

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

**June 28, 2018**

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

**Guests**

Social Services Director Malynda Evans, Mapping and Addressing Director Amber Fisher, Assessor Berna Ernst, Health Nurse Mary Randolph, Treasurer Janie Stiasny, Maintenance Supervisor Steven Stiasny, Emergency Manager Keith Keesling, Extension Agent Gus Westerman, Montezuma County Commissioner James Lambert, MB McAfee, Ellen Foster, Dennis Atwater, Duane Likes, and Rick Gersch

**Pledge**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the Board of County Commissioner minutes from June 18, 2018 and a Special Meeting on June 20, 2018.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to accept the minutes.  
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 was not present.

**Treasurer:** Janie Stiasny was not present.

**Maintenance:** Steven Stiasny was not present.

**Road & Bridge:** Steve Davis was not present.

**Extension and Weed:** Secretary Oma Fleming said the Junior Rodeos have been going well. Fair time is nearing with projects well underway.

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**Extension:** CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman said they started off the month with a two-day STEM camp. There were 22 participants this year.

The Ameri-Corp position will be advertised in the next few days so that the person hired can begin when school does in August.

Mr. Westerman has been approved with the University of Colorado to assist with insurance claims in regards to the drought in southwest Colorado.

The CSU orchard looks amazing this year. Insect populations have diminished due to the lack of fruit last year and the lack of water this year.

A Youth Emergency Preparedness training initiative is in the works with Mr. Westerman and Emergency Manager Keith Keesling.

4-H rafting trip this week was successful with no participants lost.

Cory Gardner will be coming to Dove Creek on July 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss the open position at the NRCS office.

**Nurse:** Mary Randolph had concerns with the generator for the Health Nurse. Keith Keesling has been manually starting the generator and will continue to do so.

Funding is available for Zika mosquito virus education prevention; however the virus has not found its way to our area. West Nile virus is a concern this year despite the drought. Rabies has been identified in the Pagosa area. Bats are especially susceptible to rabies.

**Sheriff:** Jerry Martin said the office passed a CBI dispatch audit. Head Dispatcher Phyllis Davis and Emergency Manager Keith Keesling will conduct a Cyber Security Audit this week.

Marijuana compliance growth checks have been being conducted with numerous out of compliance growths found.

The officers are preparing for the Fourth of July holiday. Groundhog kicks off the holiday with activities this weekend.

Fire Restrictions in the County are in Stage 2. No "Open Fires" are permitted. Only "Closed" fires such as barbeque grills with lids are allowed. Any fire that is started is 100% billable to the instigator for costs associated with fighting the fire.

**Human Resources:** Finance and HR Specialist Lenore Carhart is working on end of the month, end of quarter, mid-year and payroll. Open enrollment on volunteer plans has been completed. Beginning July 1, SIS insurance will offer tele-med services.

**Senior Services:** Nita Purkat said since the beginning of the year the Pioner Center has logged 2000 uses of the building not including meals: meals are averaging 425 a month: rides are averaging 725 a month.

**Social Services:** Malynda Evans finished their financial audit for the County. July 1 will begin the State's fiscal year.

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**EMS:** Keith Keesling has received calls with concerns of campfires built by campers on the forest service. Please report any fires to the sheriff's office.

Three searches were successfully conducted during the month.

Dove Creek Fire was recognized at the State level for successfully and effectively handling the Alkali Fire earlier this month.

A second computer for dispatchers will be put in place in the Sheriff's office for emergency situations needing more than one dispatcher.

An Emergency Evacuation plan for Rico is being worked on. Shelters and transportation are of concern in that area. A sheltering agreement will need to be signed with the Red Cross soon.

**Addressing and Mapping:** Amber Fisher is about to finish with the census report.

Signs for the West Fork have been made but will not be put in place with the fire danger. Signs have been made and are being posted warning of the fire danger.

Any existing driveways moved more than 5.2 feet will be assigned a new pin pointed address number.

**Special Projects Manager:** Margret Daves has been working on septic and address issues. An Empire Electric rebate for efficient lighting at the Pioneer Center and Public Service Center totaling \$15,500.00 was received last week. Rebates will be received for the lighting replaced at the Courthouse also.

#### **Elected Officials/Department Head Evaluation Training**

HR Specialist Lenore Carhart provided a handout for County Elected Officials and Department Heads with some key pointers for the required Evaluations. The goal is to provide uniform evaluations throughout the County for all employees and departments.

#### **Ambulance Remodel Plans**

Director Marc Garlinghouse handed out two bids received for improvements at the Ambulance Building from local contractors; a third bid was also received but at a higher rate. The Ambulance Board would like to accept the proposal from Schamp Contracting. A letter of support was signed by Commissioner Garchar with bid plans attached.

#### **RS-2477 Discussion**

Montezuma County Commissioner James Lambert was present to discuss Montezuma County Resolution 8-2018. Plotted maps of the proposed trails for an RS-2477 assertion were discussed as the trails cross multiple county lines. Dennis Atwater was also present and shared various facts in support of making a multi-county RS-2477 assertion. The general consensus is that the federal atmosphere has changed and the language put in place during the establishment of the federal entities is justifying that the rights of the public represented by Counties warrants that now is the opportune time to assert the ownership of routes and trails. Commissioner Lambert will be contact with dates of the assertion so that the DCBOCC has the opportunity to possibly join forces.

### **Meetings and Information**

#### **Shared by Commissioner Kibel:**

Mrs. Kibel mentioned the drought and the visible signs throughout southwest Colorado. State Representatives have been calling with concerns for our citizens. The CRP grazing project for this year is an issue as most feed has already dried up. Establishing grazing for next year is still in the works so as to be proactive.

A Search Committee has been established for the advertised Senior Services Director position. Commissioner Kibel and Special Projects Manager Margret Daves are on the committee.

Federal funding has been approved but not received for services provided from Triple A.

The Montezuma County Resolution in regards to the RS2477 assertion issue has stirred a lot of interest and concerning calls from local counties and residents have been non-stop.

The STUD Board held a special meeting in regards to summer activities. There is a new ROCK sponsored program. With two activities offered, STUD participation numbers are down which affects funding availability.

#### **Shared by Commissioner Garchar:**

Mr. Garchar had spoken with Cruzan Construction about installing a wind break on the south side of the Public Service Center. Greenhouse sheeting was installed that is effective and looks nice.

- The Fourth of July week was discussed as the 4<sup>th</sup> falls on Wednesday. Commissioners are leaving the decision up to the Elected Department Heads for their individual office hours and staffing needs. PTO time will be used for any employees taking off more time than the allowed 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

### **New Business**

- **Savage Basin Iron and Stone Proposal:** A bid was reviewed from Jim Hutchinson for the replacement of the windowed doors in the Sheriff's office. Eric Hogue from the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District will be at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> BOCC meeting. Commissioner Cook suggested replacing the glassed doors with the previous solid core door. The issue will be revisited when discussions can take place with the Sheriff and Mr. Hogue.

### **Old Business**

- **Pioneer Center Landscaping Discussion:** Commissioner Garchar voiced concerns with the groundcover bark in the landscaping at the Pioneer Center where two fires have recently occurred due to smoldering cigarette butts. An applicable fire retardant was found by Special Projects Manager Margret Daves that could be purchase and applied to the bark to inhibit fire activity. Commissioner Garchar would like to see the bark removed and possibly replaced with rock if the budget allows. Prices for rock and bark removal will be obtained.

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- **Septic Fee and Repair Discussion:** Revisions of the current septic permit applications as well as basic letters of procedure have been composed and will be reviewed by Commissioners; to be approved at a later date.
  
- **Resolution 06-18-06:** A resolution in support of a term limit extension for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Attorney position being added to the November 2018 election ballot and certifying the ballot title.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to accept Resolution 06-18-06 adding the District Attorney term limit proposal to the 2018 ballot.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Garchar closed the meeting.

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Chairman to the Board of County Commissioners

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Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners