Purkat, Senior Services Director about this.

Personnel Policy/ Comp Time

Lenore Carhart, Bookkeeper asked about employees comp time in regards to how to pay the hours down.

There was discussion on this.

The commissioners decided to pay them down according to the employee handbook.

There was discussion on how traveling time should be paid.

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Payroll Calendar for 2016

Lenore said that by changing the payroll dates to the 15 and the 30th of each month we would eliminate most of the 3 week pay periods. She said it will still be 24 payrolls a year.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to change the payroll dates to the 15th and the 30th of each month.

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

Budget Discussion-Insurance Raises

Commissioner Williams said that in 2016 our benefits package price will go way up. The county will pay 85% for a family and 100% for employee. If we did this, employees would still be losing money out of their pay checks. To offset this, county employees should be receiving a 5% raise, however this hasn't been finalized but this is part of the draft budget. He said that by trying to keep our benefits package, we might not receive wage adjustments next year. He said our part time employees don't get a five year bump like our full time employees do so we are looking at giving them a bump after 5 years. This year the wage adjustment will be \$800 for full time employees because we did really well with the budget in 2015.

Margret said that the Christmas Party/Open House will be December 15.

There was discussion on budget changes.

Rico Cemetery

A Veteran recently called the commissioners to discuss the deplorable state of the Rico Cemetery. He was concerned about saplings growing up through graves and weeds that are taller than the flags staked in the graves of veterans.

Commissioner Kibel said that the ballot initiative failed twice to get a special district to take care of cemetery.

The commissioners will be working with the Town of Rico on this issue.

Waste Tires

Lorraine Hancock, Secretary to the Board of Commissioners called Anna Rice, CDPHE to discuss a waste tire facility in Dolores County. She said that we will need to fill out a form and will need to obtain financial assurance in case of closure. She said that if the county doesn't intend to receive more than 400 tires per year we can request a financial assurance waiver. We would also need to hire a registered hauler to pick up the tires and have signage at the site.

There was discussion on this.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to move forward to have a small tire disposal in our county and to look into a cleanup day and advertise for a registered hauler.

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

Commissioner Williams suggested looking into funding for a tire clean up day.

RFQ

Margret Daves, Special Projects Manager has drafted an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) in order to invite owners representatives to send out a bid for the new Senior Center and Public Service projects.

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to approve the RFQ.

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

Commissioner Kibel said that Margret did a great job on the RFQ.

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Public Health Nurse

Margret that Jim Hutchinson, Contractor came in with some concerns with the Public Health Nurse moving into the school building. She said that we should consider looking into a modular building to house the nurse.

The commissioners will look into the options.

West Dolores Fire Department

Dennis Golbricht, County Attorney called in and said that the West Dolores Fire Department is moving along nicely. He has been working with Ken Charles, DOLA for funding. This group will be meeting once a month and they will have an official entity going by December 2015. He asked if the county could make a donation to the department. He suggested earmarking it for incidental fees and not legal fees. The Commissioner decided to donate \$1,000 out of the 2015 budget to the West Dolores Fire Department.

Adjourned

Commissioner Williams made the motion to Adjourn.

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

Meeting ended at 11:15am.

Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Deputy Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners