

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

March 28, 2018

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

Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Road and Bridge Secretary Linda Rehmert, County Health Nurse Mary Randolph, Assessor Berna Ernst, Senior Services Director Nita Purkat, CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman, Extension Office and Weed Board Secretary Oma Fleming, Treasurer Janie Stiasny, Maintenance Supervisor Steven Stiasny, Mapping and Addressing Director Amber Fisher, Sheriff Jerry Martin, Social Services Assistant Janet Crawford, Emergency Manager Keith Keesling, Septic Inspector David McCart and Weed Sprayer Kenny Smith

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 Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Board of County Commissioner minutes from February 20, 2018, March 5, 2018 and March 19, 2018 meetings.

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

Department Head Meeting

Assessor: Berna Ernst said everything is going well. They are patiently waiting for Oil and Gas valuations.

Clerk: Larita Randolph was not present.

Treasurer: Janie Stiasny had nothing to share.

Road & Bridge: Steve Davis said water hauling from the river and road maintenance has started. Monthly water usage reports will be done on the water pulled from the river.

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Extension: CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman exclaimed it's been a March of madness! Extensive workshops have been held and planned including Drought Mitigation, the CSU Pruning Workshop and the Ag Expo.

The DOLA road grant application has been completed and will be submitted. Presentation of the grant request will be in Cortez, CO in July.

Mr. Westerman has been helping with the Montezuma County Needs Assessment.

Weed: Oma Fleming stated that the weed district is starting to move into the new weed shop (old Road and Bridge building). Kenny Smith will begin work as the weed sprayer.

Nurse: Mary Randolph had concerns with the CenturyLink phone bill. The new bill doesn't break down amounts specific to departments which may jeopardize the health department office in being reimbursed from the state.

Sheriff: Jerry Martin said the Pioneer Center location offers better contact between seniors and deputies which has been a nice change.

Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 9am Sheriff Martin will offer a concealed weapon carry class for females employed by the County.

Two new deputies are still training at the academy. Grants are being applied for to receive funds for bullet proof vests.

Sheriff Martin will plan a meeting with the new Town Board that will be elected next week.

Maintenance: Steven Stiasny has finished painting the upstairs hall.

Social Services: Janet Crawford said they have received several applications for the advertised part-time position.

EMS: Keith Keesling has been attending numerous meetings.

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

Senior Services: Nita Purkat said that they received a new 14 passenger van and are very excited to start using and enjoying it.

The electrical lighting and outlets are being finished on the recently constructed bus barn.

The Pioneer Center facility is currently being used 5 days a week by the Seniors. Other entities have requested the use of the building. A funeral dinner is planned as well as Easter Sunday sunrise services.

A recent glycol leak in the Senior Center damaged some carpet that absorbed the leak. The installer will be contacted concerning the sweat joint leak. The damaged carpet will be inspected and replaced if necessary.

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Addressing and Mapping: Amber Fisher and Margret Daves recently attended a LUCA (Local Update of Census Addresses) meeting in Gallup, NM. There will be 120 days allowed for Census addressing review with a completion deadline on June 30, 2018.

Addresses on County Road 38 of the West Fork are problematic. Number roads in the County run North to South with letter roads running East to West. County Road 38 has an issue because it was set up as an East to West road. However, as a number road it should run North to South. Also, County Road 38 addresses currently start at the South and increase to the North. The main issue with the addresses is how Emergency Responders are trained to respond to assigned addresses throughout the County according to the established grid. The County will initiate a West Fork addressing reassignment project. A meeting will be held to inform residents of the upcoming changes. Communication with the new West Fork Fire Station responders and Dolores Fire will be important.

Emergency Manager Keith Keesling and Mapping and Addressing Director Amber Fisher recently attended a meeting with Montezuma County, San Juan County, La Plata County, and San Miguel County. The San Miguel County GIS Director has put together a python programming system to integrate all addresses for emergency responders for western slope counties.

Special Projects Manager: Margret Daves attended a USGS meeting in Grand Junction with Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Road and Bridge secretary Linda Rehmert, Road and Bridge employee Robert Crain. Ms. Daves will forward the power point to the Rico Town Manager as she felt that Rico could benefit from the information. Ms. Daves requested assistance with updating Flood Plain maps that haven't been updated since 1987. Dolores County is located in the Sacramento district not the Albuquerque district.

Security system as well as fire alarm sensors are being installed.

Meetings and Information

Commissioner Kibel said she has competition in the Commissioner race from Todd Jones in Rico.

Commissioner Cook said that they had recently attended a NCA meeting on the Lower Dolores and received a lot of support from San Miguel County. Montezuma County does not support the NCA.

The Commissioner's recently hosted and attended a Gunnison Sage Grouse meeting to work on the Collaborative Action Plan (CAP).

Commissioner Kibel mentioned having attended a Dolores County Conservation District meeting. Funding assistance is available to private land owners interested in boosting the sage grouse satellite program by providing water sources to entice the species to reside in the area.

Commissioner Garchar said they attended a meeting with San Miguel County that went well and another meeting with Montezuma County that didn't go as well.

Commissioner Garchar attended a Rico meeting. Water issues are of concern. Attorney Golbricht stated that the annual Rico water report is due out soon. A surface system as well as a deep-water system are in Rico according to CDPHE. Septic issues are also a problem.

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Regulation 43 Septic Systems Discussion

Attorney Golbricht discussed County procedure on septic inspections. Possible mandating of septic inspections for compliance with title changes was discussed. The inspection of septic's is not a liability of the County. Tank pumping and system inspections are standard compliance issues for new owners. Attorney Golbricht discussed the ongoing concerns of not having a designated code enforcement officer in the County to monitor not only septic but other land use issues. Following discussion, it was suggested that a possibility could be to have designated personnel from Road and Bridge, Mapping and Addressing, the Assessor's office and Commissioner's office work collectively on monitoring possible violations in the County. There was much discussion on the requirements we will have to consider regarding the OWTS regulations in place by June 30. A Public Hearing would be held before the adoption of any new regulations could take place.

Weed Board New Employee Meet & Greet

Weed Board Manager Oma Fleming introduced Kenny Smith as the new weed board employee. Mr. Smith will start full time by May 1.

Fairground/Shooting Range Discussion

Confirmation was given that the County will provide gravel for a contained gravel path at the fairgrounds as the fairgrounds is a County entity.

Request for Personal Support

This item of business was canceled due to a schedule conflict with a school activity.

New Business

There was no new business.

Old Business

Grader Hours Discussion: Road and Bridge Secretary Linda Rehmert handed out a list containing the current hours on all the Road Graders leased by the County as well an hourly breakdown of leased graders from the last 5 years. Detailed discussion took place regarding the lack of maintenance work completed on County roads during the 2017 summer (due to the necessitation of Road & Bridge employees working on the two new building projects as required for grant match compliance) the mild 2017 winter, the 2018 summer workload to catch up on neglected roads and the upcoming Montrose Forest Products timber harvesting project. The leases on four graders are currently up. Commissioners chose to renew all four leases. An equipment/attachment scope for future grader leases will be requested from competitive bidders before next years three graders are up.

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Commissioner Kibel made a motion to renew the leases on the four graders due for renewal.
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
Commissioners Kibel and Cook voted yes.
Commissioner Garchar voted no.
Motion carried.

- **Cell Phone Reimbursement Discussion:** Discussion took place on the phone reimbursement of Road and Bridge Secretary Linda Rehmert's \$25.00 per month. Several County employees receive a cell phone reimbursement for being on call. The Commissioners decided not to reimburse Ms. Rehmert for her cell phone.
- **Ferris & Cabin Creek Discussion:** Attorney Golbricht gave an update from his communication with Montezuma County's attorney and the duties Montezuma County is willing to assist Dolores County with to keep the Ferris and Cabin Creek campgrounds open to the public. The facilities along the Dolores River are for day usage only. Discussion took place regarding road and parking area maintenance, blading, mowing and general area cleanup. Attorney Golbricht will revise the agreement after the discussion today and have Tom Rice with the Forest Service review it.
- **Road R Grant:**
CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman presented the completed DOLA Grant application for Commissioners to sign. Amendments can be sent in anytime before the hearings which will be July 17-19 in Cortez, Colorado.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to approve this grant submittal.
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
All Three Commissioners voted yes.

- **Final Completion of Public Service Center Discussion:**
Attorney Golbricht reviewed the paper work for the final completion for the PSC. An Executive Session was requested by the attorney pursuant to [CRS 24-6-402\(4\)\(b\)](#) for potential litigation. The attorney stated his opinion that the matter constituted attorney client privileged matters and therefore no recording would be made.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 12:25P.M.
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted yes.

The Executive session ended at 12:44.

- **LED Lighting Replacement Scope Discussion:**
We will discuss this with Maintenance Supervisor Steven Stiansny to see if his budget can pay for the upgrades. If the maintenance budget can pay for the project then it will be bid out.

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- There was some discussion about putting out RFP's when the County has projects but is not sure what options are available.
- The porches at the PSC will be discussed more on Monday. Commissioners would like to have some material price comparisons.

Commissioner Garchar adjourned the meeting.

Chairman to the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners