

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 2, 2006**

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

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

Also present was Nora Drenner and Carole Custer.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am.

Road and Bridge Supervisor, Clint Englehart, met with the Board to give his monthly report.

**WORK COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER**

- Completed patching on Horn Road
- Graded Lutheran Camp and Verdemont
- Continued blading in Blumenau
- Graded in Antelope Valley
- Continued patching on Rosita
- Continued grading south of the valley
- Graded road and hauled dirt from new radio tower site
- Dozed pit at school for Homecoming fire

**WORK PLANNED**

- Finish County Road 260
- Major rebuild on County Road 323 between County Road 320 and County Road 325
- Grade in Cuerno Verde
- Complete grading in Blumenau
- Grade in Rosita Hills
- Screen gravel

Clint explained that he would like to start a program for chip sealing and maintaining the county roads. In order to maintain the roads that are already chip sealed they need to be re-done at least one time every four years. His budget request for 2007 will reflect the cost of \$175,000.00 to do 12.4 miles of county roads. Also, there is \$63,000.00 included in the proposed budget to re-do the mag chloride on 27 miles of road.

Clint informed the Board that the gate located on Mr. Brother's property which is on County Road 129, is no longer an issue for the Road and Bridge Department. The situation needs to be resolved between the two neighbors.

Commissioner Downey explained to the other two commissioners that the meeting with Bob Gilchrist, who was representing Dark Skies, was about their desire to install architectural lighting on the courthouse grounds, at no cost to the county. The Board toured the courthouse grounds looking at the current lighting situation. It was the decision of the Board to have the county administrator, write a letter to Dark Skies explaining that they would be interested in their offer. However, they would like to have members of the organization walk around the courthouse grounds with them, before a design is drafted. The Board also asked Ric to mention in the letter that they would encourage Dark Skies to use local engineers and contractors if possible.

The Office of Emergency Management Director, Christy Feldmann, met with the Board to discuss the OEM contract. The Board informed Christy that the county had received \$2,040.00 that was paid out of their budget. It was reimbursed by BLM on September 28, 2006. Christy signed the new contract.

Christy reported that she had attended the last regional meeting, which consists of eight counties. They will conduct a tabletop exercise sometime in November in Huerfano County. They will have no prior knowledge of the exact date since they want everyone involved having a "real-time" response. A formal report will be written once the exercise is completed.

Christy also reported that Motorola has possession of the new radio tower. The foundation for the building has been poured and the building materials will be shipped next week. They are waiting for an estimate from Sangre De Cristo Electric on the cost of running under-ground power to the site.

The Board met with the Social Service Office.

Chuck Ippolito met with the Board to give them an IT update.

- Created an incident-tracking program for the Sheriff's Department. It has been loaded onto their computers and is currently being used. The program will give the sheriff's department the capability to pull up any prior history they may have on a certain case or individual.
- Created a website for the clerk's office called [votecuster.org](http://votecuster.org). This website gives all of the information needed on registering to vote, how to apply for an absentee ballot, where the voting precincts are located, and shows a demo on the new voting equipment used in our county.
- Created a program for the Planning and Zoning office that would allow them to type and print their vouchers on their computers and create a spreadsheet for them.
- Working with the Sangre De Cristo GIS group.

- Chuck inquired if the Commissioners had any information concerning the grant that was applied for through Upper Ark for the creation of a county website that would be linked to the Chamber of Commerce web site. Neither Chuck nor the commissioners have heard back from Upper Ark concerning the grant.
- The ACS computer systems were discussed briefly. Chuck informed the Board that there were other counties that currently use ACS that are looking at other vendors. These counties are contacting DOLA to see if there is any grant money available to perform a needs assessment for their counties. Chuck was asking for the Board's approval to visit with these other counties and see if our county could participate in assessment if DOLA funds were available. The Board approved his request.

Custer County Extension Agent, Karen Crumbaker, met with the Board and presented an update on the extension office activities. Karen reported that the Upper Ark Weed Coop meeting has been changed to October 10<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the Fremont County Administrative Building. She noted that Custer County has used most of the \$6,600.00 USFS weed control grant funds.

The Board discussed the method of reimbursing landowners who have been implementing the weed control efforts. Karen mentioned two other grants that are available. One of these grants is for Premise ID. This money is to be used for education purposes. The other grant is the Colorado Grazing Land Initiative for \$1,200.00. This money will be used to have workshops to help landowners get a private application license for the use of controlled pesticides for weed control. The money from this grant can also be used to conduct workshops related to grazing issues.

The Board discussed Ballot issue 38 concerning "Petition Rights".

Commissioner Downey made a motion seconded by Commissioner Shy to adopt Resolution 06-04 that would oppose Ballot Issue 38 on the November 7<sup>th</sup> election. Motion carried unanimously.

**CUSTER COUNTY RESOLUTION  
RESOLUTION NO. 06-04**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTER COUNTY, COLORADO IN OPPOSITION OF AMENDMENT 38 – THE PETITION RIGHTS AMENDMENT.

WHEREAS, Colorado has a strong and vibrant Initiative and Referendum process in place for state and local government, as witnessed by the record-number of ballot issues appearing on this November's ballot; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 38 seeks to undermine public confidence in the initiative and referendum process by continually voting and re-voting issues that have already been decided at an election; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 38, in its two previous iterations, has already been rejected by voters by wide margins, once in 1994 (30 – 70%) and again in 1996 (34 – 66%); and

WHEREAS, amendment 38 fundamentally relaxes all of the rules for placing an issue on the ballot, resulting in the passage of exponentially more laws, more bureaucracy, and more government, all at taxpayer expense; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 38 removes the “checks and balances” necessary for ensuring clear, legal and non-fraudulent petition submittals, including removal of the “single subject” clause that ensures ballot issues aren’t hiding multiple subjects; lowering the signature requirement, and eliminating the verification of petition signatures to prevent fraudulent petitions; and

WHEREAS, Systematically over one-third of all signatures submitted on ballot issues are found to be fraudulent or otherwise invalid when checked against the voter registration rolls, and that Amendment 38 eliminates this verification step, forcing state and local election officials to accept any and all signatures as valid; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 38 forces taxpayers to subsidize petition campaigns for issues they would otherwise never support, including the printing and delivery of petitions, and printing and mailing to every registered voter household, at taxpayer expense, an unedited pair-advertisement drafted by petitioners.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Custer County does hereby declare their full opposition to, and urge a NO vote on the Petition Rights Amendment appearing as Amendment 38 on the November 7, 2006 statewide ballot.

RESOLVED, ADOPTED AND SIGNED THIS 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2006, AT WESTCLIFFE, COLORADO.

CUSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

RICHARD L. DOWNEY  
CHAIRMAN

DEBBIE LIVENGOOD  
CLERK & RECORDER

Being no further business the Board adjourned at 2:20pm.