

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, MAY 16, 2005**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTER COUNTY MET IN
REGULAR SESSION WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dale Hoag	Chairman
Dick Downey	Vice-chair
Kit Shy	Commissioner
Ric Ferron	County Administrator
Debbie Livengood	Clerk to the Board

Mike Gaylord, representing the BLM, and John Grieve, representing the Colorado Forest Service, met with the Board in regards to developing a fire plan for the county. Mr. Gaylord recommendation to the Board was that when developing a fire plan our priorities should be to know the hazard areas, identify any problems associated with these areas and how the county is going to deal with these problems. BLM receives federal monies every year that goes into an activity fund to help with the drafting of a community fire plan and identifying community priorities. These funds are not grant funds and may be used on BLM land. However, they can also be used on private land that is in conjunction with BLM land. Mr. Gaylord left a copy of the guidelines and procedures to follow to draft a fire plan along with a copy of another county's plan to review.

County Administrator, Ric Ferron, will write a letter to the BLM requesting community assistant monies that may be available to our county for the purpose of drafting a fire plan.

The Board felt that the OEM Director is who should be working on the project. Ric Ferron will work with Greg Sullivan, since he is new to this position. The BLM will also work with the county in preparing their plan.

Commissioner Downey reported that the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District has nine applicants to fill one position of "member at large" on their board. The selection committee could recommend up to three candidates to the judge for appointment, but decided to recommend only one candidate. It is the thought that there are so many candidates for this position partly because some individuals within the district feel the current board is not being open with their meetings.

Pat Edelmann, Sub-District Chief, and Kenneth Watts, Hydrologist, both representing the US Geological Survey Department of the Interior, Colorado Water Science Center, met with the Board to review the maps and statistics of the water study they conducted on sixty-two wells between April 2002 and May 2005.

Charlie French met with the Commissioners with a proposal for the possible IT position in the county. He expressed an interest in the job if the Board was going to combine the GIS System with the IT position. The Board explained that they did not have an IT

position open at this time; they were discussing the possibility and were going to develop a job description.

Commissioner Downey made a motion seconded by Commissioner Hoag to sign the 2005-2006 Public Health Nursing Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Perkins, Field Administrator for the Colorado Department of Human Services and Laura Lockhart, met with the Board to give a briefing to the new commissioner.

Being no further business, the Board adjourned.