

**Proceedings of the Dolores County board of
County Commissioners
October 5, 2015**

A Regular meeting of the board of County Commissioners was held in their boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado, October 5, 2015. Present for the meeting was Chairman of the Board, Julie Kibel, Commissioners Ernie Williams, & Doug Stowe. Also present for the meeting was Lorraine Hancock, Deputy Clerk to the Board, Dennis Golbricht, County Attorney, and Margret Daves, Manager of Special Projects.

Guests

Doug Funk, Dove Creek Press, Steven Stiasny, Maintenance Supervisor, Jerry Martin, Sheriff, Bruce Hankins, Dolores County School, Gus Westerman, Extension Agent, Eric Guynes, Dolores County Resident, Kay Daves, Jenny Smith, Kason Hall, Mikayla Hankins, Tristen Jarmon, Taylor Cook, STUD, John Nielson, Road and Bridge, Derek Padilla and Tom Rice, Forest Service, Kelly Unrine, Collaborative Management Program Coordinator.

Pledge

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

Agenda

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to approve the agenda.

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

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to accept the Minutes from September 21, 2015 and September 30, 2015.

Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted in favor.

Approval of Payroll & Bills

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to accept the payroll.

Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted in favor.

The following is a list of total payroll by Department:

County Commissioners:	5,585.82	6 Employees	
County Commissioners Other:	369.40		1 Part Time
Transfer Station:	498.78		1 Part Time
County Clerk:	2,379.06	3 Employees	
County Treasurer:	2,134.04	2 Employees	
County Assessor:	2,911.73	3 Employees	1 Part Time
GIS:	1,091.47		2 Part Time
County Maintenance:	1,188.68	1 Employee	
Traffic Enforcement	1,147.85	1 Employee	
County Sheriff:	8,147.11	6 Employees	3 Part Time
County Coroner:	360.31	1 Employee	
EMA/EMS:	567.78		1 Part Time

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Extension:	385.81	1 Employee	
DCTV:	1,158.90		6 Part Time
Veterans Office:	480.22		1 Part Time
Senior Services:	6,476.37	2 Employees	13 Part Time
Health & Nurse:	2,499.02	2 Employee	
Mandatory Weed:	1,021.05	2 Employees	1 Part Time
Admin Other:	17,410.41	17 Employees	2 Part Time
Social Services	<u>3,094.06</u>	3 Employees	
TOTAL	\$58,907.87		

Maintenance Update

Steven Stiasny, Maintenance Supervisor was here to give an update. He said the handicapped doors are not working consistently and he has been in contact with the repair company. He also said the plumbing and roof repairs to the courthouse should be started soon.

There was discussion on Steven's comp time.

Margret asked about the water fountain upstairs and Steven said that he may be able to fix it.

Meetings and Information

Commissioner Williams said he attended the Lower Dolores Legislative Group meeting on the NCA. There were a lot of questions but right now they are reorganizing with the Southwest Water District. He said it was a very informative meeting.

Commissioner Stowe said David Robbins gave his opinion on 28 different items.

Commissioner Williams said a lot of people believe we need to protect the water but are afraid that the National Monument and an NCA will be the same. He said that is exactly why we hired David to help with the wording to protect the water.

Commissioner Stowe said if we don't have all of the support from the surrounding communities this will not go any further.

Commissioner Kibel gave an update on the TriState field trip.

Dennis Golbricht, County Attorney gave an update on the West Fork Fire Department and said the next meeting will be on October 8 at the Dolores Fire Protection District Office.

Commissioner Williams said that the Dolores County Fair was a great success this year. They just finished up with their awards presentation this weekend.

School Mill Levy

Bruce Hankins, Dolores County School District was here to discuss the school Mill Levy. He said all schools in Colorado receive the same amount per child which is \$10,266 per pupil per year. He said the schools don't know how much funding they will receive until Oct. 1 of every year. He said 76% of the funding comes from the local taxes and 24% from the State. They don't receive the funding until tax money comes in so it creates a cash flow problem every year. He discussed how the recession of 2007-2008 affected the budget. He said they have reduced middle and high school core and elective teachers as well as support positions. They have also deferred critical maintenance and transportation needs. The teacher salaries and administrator salaries have been frozen since 2007. This mill levy will sunset in 7 years and it will stay local and will be controlled by the Board of Education. Funds will be tracked on the website, so anyone can see how the funds are spent.

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Commissioner Williams asked if a charter school started up could they pull from these funds.

Bruce said the board will have to vote for it but then the state would have the final say; they would have availability to receive funding.

Bruce said they would like to spend 25% on teachers and staff salary increases, 20% on programming support, 20% on transportation, 15% on deferred maintenance, 15% on technology, 5% on supplies and material.

He discussed other additional fixed costs such as medical and retirement.

Commissioner Williams discussed the tax increase on farm land in the county and how this could sway the voters.

Bruce said that he has discussed this issue with some farmers and said the school started this before the ambulance district and before the tax increase hit.

Commissioner Williams said he would support this mill levy increase.

Kay Daves, STUD said she feels that we should pass the mill override for the future of our community and children.

STUD Presentation

Some members of STUD were here for a presentation on what they are currently working on; each member introduced themselves.

Kay Daves, STUD said there are 36 kids in the STUD program this year.

Makayla Hankins, STUD said they are students taking action against underage drinking. They all work together as a team to help with DUI reduction and within our county the numbers have decreased.

Kay said the number of DUI's in the county has risen but the ones committing the crime are not local people.

Taylor Cook, STUD said that the adults need to set a better example for the younger kids.

Jenny Smith, STUD said during Prom they give away money throughout the night to encourage kids to stay longer and then they go bowling after Prom.

Kason Hall, STUD said they also mentor younger kids and help with the health fair.

Bruce said he would like each kid in the Elementary School to have a mentor at some point.

Subdivision Exemption

Commissioner Kibel abstained from this vote because she is directly related.

The County received a subdivision exemption application from Eric Guynes, Dolores County Resident who wants to subdivide 5 acres from a 300 acre parcel for his son. The Commissioners gave preliminary approval at a previous meeting and the survey has been completed. They presented the Mylar and Dennis prepared the resolution.

Dennis said that from a legal perspective, the lot shape is different but that is reflected in the resolution per our subdivision exemption rules.

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to approve Resolution # 10-15-02 the Subdivision Exemption for Eric Guynes.

Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Both Commissioners voted yes.

Road and Bridge New Hire

John Nielson, Road Hand for Road and Bridge was here to recommend a new hire for Road and Bridge. He said that there were 5 applicants.

Commissioner Williams said this person has worked for the county in the past and has a good work history and wasn't fired.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept Road and Bridge's recommendation on the new hire.

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

Commissioner Williams said that the Road and Bridge Department has finished up the repairs on the Meadows Road and Ormiston Point.

Forest Service Update

Rico/West Dolores TMP, Glade Allotment EIS, Aspen/Spruce-Fir Timber Sale in the Taylor Mesa Area

Derek Padilla and Tom Rice, Forest Service were here to give an update.

Derek said the public release for the Rico West Dolores TMP and Glade Allotment should be in November. He asked if the commissioners would like to meet before that meeting.

After discussing this, the commissioners decided that they don't need to meet again before the public meeting to discuss the Glade Allotment but they would like to meet before the Rico West Dolores TMP.

Derek said they will be working in the Taylor Mesa area for their 2016 project. They will have a more formal presentation on this later. He said they are still working on the recreation site analysis for Farris and Cabin campgrounds to partner with the county to work on these sites. Tom said there will be another briefing paper coming out in the next week in regards to what needs to be worked on and what the costs will be.

Tom said that right now people are either not using the Farris Campground or are not paying as it is only bringing in \$19-95 per month.

There was discussion on this.

Tom said the Cabin Campground needs some general cleanup and he believes that the county might be able to help with this.

The commissioners will meet with the Forest Service in November to further discuss a partnership.

There was discussion on the temporary road repairs that the county completed recently.

Derek said they can use federal highways funds to do permanent fixes to some spots on the roads.

The commissioners gave an update on Road 534.

Dennis will investigate if FS Road 534 was ever a federal road.

Tom said that we should be receiving a letter from Dunton Hot Springs to do a Nordic trail. Tom said it would be open to the public for no fee.

Collaborative Management Coordinator

Kelly Unrine, Collaborative Management Program Coordinator (CMP) /Pinion Project was here to give a presentation. She said she is housed out of the Pinion Project but also works for the Collaborative Management Program.

Commissioner Kibel gave the history on our county's involvement with STUD.

Kelly gave a background of the IOG. She said the Collaborative Management Programs have funds available every year and the IOG decides how the funds are spent. She said that she has funds available for STUD but she couldn't reach anyone.

There was discussion on STUD and TANF funds.

The commissioners decided to meet again with Kelly Unrine.

Social Services Interview Workshop

The Commissioners held a workshop to interview for the Social Services Director or Caseworker position.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to come back into the regular meeting after the interview workshop.

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

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Commissioner Williams made a motion to hire Malynda Evans as the Social Services Director for Dolores County at a salary rate of \$50,000 per year.

Dennis said this is a true salary and she would be an exempt employee under our employment manual. The commissioners told her to decide what she would like to do with her comp. hours that she has already earned.

Malynda Evans made a nomination to hire Melissa Markhart as a Dolores County Caseworker. Commissioner Stowe seconded the motion to hire Malynda Evans for Social Services Director. All three commissioners voted yes.

Commissioner Kibel said that the board will accept her caseworker nomination of Melissa Markhart and her salary will be \$45,000.

Funds Transfer Resolution 10-15-01

A resolution to transfer \$900,000.00 from the Social Services Fund to the Senior Project Fund was drafted.

Commissioner Kibel read the resolution.

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to approve Resolution 10-15-01.

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

DWCD Resolution 10-15-03

Commissioner Stowe said the Dolores Water Conservation District is wanting to de-bruce and they are asking for Dolores County's support to do this.

A resolution was drafted to support ballot question 4A for the Dolores Water Conservancy District.

Commissioner Stowe read the resolution.

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to approve Resolution 10-15-03.

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

West Fork Fire Department Shop

Commissioner Williams discussed housing a building for the West Fork Fire Departments equipment at the County's Fish Creek property.

Dennis said there would be equipment at Dunton Hot Springs and Fish Creek.

There was discussion on this.

Dennis said the motion will be subject to legal review and details that come about in the future.

Commissioner Williams made a motion that would allow the county to negotiate with the West Fork Fire Department to house a building that they would construct on the county's Fish Creek property.

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

Septic Issue

Margret said there is a Dolores County land owner that wants to install a septic for an RV. Our inspector gave him information on how to proceed and the land owner decided not to go with any of the inspectors recommendations.

Dennis said that he didn't recall there being a special system for RV's.

Margret will follow up with our inspector.

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FS Road 534

Commissioner Williams discussed the issues with Forest Road 534 (Lone Cone Road) which is on the boundary between San Miguel County and Dolores County. During their meeting in Denver the State Land Board declined to take action on the public right of way.

Procurement Policy

No updates.

Adjourned

Commissioner Williams made the motion to Adjourn.

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

Meeting ended at 1:45pm.

Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Deputy Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners