

**Proceedings of the Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners
Special Meeting May 21, 2019**

A special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado on May 21, 2019. Present for the meeting were Chairman of the Board, Floyd Cook as well as Commissioners Julie Kibel and Steve Garchar. Also present for the meeting was Margret Daves, County Administrator & Gus Westerman, Dolores County Extension Agent.

Broadband

Josh Anderson, Chief Operating Officer with Emery Telecom was here to tell us about a project they are working on that may affect Dolores County and Dove Creek.

Josh said he is with a company that provides fiber to homes in rural areas. He explained that this company originates in Orangeville, Utah and was founded in 1950 as a cooperative and is still managed that way now.

Josh said they have provided fiber to Moab, Grand Junction, Monticello, Blanding, Bluff and more remote areas. This company has applied for a grant from the USDA to do a fiber to the premise build to the town of Dove Creek and locations along US 491 from the Colorado state line to the exchange boundary for Farmers Telephone and Centurytel.

Josh gave us some maps showing the service area they hope to be able to target. He said they would go from Hwy 491 about ½ mile out.

Josh said for this grant they are not asking for a letter of support but for a non-binding questionnaire to be filled out by those interested in receiving the high-speed internet services. Gus said his office would be glad to help circulate the questionnaire.

The grant is due May 31st and Josh said it would be a couple of months before they hear anything.

The Commissioners were all in support and Josh said he would keep in touch.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Margret Daves
County Administrator



Floyd D. Cook
Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners