

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

**January 31, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado on January 31, 2019. Present for the meeting were Chairperson Floyd Cook and Commissioners Julie Kibel and Steve Garchar. Also, present for the meeting were County Attorney Dennis Golbricht, Special Projects Manager Margret Daves and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner.

**Guests**

Dolores County Maintenance Supervisor Steven Stiasny, Dolores County Clerk and Recorder Lana Hancock, CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman, Dolores County Emergency Manager Keith Keesling, Dolores County Senior Services Director Julie Bingham. Dolores County Mapping and Addressing Specialist Amber Fisher, Dolores County Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Dolores County Extension and Weed Secretary Oma Fleming, Dolores County Social Services Director Malynda Evans

**Pledge**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to approve the agenda.  
Commission Garchar seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to amend the agenda to add the Garchar Family Trust Subdivision Exemption finalization.  
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Garchar Family Trust Subdivision Exemption Boundary Adjustment**

Upon Attorney Golbricht's recommendation the BOCC approved the plat map presented by Representative Dwayne Garchar.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to approve Resolution #1-19-05 granting the Subdivision Exemptions and lot line adjustment previously approved by the BOCC with the plat map. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved, with Commissioner Garchar abstaining.

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to approve the minutes from January 22, 2019.  
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.  
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Department Head Meeting**

**Assessor:** Berna Ernst was not present.

**Road & Bridge:** Steve Davis was asked by Commissioner Kibel to thank the Road and Bridge crew for their hard work during the recent snow storms. County residents have voiced their appreciation for the great job on keeping the roads opened.

The purchase of the recently approved tanker truck is underway with the requested upgrades and repairs being made. The tanker should be ready in a month.

The low boy trailer that was purchased in the fall is stranded in the Midwest due to weather. Delivery should be in the next 2 weeks.

**Clerk:** Lana Hancock is happy to be on board. Ms. Hancock recently attended training in Colorado Springs.

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

**Maintenance:** Steven Stiasny will begin painting the Clerk's office.

Commissioner Kibel mentioned the snow maintenance removal at the Nurse's Office. Mr. Stiasny referenced the March 7, 2016 minutes that state that school maintenance staff will maintain the sidewalks.

**Extension and Weed:** Secretary Oma Fleming had little to share as this is her quiet season at the Fairgrounds and with the Weed District.

**Extension:** CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman said January was like one big Monday!

An Ag Economics Summit was held in Arriola with 30 attendees.

Making plans and gearing up for the Beef Symposium next week and a Weed Symposium at the annual Ag Expo in March.

Staff is preparing to prune the trees at the CSU Extension orchard.

DCDC is going good with participation in 2 Region 9 loans.

4-H signups are underway.

STEM with Patsy Smith is going amazing and the program seems to be a real success.

**Nurse:** Mary Randolph was not present.

**Sheriff:** Don Wilson was not present.

**EMS:** Keith Keesling spent the month of January applying for several grants.

Equipment that was ordered from a 2016 grant is finally arriving.

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

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**Senior Services:** Julie Bingham said things are running smoothly at the Pioneer Center.

**Social Services:** Malynda Evans said now is the legislative session period for childcare allocations.

Food benefit applications are being processed with Government up and running again.

The Northwoods contract is in the planning phases with the childcare software.

Contracts are being worked on for the 5 county mental health services.

Numerous applications have been received for the full-time position being offered.

**Addressing and Mapping:** Amber Fisher discussed some residential address delivery issues with FedEx, UPS and the Post Office. Recently policy changes within the entities delivery system should remedy most problems. The Towns and County are the local addressing authorities. Outside sources may provide data, however the accuracy of their data is not guaranteed. The best address location app to use is called, "Here We Go".

The State of Colorado makes an annual "data call" to local jurisdictions for up to date road names and address points for 911 purposes. Doug Roth from Montezuma County makes the submittals for Dolores County since the two counties share 911 services.

Assistant Ashley Spigner has been working on updating the names and plot records for the Dove Creek Cemetery District.

**Special Projects Manager:** Margret Daves mentioned that workshops need to be held with Emergency Manager Keesling to finalize the EOC.

Coats or vests with the County logo will be purchased for employees that have joined the County since the last time they were offered.

Wrapping up the 2018 budget and opening the 2019.

#### **Disappointment Creek Water Rights Discussion and Possible Action**

Attorney Marty Whitmore called in via conference call to discuss the progress being made with Dolores County filing water rights on Disappointment Creek.

#### **Public Comment**

Commissioner Cook opened the meeting up for public comment. No one was present.

### **Meetings and Information**

**Commissioner Kibel:** discussed the recent Annual Operating Plan (AOP) meeting held at the Public Service Center with BLM, Forest Service, Division of Fire Prevention and Control, the local Sheriff and Emergency Management.

New technology offers infrared pictures to be taken safely at 20,000 feet for strategic fire action planning and Search and Rescue missions. The service is free to counties.

Discussion on the designation of the Dolores River as NCA and Wild and Scenic is ongoing. The Commissioners will partner up with San Miquel County Commissioners to provide public education of the designation.

Commissioner Kibel took part in an emergency conference call as part of the Sage Grouse Oversight Committee. A recent court order changed what was previously described as sage grouse habit to a more specific description as a species supportable habitat. Meaning; the habitat has to provide water, food, protection and no predators for species sustainability to exist within the habit. The Committee will continue to place its focus on the satellite populations and on the actual Gunnison Sage Grouse population.

**Commissioner Cook:** San Juan Forest Service Representative Derek Padilla informed Commissioner Cook at a previous meeting, that he will start working on the land acquisition for the West Fork Fire Station.

**Commissioner Garchar:** discussed the County's efforts in obtaining water rights on Disappointment Creek.

Mr. Garchar said there's a highly controversial chance of wolf introduction being considered in Colorado.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

**Executive Session:** An executive session was sought by Attorney Golbricht for the purpose of providing legal advice regarding ongoing litigation. The executive session was pursuant to CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(b). Attorney Golbricht stated his opinion that the matters constituted privileged communications and therefore no recording or minutes would be taken.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to end the Executive session at 11:25a.m.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

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Commissioner Cook closed the meeting.

*Floyd D. Cook*

Chairman to the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

*Joseph Lardner*

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners



