Proceedings of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners

February 28, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado on February 28, 2018. Present for the meeting were Chairperson Steve Garchar, Commissioner Floyd Cook and Commissioner Julie Kibel. Also, present for the meeting were; County Attorney Dennis Golbricht, Special Projects Manager Margret Daves and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner.

Guests

Clerk and Recorder Larita Randolph, Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Weed District and Extension Office Secretary Oma Fleming, Health Nurse Mary Randolph, Addressing and Mapping Director Amber Fisher, Social Services Director Malynda Evans, Special Projects Manager Margret Daves, Community Plan Representative Laura Lewis, Town of Rico Representative Kari Distefano, DCTV and Region 9 Representative Dan Fernandez, Community Voice Representative Ronda Lancaster

Pledge

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Department Head Meeting

Assessor: Berna Ernst was not present.

Clerk: Larita Randolph hired Shilo Barry and Taylor Schaaf. Both will start on March 12th.

Treasurer: Janie Stiasny was not present.

Road & Bridge: Steve Davis had nothing to share.

Extension Agent: CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman was not present.

Extension, Fair Board & Weed: Oma Fleming said the Extension office is ready for the remodel that will change the previously designated GIS office space to Extension and Social Services spaces.

There have been a couple of requests for Fairgrounds rentals.

Remodeling of the old Road and Bridge building to meet the needs of the Weed District is in the planning stages.

Kenny Smith has been hired to fill the full time weed sprayer position.
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4-H has 30 members enrolled. Leaders will start holding meetings soon.

Extension Agent Gus Westerman attended a Colorado Division of Wildlife Habitat Partnership Program meeting where the Weed District was awarded $5000 of grant funding for Weed Maintenance on the East side of the River.

Nurse: Mary Randolph stated that Dr. Posner agreed to be the Health Officer for Dolores County. Attorney Golbricht will compose a one-year contract with $1500.00 payable per year.

The Vacs-Care program raised the program limit number to receive their funding. Dolores County does not have the required number of citizens that need immunizations to participate in the program.

Sheriff: Jerry Martin was not present.

Maintenance: Steven Stiasny was not present.

Addressing & Mapping: Amber Fisher reported that they have been busy making maps.

The San Miquel County GIS department would like to meet with Dolores and Montezuma Counties to integrate data for emergency situations for the western slope.

Montezuma County GIS Representative Doug Roth and his assistant met with Ms. Fisher to collect Dolores County’s data plat to submit to the state GIS database which is updated annually for statewide emergency services.

Ashley Spigner has been working on getting the new fuel system up and running.

Social Services: Malynda Evans recently returned from a training that will give them some new opportunities for services.

Today is Joan Thompsons last day. A part time person will be hired to fulfill the duties of the position.

EMS: Keith Keesling was not present.

Human Resources: Finance and HR Specialist Lenore Carhart was not present.

Senior Services: Nita Purkat was not present.

Special Projects Manager: Margret Daves stated that they are working on the final grant closing for the PSC and the Pioneer Center.

A buyer has been found for all the old phones that were replaced with the recently installed new system.

A horrible wind storm that blew through town tore up a shed located on the Road and Bridge property. Insurance has been sent a breakdown of the damages that occurred.

Ashley Spigner is working on a project to update the septic records that will be scanned allowing all departments to access and cross reference.

Senator Catlin’s office reached out concerning child welfare funding.
Commissioner Kibel said the School is interested in the majority of the listed equipment from the Cahone Senior Center. The school will make an offer.

Commissioner Kibel requested assistance in preparing for the Sage Grouse Conservation Action Plan next week.

Commissioner Garchar stated that progress is being made on being able to obtain water above McPhee Lake that will be replaced by DWCD for use on Road maintenance throughout the County.

Commissioner Garchar shared a handout from Forest Service Representative Derek Padilla. The San Juan National Forest is considering a land purchase from within the County during this fiscal year. The proposed land adjustment has met agency standards for public benefits and appropriateness for achieving our resource management and planning goals.

**Weed Board**

Mandatory Weed District Secretary Oma Fleming discussed the current mill levy the Weed District receives. The Weed District would like to present to voters, upon Board approval, a mill levy increase from the current 1.3 mills to 2 mills. Commissioners had some questions concerning the entities expenditures and financials, therefore a workshop will be planned with reports for review.

**Community Plan**

Opportunity Zone is a federal tax legislation created to designate census tracts for statewide community development projects. The State asked for a project priority list from areas that meet the eligible criteria by poverty level and population. The Town of Rico as well as the Town of Dove Creek were both nominated.

The Region 9 performance plan was discussed.

The Community Development Action Plan is updated every two years. The draft was presented with requests for any necessary changes to be discussed. Land use plans can be referred to. A Community Plans assists Counties with funding. The goal is that projects will complete within two years. Priority level rankings were established by Commissioners.

**New Business**

- The Dolores County Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on February 12, 2018 for an application from Kinder Morgan for a multi-well drill site with associated infrastructure. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the application and sent it on to the County Commissioners for review, with the stipulation that the fee is paid prior to the public hearing.
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Old Business

- Dickson Electric did not provide any paperwork on changing the LED Lighting in the offices downstairs. After a scope is received the project will be put out for bid.

Commissioner Garchar adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman to the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

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Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners