

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

May 31, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado on May 31, 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

Social Services Director Malynda Evans, Mapping and Addressing Director Amber Fisher, Weed District and Extension Secretary Oma Fleming, Assessor Berna Ernst, Treasurer Janie Stiasny, Maintenance Supervisor Steven Stiasny, Emergency Manager Keith Keesling, Extension Agent Gus Westerman, Town Manager Irvin Frazier, BLM Representatives Connie Clementson and Roy Smith, Senator Gardner's Representative Ann McCoy Harold, Congressman Tipton's Representatives Ashley Greco and Liz Payne, Colorado Division of Water Resources Representative Doug Pickering, County Residents Trenton Davis and Al Heaton, and Montezuma County Commissioner James Lambert.

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.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Board of County Commissioner minutes from February 21, 2017, July 31, 2017 and May 21, 2018 meetings.

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 stated that her office is working on NOV's for personal property and Oil and Gas.

Clerk: Larita Randolph was not present.

Treasurer: Janie Stiasny said things are going well in her office.

Maintenance: Steven Stiasny said it is yard work season. Weed maintenance is in full swing. He is busy chasing contractors.

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Road & Bridge: Steve Davis was not present.

Extension: CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman had another good month. Emily Lockhart was hired full time at the CSU Research Center in Yellow Jacket, Colorado. There are now three full time staff members there.

A beautiful fruit set is at the orchard this year. The Center is making plans for a great U-Pick this fall.

Senator Gardner's assistant Ann McCoy Harold and Brian Wanamaker from Washington DC attended a meeting in Dove Creek to discuss

The DOLA grant is coming along with addendums to be completed next week. The grant hearing will be in the middle of July in Cortez, CO.

A STEM program position supported by Americorp and CSU will be implemented into the 2018/19 school year. The State waived administrative fees for this first year to expedite the implementation of the position. Dolores County Schools fit the criteria of a rural school on the Western Slope perfectly. The position will be filled locally; and be part time for 9 months at approximately 15 hours per week with activities during and after school. Office space will be shared in the Extension Office.

DCDC is moving along trying to attract people to the park.

Mr. Westerman was recruited onto the Community Health Clinic Board.

Summer STEM camp will be held next week for 2 days at the Community Center.

Extension and Weed: Secretary Oma Fleming said the facility at the Fairgrounds will be busy every weekend for the month of June.

Haley Fury and Sierra Ayers are the two student workers who have been hired and will be working for the summer.

4-H Livestock kids are lined out and preparing for Fair season in Cortez. There are 10 livestock projects this year.

Nurse: Mary Randolph was not present.

Sheriff: Jerry Martin was not present.

EMS: Keith Keesling said that AED kits have been purchased and are being placed around town and Rico.

Mr. Keesling has been attending numerous meetings around the area regarding fire season.

Mr. Keesling is currently working on two new grants. A simulated fire table top drill is planned with the fire department.

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Social Services: Malynda Evans will be attending a Child Support conference next week and possibly a CCI conference.

The Social Services department has received another CSTAT award from the State for the third year in a row.

A grant for training services is being worked on.

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

Senior Services: Nita Purkat was not present.

Addressing and Mapping: Amber Fisher has hired a student worker for the summer. Tristan Jarmon will begin putting signs up on the West Fork.

This is the last month for preparing the finalized Census data.

Special Projects Manager: Margret Daves said the July 2 BOCC meeting will be held on July 9.

A mandatory CTSI Training/Coaching Experienced Driver class is planned for August.

The Lottery Board Committee will meet next week to determine how funds will be split from requests.

Wild and Scenic/NCA Discussion

BLM Representatives Connie Clementson and Roy Smith were present to provide information and answer questions regarding the draft NCA and administration under Wild and Scenic standards. Also present were Senator Gardner's Representative Ann McCoy Harold, Congressman Tipton's Representatives Ashley Greco and Liz Payne, Colorado Division of Water Resources Representative Doug Pickering, County Residents Trenton Davis and Al Heaton, and Montezuma County Commissioner James Lambert.

Update on NOV's

Assessor Berna Ernst said NOV's will be mailed by June 15th. Protests on the NOV's are allowed through June 30th.

Social Services Discussion on Child Care

Social Services Director Malynda Evans discussed Childcare Funds or (CCAP). The calendar year for the allocation runs from July 1 to June 30. Dolores County's unused funds can be sold to any Colorado County with a deficit in funding for childcare services. Selling of the funds would eliminate the Maintenance of Effort fee associated with keeping the funds. Selling the unused funds does not forfeit the availability of future funding. Commissioners agreed with Director Evans to sell the unused funds for this year. A recruitment of families eligible for the service was discussed to use the funds in up-coming years.

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Director Evans requested that funding for a substitute on-call case worker be available from a neighboring county while she is on maternity leave. On-call rates will be reviewed from neighboring counties.

Ambulance Building Discussion

Director Marc Garlinghouse was unable to attend the meeting due to an emergency call out. The discussion will be rescheduled.

Meetings and Information

- Commissioner Kibel gave an update on the drought and grazing CPR. The United States Department of Agriculture determined that 7 Colorado Counties be given a Natural Disaster Determination S4320. In accordance with 7 CFR 759.5(a), Secretary Sonny Perdue designated seven Colorado counties as a primary natural disaster area due to drought. CRP grazing will be allowed on 100% of the acreages. Grazing is normally postponed until mid-July for the migratory bird nesting season, however, due to the severity of existing drought conditions grazing will be allowed immediately with no payment penalties to land owners.
- Commissioner Garchar requested that Department Heads and Elected Officials work on evaluation performances for employees. Lenore Carhart will provide a training session on the evaluation sheet therefore providing equality amongst all positions during the process.

New Business

There was not any new business to be discussed.

Old Business

Executive Session Regarding Potential Litigation: There was no new information to be discussed.

Commissioner Garchar closed the meeting.

Chairman to the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners