

Events Center Subcommittee  
April 20, 2005

The Subcommittee was joined by Paul Wenke to discuss the Events Center being planned by the Town of Westcliffe. Concept drawings were shared with the subcommittee and questions answered. Paul said the next step is a feasibility study for how much the facility would be utilized. The main goal of the Event Center would be to anchor Main Street and improve the town's economy. At this time there hasn't been a study as to the economic impact of the festivals held in Custer County.

The Subcommittee felt that a survey should be conducted of the Bluegrass Festival since they would be meeting at the new location of the Event Center. Another survey should be conducted at the Jazz Festival and see if they would like that venue.

There seems to be a need for two facilities in Custer County. One facility would be dealing with the arts which would be what the Town of Westcliffe is considering. Another facility would be for community events i.e. auctions, garage sales, wedding receptions, meetings, etc. which is what the Saddle Club and Fair Board are considering.

Recommendations:

1. Conduct surveys to determine the use and need for a Performing Arts Center in Westcliffe.
2. Encourage the construction of a Community Center that could be utilized by the Saddle Club and the Custer County Fair Board.
3. Display Concept Drawings from the Town of Westcliffe.