

The Board of County Commissioners conducted a scheduled meeting on May 4, 2017, for the purpose of discussing the temporary suspension of Custer County 4-H activities by the Colorado State University Extension Service. A report was made by County Attorney Clint Smith, who was able to meet with Mr. William Nobles on May 4. Mr. Nobles is the Regional Director for the CSU Extension Service.

Mr. Smith said the meeting was cordial and informative. Mr. Nobles gave his assurances that his goal was to get the Custer County 4-H program reinstated as soon as possible. That can be accomplished as soon as the County has a new office manager in place to run the Extension Office while the process goes forward to find a replacement for Robin Young. He was very pleased to hear that Beverly Goertz, the former office manager for over 21 years who retired last year, has consented to come back and fill the position on a temporary basis as an independent contractor. Mr. Nobles is familiar with Beverly's work and said he would be very comfortable having Beverly in the position of interim office manager.

Mr. Nobles also said a letter would be forthcoming from Jean Glowacki, Director of 4-H Development for the CSU Extension Service, making it clear that, despite the suspension, all Custer County 4-H members could still participate in the weigh-in/retinal scanning to be conducted in Pueblo County this Friday and in Fremont County this Saturday. That letter has been received and is set forth below.

The Board of County Commissioners guarantees that the new office manager will assume her duties very soon and that the 4-H program will be reinstated long before the deadline mentioned in Ms. Glowacki's letter.

Custer County Board of County Commissioners



May 3, 2017

Custer County 4-H Livestock Families,

According to 4HOnline, you have enrolled in a livestock project. As a result of the suspension of the Custer County 4-H Program your current 4-H status is a 4-H member "not in good standing". Your participation in the State Fair is contingent upon the County program resuming by that date. To resume the program in Custer County and your member in good standing status, a new staff person will need to be hired by Custer County for the CSU Extension office. That person will also need to complete training on the CSU campus to effectively manage the 4-H program. CSU Extension will cover the cost of sending this person to campus for training. Once those events have taken place, 4-H can resume in Custer County.

Even though your 4-H status for State Fair is pending, we will allow you to bring your animal to weigh-in/retinal scanning at one of the locations listed below, in case you become eligible to show them at state fair. We are trying to preserve the possibility of your showing at State Fair, pending the outcome of the status of the Custer County 4-H program at that time. Should you wish to nominate an animal for state fair you must submit all required nomination forms and information to the **State 4-H Office** no later than **June 1**. The address to send the nomination cards to is listed below.

CSU Extension
Attn: State 4-H Office
4040 Campus Delivery
Fort Collins CO 80523-4040

Please understand that the nomination does not ensure your eligibility to show at State Fair and that eligibility is contingent upon the status of the Custer County program at that time. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Listed below are the two weigh-in dates:

Pueblo County Weigh-in/Retinal Scan, Friday May 5th (lambs and goats): Colorado State Fairgrounds, Sheep and Swine Barn. The cost is \$2 per animal (please bring exact change); also bring your Custer County ear tag. Please arrive between 6- 7 p.m.

Fremont County Weigh-in/Retinal Scan, Saturday, May 13th, 10:30 a.m. :(lambs and goats): Fremont County Fairgrounds, 595 S. 9th St., Canyon City. The cost is \$5 per head.

For pigs, bring pictures of the right side and left side with legible ear tags in place.

Thank you,

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