

**Proceedings of the Dolores County board of
County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 21, 2015**

A regular meeting of the board of County Commissioners was held in their boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado, September 21, 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, Gus Westerman, Extension Agent/DCDC, Dan Fernandez, DCDC , Bruce Hankins, Dolores County Schools, Mary Randolph, Public Health Nurse, Rosie Scott, Dolores County Resident, Jeanne Babin, Dolores County Resident, Ed Lettman, Dolores County Resident, Nita Purkat, Dolores County Senior 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.
Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to accept the Minutes from September 8, 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 and bills.
Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All three commissioners voted in favor.

The following is a list of total payroll by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$5,586.54	6 Employees	
County Commissioner Other	600.27		1 Part Time
Transfer Station	498.78		1 Part Time
County Clerk:	2,379.50	3 Employees	
County Treasurer:	2,134.72	2 Employees	
County Assessor:	2,891.33	3 Employees	1 Part Time
GIS:	1,112.39		2 Part Time
County Maintenance:	1,188.68	1 Employee	
Traffic Enforcement	1,175.06	1 Employee	
County Sheriff:	8,627.24	6 Employees	3 Part Time
County Coroner:	360.31	1 Employee	
EMA/EMS:	567.78		1 Part Time
Extension:	427.61	1 Employee	

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DCTV:	1,090.15		6 Part Time
Veterans Office:	480.22		1 Part Time
Senior Services:	6,180.47	2 Employee	13 Part Time
Health & Nurse:	2,499.63	2 Employees	
Mandatory Weed:	1,021.05	2 Employees	1 Part Time
Admin Other:	18,229.96	18 Employees	2 Part Time
Social Services	<u>3,299.81</u>	3 Employees	
TOTAL	\$60,351.50		

Meetings and Information

Commissioner Williams attended a Small Miners Meeting and said there are some new products being developed to purify water.

Commissioner Stowe said Housing Solutions has fallen out of favor with everyone not having time so they have gone to internet and phone conferences.

Commissioner Kibel attended a Triple A meeting. She said our director will have to decide if we will cross borders to help out other regions.

Commissioner Williams said as a county we should decide who we help.

Commissioner Kibel also attended the Health Association Meeting and they will give the Public Health Nurse until June 2016 to move out. The STUD meeting went well and the school wants to eventually get STUD back under their umbrella.

DCDC Plat Survey

Gus Westerman and Dan Fernandez, DCDC were here to present a plat survey breaking out different parcels to lease to businesses.

Gus Westerman, DCDC said this survey was done when DCDC was applying for a subdivision exemption but now they are lease tracks.

Dennis and the commissioners looked over the plat.

Dan said that everything will still be owned by DCDC and these parcels are not being broken up to be sold.

Dennis said that he would do a written resolution to dedicate the road and this shall no way be construed as a subdivision plat.

Margret said that DCDC did fill out two septic permits for the original subdivision exemption that never went through; one of the permits was refunded.

There was discussion on the septic system.

Dennis recommended having a pumper come out to see if they could tell how large the septic tank is.

Dennis said in terms of the septic DCDC will continue to work on the schematics.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept the plat dedicating Weber Loop to the county.

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

Gus said DCDC has been moving forward and updating their bylaws. He said that they asked for the tractors to be removed in order to attract a new tenant to the two highway parcels.

Commissioner Stowe asked if the two frontage lots near the highway can drain into the main septic system and Dan said that they will need a pump to use the two frontage lots.

Dennis drafted Resolution 09-15-01 dedicating the road previously known as the “Weber Loop” to the County of Dolores for use as a County Road to be initially named County Road 6.8 as depicted upon the Lease Plat recorded herewith and the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Dolores hereby finds that the dedication and acceptance of the subject road is consistent with the wished of the Weber

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family and is in the best interest of the county in encouraging business location within the park. He said The commissioners signed the resolution.

Senior Services USDA Rural Development Public Meeting

Nita Purkat, Senior Services Director was here for a public meeting to present another grant application. She said Dolores County Senior Services has applied for a grant for kitchen materials and portable vehicle shelters. She is asking for \$11,714 and the county's match will be \$3,905.

Commissioner Kibel asked if the shelters can be moved to a new location at another time and Nita said they can be moved.

Commissioner Williams said that we appreciate everything that Nita does for the Senior Center. There was no one in the audience for public comment.

School Garden/GOCO Grant

Eric Stiasny, Dolores County School District and Case Baughman, Student were here to give an update on the school garden.

Case said the garden was started late but it still went very well. He said that the STREAM class had classes on gardening and lessons on soil analysis. Each student was able to pick their own veggies to take home to their families. They also sold and donated veggies to the community. Their plans for the next year will be to apply for the GOCO grant.

Eric discussed the GOCO grant. They were thinking of doing a nice walking path and garden next to the new Senior Center. He said the first phase of the grant is a planning phase. He said that they will need 10% financial support and 15% in kind work.

Commissioner Williams said if they have trouble coming up with the funds match they should come back to the county.

Margret said that they should submit a letter requesting donations by October 12, 2015 for county budget purposes.

Case said they would like to expand the garden to have corn, onion, and beets. They would also put up a fence to keep out deer and scavengers. They would like to install a drip system and have a course for timing and coding. He would like to improve the connections with community organizations and he would like to take the produce from the garden to give back to the community. He would also like more student involvement during the summer.

Commissioner Williams said if the garden was up by the Senior Center they could help water the garden during the summer months.

Eric said that they would like to engage the younger student by having them start their own plants.

Commissioner Stowe asked if they will need a letter of support for their grant application and Eric said yes.

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to write a letter of support for the project.

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

Commissioner Kibel will draft the letter of support for the GOCO grant.

The commissioners thanked them for coming in.

District Court Clerk Remodel Update

Eric Hogue, District Court said that he wanted to thank Dolores County for the remodel and for the work on the grant for the court clerk's office.

Commissioner Kibel asked about the air conditioner for the judge and the court clerk.

There was discussion on this.

The commissioners will discuss the budget with the Steven Stiasny, Maintenance Supervisor.

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Public Health Nurse Location Update

Commissioner Kibel said she met with Bruce Hankins and looked at the admin building at the school for a new location for the Public Health Nurse. She liked the idea of the collaboration between the nurse and the school. She asked if the occupant of the current space would be ok moving and Bruce said as long as the county could help with the remodel of the new office everything should be fine.

Bruce said that he would have to run this by the school board.

Mary said that the space is very nice but she is leery of another lease. She would like a plan to build a space.

There was discussion on this.

Bruce said that the school could absorb 20-30 kids without needing the extra space. He is concerned that there is a lot of space that they are heating in that building for just one person. They would still utilize some space for school board meetings. He also said that she would have access to the vault that is in the building. He asked if the commissioners would support some minor remodeling for the employee that is housed in that building. He said he would like to see a long term lease somewhere around 10 years.

Commissioner Kibel said we could contribute around \$4,000 per year for the lease. She asked how soon we could move the Health Nurse in and Bruce said probably early spring.

Bruce said that this would be good for the school and the community.

There was discussion on the emergency generator and the remodel work.

The next school board meeting will be in November and Bruce will talk to the board about the possible move.

Bruce asked if there are any legalities of a county using the space over the public and Dennis said that it is not a problem at all.

There was discussion on insurance and the county will look into this.

The commissioners thanked Bruce for coming in.

Social Services

Malynda Evan, Social Services Interim Director was here to give an update. She presented the financials for August. She said that \$900,000 from the general fund will be used for the senior services building. The county will also be receiving \$30,600 from the state per year for a new case worker. Malynda also met with STUD and they will be asking for \$30,000 per year to pay for salaries and scholarship funds. They were looking into TANF Funds but that won't work. She said this might be able to come out of our collaborative management funds.

There was discussion on STUD.

Dennis said all that we are doing is hiring two part time positions and creating a line item. Dennis asked if Malynda is ok with this being under social services and she agreed. He said that it may impair STUD's ability to receive grant money and Commissioner Kibel said they are aware of this.

Commissioner Williams asked Malynda to find out how much Josiah allocated out of the Dolores County social services budget to the Pinion Project and why.

Malynda said between \$80,000-100,000 combined between Dolores County and Montezuma County.

Dennis said that it would be nice to have a Dolores County Pinion Project.

Rosalie Scott, Dolores County Resident thanked the commissioners for the Ormiston money that she received earlier this year. She also said due to her surgeries, she was not able to pay her water bill. She said that the Pinion Project would not help with her water bill. She liked the idea of a Pinion Project in our county that could help our residents.

Malynda said that there is a service in our area that can help with past due bills. She said the Pinion Project is a collaborative board that can also help with unpaid bills as long as the person asking for help

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hasn't received help in the past.

Jeanne Babin, Dolores County Resident asked about drunk driving classes and Commissioner Kibel said that this is something that we have been working on.

Malynda said that Luann, Montezuma County Social Services will continue to do our budget until the end of the year. She also said Joann Thompson, Dolores County Social Services is at the top of her percentage for application time.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the financials for the month of August.

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

The commissioners thanked Malynda for all of her work.

Malynda said that there were no minutes for August reported.

Margret said we will be adding \$65,000 to Social Services with the assessed value.

Coroner Mutual Aid

The commissioners received an agreement for mutual aid of coroner services through the Colorado Coroners Association on behalf of all Colorado Counties in the event of overwhelming mass fatalities or the temporary disruption of coroner services.

Dennis looked over the MOU and said that it looks good minus a minor typo.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to sign the mutual aid agreement.

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

RBSC Project Vote on Grant

Dennis said the excess amount in the social services fund (mill levy reserve) the previous S.S. Director said that the county was free to spend these funds to benefit the community. He has looked into it and talked to two other counties and Montezuma county's reserves were the same as ours but their budget is much larger than ours and we have excess in reserve. The county is on an 80/20 reimbursement and the mill levy should continue to increase. The auditor has written back with a statute that is not applicable. Montezuma County recently pulled \$300,000 out of their reserves to pay for geo thermal heating. Dennis said the statute that they are referencing is 261123. This statute says that it's the county's social services fund and each county is required to have that fund and it consists of all moneys appropriated by the board for public assistance and welfare and related purposes. He feels this is specific to public to assistance and he doesn't see where it's referencing the general overall account for social services. He said a certain part of that reserve fund is from TANF and these funds cannot be used. There was discussion on TANF funds.

Commissioner Kibel said that these funds can be used for human services; Dennis agreed as long as it's for public benefit.

Dennis said should be able to rely on what our acting director has told us; he gave a quick update of all the agencies that he has checked with.

The commissioners said that they feel like Dennis has done his due diligence.

Margret said as of July 31, 2015 there was \$1,546,619.00 left in the fund.

Malynda said that she talked to the state for funding for a new case worker and they agreed to fund \$30,000 she has also talked with STUD and they will also be requesting 30,000 from the state. She said this will be an 80/20 split.

Dennis said that the transition to in house director will not be as big of a hit.

Malynda said that we are looking at more around \$35,000 for a caseworker's salary. She said that we did advertise for a case worker and/or a director. She said that the application period will close on September 30.

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Commissioner Williams made a motion to take \$900,000 out of our Social Services fund and use that fund balance as well as the county general fund to build the senior center without applying for a grant.

Commissioner Stowe seconded the motion.

All three commissioners voted yes.

Commissioner Williams said that the other project can be a DOLA project.

Dennis said he would like us to remain flexible if grant funding was available that didn't have red tape to put the project in danger we should not overlook the funds. He thinks that the motion should include if the opportunity arose to align with a grant but if that grant process can affect the project that we would move forward without the grant.

Dan said DOLA said we will be asking for a lot of funds for just a county road and bridge shop. He said the match is fine, but \$2,000,000 we will have to do a good job of dressing this up. He said if we include the senior center, it will take a lot more time.

Commissioner Kibel said that she feels good with using the DOLA grant for the Road and Bridge and the county can take on the Senior Center.

Commissioner Stowe said that when we talked to Ken before, he was hesitant to give positive support for the senior center but very supportive of the county shop.

Commissioner Kibel said that if we put our Emergency Operation Center out there at the Road and Bridge shop, Todd Parisi, EMS/EMA should start looking at grants.

Dan said that we will need to separate the utilities; this will be figured out in a workshop.

Commissioner Kibel said that we should look at a road through the school property instead of through the subdivision. Bruce will look into this.

There was discussion on a project manager.

Dennis said when we do the request for proposal for the architect, they will need to perform managerial duties and attend the grant hearings.

Aspenwood Furniture

Commissioner Williams read a letter from the Planning Commission stating at their last meeting they voted unanimously to approve and send the land use change for Aspenwood Furniture on to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Stowe made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission.

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

State Board of Equalization

The State Board of Equalization reviewed all County Board of Equalization value changes. A change to a subclass that is greater than five percent is reported separately to the State Board of Equalization and the Division of Property Taxation investigates the reason for the change so that the State Board of Equalization can be better informed. The State Board of Equalization will review all such changes at their upcoming meeting to be held on October 8, 2015. They have also requested that the county provide support for their selection of a 50% cap on agricultural land in Dolores County.

There was discussion on this.

FS Road 534

The Dolores County and San Miguel County Commissioners will meet with the State Land Board on September 28, 2015 to discuss the access on Forest Service Road 534.

Dennis said that both counties are on the agenda for the State Land Board Meeting in Denver on October 2, 2016.

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FS Road 535

Commissioner Williams has been working on repairing the West Fork Road. He said the U.S. Forest Service doesn't have funds to fix the road but the county has gained permission to fix the road for the safety of the public. These will be temporary fixes that will be completed this fall.

Procurement Policy

No updates.

NCA

There will be an update after the private meeting on September 30, 2015.

SB15-288

Commissioner Williams said in the past we have discussed voting to stay in the category we are in with a 10% increase to elected officials salaries.

There was discussion on this.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to stay in the same category with a 10% salary adjustment (category 5 C) that will affect the January 2017 budget.

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

West Fork Fire Meeting

The West Fork of the Dolores River fire meeting will be on September 23, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Dolores Fire Protection District Office.

Adjourned

Commissioner Williams made the motion to Adjourn.

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

The meeting ended at 2:06pm.

Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Deputy Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners