

**Proceedings of the Dolores County Board of
County Commissioners**

March 19, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado on March 19th, 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

Honnen Equipment Representative Sam Loughton, Road & Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Road & Bridge Secretary Linda Rehmert, Road & Bridge Road Maintenance Foreman John Nielson, Road & Bridge Truck Foreman Lonnie Pribble, Montrose Forest Products Representative Norm Bircher, Forest Service Representative Derek Madilla and son, Forest Timber Program Manager Travis Bruch, Casey McClellan, Social Services Director Malynda Evans, Emergency Manager Keith Keesling, and Extension Agent Gus Westerman

Pledge

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

Approval of March 15, 2018 Payroll

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$7,096.83	6 Employees	
County Commissioner Other:	\$387.87		1 Part Time
Transfer Station:	\$361.48		1 Part Time
County Clerk:	\$2,100.70	3 Employees	
County Treasurer:	\$2,311.04	2 Employees	
County Assessor:	\$3,324.67	4 Employees	
GIS:	\$1,626.14	2 Employees	
County Maintenance:	\$1,330.95	1 Employee	1 Part Time
Traffic Enforcement:	\$1,579.46	1 Employee	
County Sheriff:	\$13,181.87	8 Employees	3 Part Time
EMA:	\$1,059.13	1 Employee	
Extension:	\$1,257.84	2 Employees	
DCTV:	\$1,329.49		7 Part Time
News @ Noon:	\$741.10		2 Part Time
Veterans Office:	\$480.22		1 Part Time
Senior Services:	\$8,352.00	3 Employees	14 Part Time
Health & Nurse:	\$2,852.83	2 Employees	
Mandatory Weed:	\$513.23	1 Employees	1 Part Time
Admin Other:	\$22652.53	21 Employees	2 Part Time
Social Services:	\$6,151.18	5 Employees	
TOTAL:	\$78,690.56	62 Employees	32 Part Time

Agenda and Payroll

Commissioner Cook made a motion to accept the agenda with additions and payroll.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Minutes

Former Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners Lorraine Hancock was hired to assist with completing unfinished minutes from 2017.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to accept the April 17, 2017 minutes.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

John Deere Grader Leases

John Deere Representative Sam Loughton was present to discuss Road & Bridge grader leases. Mr. Loughton handed out lease bid proposals for a two-year term on four graders. There was discussion of the equity and buyback options involved with the lease agreements. The Commissioners heard positions regarding the desirability of two-year lease verses longer leases or outright purchases. Concerns were raised by some regarding the lack of utilization of the full hour allowances on the leases, as well as questioning of the need for the current number of graders. The application of the procurement policy was discussed, as well concerns over the attachments unique to John Deere may make competitive bidding difficult. Options discussed, included obtaining “rough” bids from competitors to ensure that we are in a reasonable cost range, possible purchasing one grader and using the current lease arrangement for the remainder graders, and lowering hour allowances on some of the graders. It was emphasized that the leases allow for no maintenance costs as well as accumulation of equity, which may be used for future purchases if necessary. The issue was continued to the EOM meeting to allow for review of annual hours of service on machines for the past 5 years.

Loader Bid Proposal

Two bids were received for the advertised 1969 CAT loader for sale. The first opened bid was from Dwayne Garchar in the amount of \$5192.00. The second bid was received from Marty Holley in the amount of \$5800.00.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to accept the bid for \$5800.00.
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Used Roller Packer Purchase

Dolores County Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Garchar requested that he be allowed to purchase a roller packer attachment with the proceeds from the bid of the 1969 CAT loader.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the roller packer purchase.
Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Montrose Forest Products/Forest Service/Road Usage Discussion

Montrose Forest Service Representative Norm Bircher as well as Forest Service Representatives Travis and Derek Padilla were present to discuss the county roads that would be used and impacted by a potential forest restoration and logging project. Improving and establishing optimal forest health are the main focus of the proposed project due to the devastating pine beetle epidemic and years of over growth. There are roughly 100,000 harvestable acres of ponderosa pine trees on Forest Service Lands and in Dolores County. Harvesting the pines could potentially last for a duration of 20-25 years. Road wear and tear costs and public safety are the main concerns during the project. Increased federal forest service funding would contribute monies to the Counties effort of

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maintaining associated road costs. Attorney Golbricht recited various state statutes regarding responsibility for road damage and the overweight permitting process. Statutes likely would not allow for a multi-year permit, but some form of renewable permit could be issued through resolution, following a written application, publication of notice including the route to be used, and public hearing. Montrose Forest Products will be submitting that application and moving forward.

Attorney Golbricht suggested that any permit could include an annual renewal provision with an expedited process. In the event that damage issues or complaints arose, the County and the applicant would work together to resolve such issues.

Forest Service Travel Management on Rico West Dolores

Casey McClellan was present to discuss RS2477 acknowledgement in Dolores County on trails and roads that were valid and had existing rights before the Forest Service was established and took over. There was discussion of the assertion process to establish RS2477. The potential threat is if assertion is not made by jurisdiction of County other entities could claim roads as theirs; in other words roads are basically up for grabs. Forest service guidelines regulate that compliance adjustments be made accordingly with motorized and non-motorized density requirements that allow access options within one mile of each other. Commissioner Garchar voiced concerns of maintenance on roads and trails if jurisdiction is obtained on roads that are currently open to the motorized public. Mr. McClellan is concerned that motorized trails that are decommissioned will be lost if RS2477 is not determined. Currently the Rico Town Board does not support motorized use within its limits. However, all Rico business owners may not be represented by the Towns decision. After a lengthy discussion the Board of County Commissioners chose not to pursue the assertion process on any trails or roads in the County at this time.

Social Services

Social Services Director Malynda Evans presented the February 20, 2018 Record of Proceedings and Reconciliation Summary.

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

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

New carpet will be installed this week in the Social Services' newly obtained and remodeled old GIS office. The State will soon be in to connect with the server. A desk and filing cabinets will occupy the new space. Acquisition of the space was necessary to meet state privacy mandates for clients.

The part time Social Services position has been advertised; with no applications received thus far.

New Business

- **Dolores/Norwood Winter Road Usage:** Commissioner Garchar questioned the possibility of establishing fines for motorists that use the posted seasonally maintained Dolores/Norwood road during the off-season and become stranded. Search and Rescue Representative Keith Keesling shared the requirements of Search and Rescue’s duties to the public. Attorney Golbricht recommended that updated signage reading as follows “Travel at your own risk; Summer Maintenance Only” be posted from all directions.). Vehicle retrieval costs belong to the traveling party and may not be assessed to the County. Road blockages and any other applicable violations will be cited.

Old Business

- **Mutual Aid Agreement Discussion:** Attorney Golbricht shared the details of a phone discussion he a recently had with Sheriff Martin concerning the recently drafted Emergency Management Services Mutual Aid Agreement. After discussion it was decided that a multi-entity workshop will be held to determine the needs and desires of all entities.
- **County Road R Grant Application Review:** CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman was present to discuss a DOLA grant proposal draft he is currently working on to obtain funds to chip seal Dolores County Road R. In-kind work, match funds as well as the contingency percentage were discussed. A final draft will be available for Commissioners by the March 28, 2018 end of the month meeting. The grant is due by March 31, 2018.
- **Cahone Park Dumpster:** The Cahone Park trash dumpster was revisited. The Commissioners agreed to have that service ended. The public use of the park is minimal, therefore the cost associated with having a dumpster is not warranted. Waste Management will be contacted to end the service at that location.

Meetings and Information

- **Census Update:** Special Projects Manager Margret Daves recently attended a Census Training in Gallup, New Mexico with Mapping and Addressing Director Amber Fisher. Ms. Fisher will begin a major 120-day project for census compliance due to the County readdressing project.
- Dolores County Emergency Manager Keith Keesling discussed a recently attended CEMA meeting where he met with a Domestic Preparedness Representative offering a HASMAT Ops Course Training for interested parties of Dolores County. All expenses would be covered for a team to attend a training in Alabama.
- A SWRETAC Grant was received. Three AED’s will be purchased.
- Commissioner Gachar attended the Rico Town Meeting last week and shared the details of that meeting.
- Dickson Electric Owner Tom Dickson dropped off a scope of work for the replacement of the downstairs Courthouse LED lighting to be advertised for bid.
- The Commissioners discussed removing the rented porta-john at the transfer station and installing a permanent facility.
- Commissioner Garchar suggested a tire removal project. Research on the options and uses for the tires will be gathered.

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Commissioner Garchar adjourned the meeting.

Chairman to the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners