

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, MAY 1ST, 2007**

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

Dick Downey	Chairman
Kit Shy	Vice-chair
Carole Custer	Commissioner
Debbie Livengood	Clerk to the Board

Also present was Nora Drenner, the reporter for the Wet Mountain Tribune.

Meeting was called to order at 8:48am.

The pledge was recited.

County Road & Bridge Supervisor, Dave Trujillo, met with the Board to give his monthly report.

WORK COMPLETED IN APRIL

- Plow Snow
- Fix Fence – the damage done to fences because of snow removal will be completed in approx. one week.
- Grade Roads – 255; 271; 265; 215; Copper Gulch; 341; 328; Airport Road; Centennial Road; 150; Muddy.
- Flood Control – Backside of the lake on County Road 220 and on Colony.

WORK PLANNED

- Start patching
- Grade roads
- Finish fence repair
- Mag Chloride (starting on May 7th) Bear Basin will be the first road to be mag chloride, then County Road 271, followed by Rosita Road.

Dave presented a draft copy of a snow removal policy and asked the Board to review it and give him any input that they may have. Dave would like to have a policy in effect by next winter.

The paint on the roof at the old county shop is peeling. The paint that is on the roof is from the manufacture and is about thirty years old. Dave has had a contractor look at the roof and is waiting for a price quote. However, the contractor implied that he would not guarantee the job.

Dennis Hunt, with CTSI, who is working with Dave on a grant to enable the county to purchase three new graders for the shop has informed Dave that it is looking like only two graders will be possible.

Kent Beach has contacted Dave and would like to sell gravel to the county if they would be interested.

County Road 310, that is east of the airport, was discussed. There are six gates placed on this road, that various people have installed. John Rusher pushed over one of the gate posts opposite of the post that the gate is hinged upon. This happened when Mr. Rusher was plowing the road, due to the fact that the opening on the road way was too narrow to get the plow through. Mr. Rusher is willing to reinstall the post and put the gate back up, and he wants Mr. Hood to make the gate wide enough to get the plow through. The county may send Mr. Hood a letter asking him to cooperate by making the gate wider after they have the opportunity to discuss the issue with John Naylor, the County Attorney. There are a total of six gates that exist on County Road 310. Dave made the following gate measurements.

- Gate 1 11'6"
- Gate 2 13'7"
- Gate 3 13'7"
- Gate 4 13'7"
- Gate 5 13'9"
- Gate 6 13'9"

Gabrielle Loudermilk, owner of property located at 173 Rocky Ridge Road in Silver Cliff Heights #4, has asked Dave to write a letter addressing possible traffic issues on this road if she where to start a business at her home. She is applying for a Special Use Permit and would like to have this information for the hearing. Dave informed the Board that using the figures that she has presented to him, he does not see a problem and is going to write her the letter she requested.

The Board met with the Social Service Department.

Commissioner Custer reported on the CCI Steering Committee Meetings that she attended on April 13th and 20th. These meeting had to do with Tourism, Resorts & Economic Development, General Government, Taxations and Finance, Transportation and Telecommunications, Public Lands, Land Use and Natural Resources, and Health and Human Services.

The Board held a conference call with Brian Clince. He will be starting his salaried employment with the zoning office on June 4th and ending his internship on June 3rd. He updated the Board on his recent conversation with Norm Froman concerning GIS. Norm has contacted the zoning office and asked them to send him copies of the counties maps so he can scan them into his database. He needs to do this step in order to give the county an accurate proposal of cost.

The Board made it very clear to Brian that they “will not pay Norm Froman for any of his efforts to this point to prepare a proposal”.

County Health Nurse, Donna McDonnall, met with the Board to give her monthly report. There were eight child and eleven adult immunizations given in the month of April. There was also thirty childhood screenings done along with blood pressure screenings.

There were approximately 539 individuals who participated in the 9-Health Fair on April 13th and over 150 volunteers who helped make it a success. There was \$19,916.00 collected at the health fair and a check was sent to Denver in that amount. Approximately \$1,800.00 in donations were collected for local use at the health fair. This money was used for advertising, miscellaneous equipment purchases, volunteer meals and snacks. There is approx. \$1,300.00 that remains in the local account to be used for next year health fair. Subway and the Westcliffe Supermarket donated half of all the items that were purchase from them.

Donna also reported that she had attended the ICS 300 class that was held at the Wet Mountain Fire Department on April 24 through the 26th. She also attended a workshop in Pueblo on the use of the 800 mhz radios.

The generator that was donated by David Roeber is scheduled to be delivered to the school on May 2nd. Donna will have a picture taken and sent to the Tribune for recognition of the donation. Donna has completed the preliminary estimate of the expenditures for the Pan-Flu Phase I grant that is due June 30th. There are two remaining EPR grants that are due at the end on August. One of the grants is the Pan-FLU II for at total of \$13,900 and second grant is the Core EPR grant in the amount of \$19,074.

Jean Mavromatis, Custer County Tobacco Education and Prevention Coordinator, met with the Board to give her monthly report, updating the commissioners on the activities that took place in the month of April. She also discussed what is planned for May. She informed the Board that she had requested \$34,741.00 for the fiscal year 07-08. Mrs. Mavromatis has been notified that she will receive \$32,023.00, and needs to make modifications to the original budget submitted.

Len Lankford and Chuck Ippolito met with the Board concerning the Custer County Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Len presented a power point presentation documenting the progress he is making and the different steps he is going though to do this wildfire hazard assessment that the county hired him to do. He suggested that the Board extend this program through September of this year. This suggestion comes from Mike Gaylord. According to Len, Mike Gaylord, from BLM has been in contact with him concerning a GIS reader that Len has found. Mr. Gaylord notified Len that there are grant funds available for the purchase of software that could be used with this reader. By purchasing this software the county would be able to continuously and accurately track the wildfire hazards of the county. Len feels that this project that he is involved with needs to be a “long term action plan.” If the county should decide to apply for this grant,

it is due by May 15th. The cost of the license is \$7,000.00 and the maintenance of the software is \$12,000.00 a year. Len pointed out that this is a good tool to have available, however, he will finish the project that he was contracted to do without the software. At this point Len feels that the first three priorities for fire hazard in our county are in the Alvarado, Pines, and Oak Creek areas. Commissioner Shy will notify Mr. Gaylord concerning the grant that Len has been telling them about. The Board will also contact Len after Kit has spoken with Mr. Gaylord. Commissioner Shy stated that he would like to visit with both the BLM and the Forest Service to see what their stand is on this grant. If both Mike and Chuck agree that this is a good idea, then the county will go forward.

Chuck Ippolito reported that the new ambulance has arrived and is operating. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:00pm.