# Proceedings of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners

## March 23, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the board room in Dove Creek, Colorado on March 23, 2020. Present for the meeting were Chairperson Julie Kibel, Commissioner Floyd Cook, County Attorney Dennis Golbricht, County Administrator Margret Daves, Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner and via teleconference Steve Garchar.

The meeting began with everyone standing to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Guests

County Health Nurse Mary Randolph, Emergency Manager Keith Keesling, Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis

### Agenda

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving the agenda. Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

#### **Minutes**

Presented for approval were the regular BOCC minutes from March 16, 2020.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the above-mentioned minutes. Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

## **Board of Health Update**

Dolores County Health Nurse Mary Randolph shared information from the CDPHE, the CDC and recently attended local meetings pertaining to COVID19. The current recommendation is to limit social gatherings of 10 or more with a distance of six feet between all persons at all times.

Ms. Randolph presented a resume, from a local RN, for the BOCC to possibly hire, to assist with the workload associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and social contact interviews from contaminated persons.

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#### **New Business**

**Resolution #03-20-03** adopting procedures for emergency meetings.

Attorney Golbricht gave a brief description of the need to convene during an emergency when proper public notice may not be possible. Following an emergency meeting any action taken will be ratified during a regular BOCC meeting.

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving Resolution #03-20-03.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Resolution #03-20-04 declaring a local disaster emergency.

Commission Chairperson Julie Kibel read the Resolution and requested a motion to approve:

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving Resolution #03-20-04.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Resolution #03-20-05** allowing for meetings of the Board of County Commissioners of Dolores County to take place electronically at any location designated by the Board until the risks of the COVID-19 Pandemic subside.

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving Resolution #03-20-05.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

### **Broadband Discussion**

Attorney Golbricht shared details of recent conversations in regards to providing wi-fi services in the Town of Dove Creek in an effort to assist the RE-2J School District with internet for students that do not have internet in the home to proceed with at home studies due to COVID-19 stay at home mandates. Discussions with Farmers Telecom were shared.

Attorney Golbricht had previously drafted an IRU allowing Farmers Telecom to install equipment on the County's Tower to provide the needed services using two additional strands of County owned fiber. Farmers will also be responsible for all fiber maintenance and will indemnify the County.

Commissioner Cook made a motion approving the signing of the IRU and Tower Sight agreement. Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

SWCOG Representative Miriam Gillow-Wiles shared some additional options she could offer with hotspots if needed. Also shared was that Verizon Wireless customers were being given extra WIFI or tethering capabilities at no charge, for work at home and home school purposes.

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# **Old Business**

There was no new business.

# **Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session.

Commissioner Kibel closed the meeting.

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