

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 29, 2007**

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

Dick Downey	Chairman
Kit Shy	Vice-Chairman
Carole Custer	Commissioner
Kelley Camper	Deputy Clerk to the Board

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

Commissioner Downey called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The pledge was recited.

County payroll and accounts payable were approved from the following funds:

County General	\$177,317.08
Road & Bridge	\$ 74,625.37
Emergency Services	\$ 10,795.80
Social Service Dept.	\$ 14,477.11
Capital Improvement	\$ <u>1,123.50</u>
Total	\$278,338.86

Commissioner Custer requested that the September 18, 2007 BOCC meeting held in Wetmore, be moved to September 20, 2007 so that she can attend the National Recycling Coalition's 26th Annual Congress & Exposition.

Commissioner Custer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shy, to move the September 18, 2007 BOCC meeting in Wetmore to September 20, 2007. Motion carried.

Paul Crespin, with the Forest Service, met with the Commissioners to update them on some issues. The high winds that we had on June 6th, resulted in a blow-down event in the Wet Mountains along the Greenhorn Road. The first five miles of the road have approximately 400 trees blown down. Intermountain Resources, a company from Montrose, CO, has the Meadow Divide Timber Sale and will purchase these trees and clear them out of the road. They will start today, June 29th, and will be finished clearing them out of the road by the following Friday or Saturday. The remaining eleven miles of the road beyond the Meadow Divide Road, have approximately 800-900 trees down. Ideally, the Forest Service would like to have two different purchasers come in to clear those trees out by mid-July. Paul informed the Board that with any generation of revenue on the National Forest, 25% goes to the County. He estimates the value of all the trees taken out will be approximately \$40,000.00, of which the county will get 25%.

He also informed the Commissioners that the Rainbow Family would like to have a gathering on Amethyst Creek sometime in mid-August. They have told the Forest Service that there will be

approximately 300 people attending and they will be there about 1½ weeks. Paul said that from past experience with this group, he's expecting there to be about 900 people and they usually stay up to 3 weeks. He also said that there are drugs, alcohol & crime at this groups gatherings, and so there will have to be several agencies (i.e. Sheriff's Office, DOW, State Patrol, etc.) involved while they are here.

Paul also let the Commissioners know that the Alvarado Campground will not be opening on the first weekend of July as planned. There were some issues with the water, so it should open around mid-July.

Justin Krall, Division of Wildlife Officer, met with the Commissioners to introduce himself and give them some background information on how he came to be a Division of Wildlife Officer in Custer County. He also informed them that he has had quite a few bear calls already this year, but that the people making the calls have been very understanding, in that they don't want him to haul the bears away, they just want to know how to keep them away. He also stated that the deer and elk came through the winter well and look good. They are a little concerned about the antelope numbers being down so they are going to do some research to see why.

J.D. Henrich, County Assessor, met with the Commissioners to set up a date for the Board of Equalization hearings. The date was tentatively set for August 6, 2007 at 9:00 AM.

Mark Nielsen, with RidgeLine Inc., met with the Commissioners to discuss a proposed hunting event with wounded veterans. Also present was Sheriff Fred Jobe. Justin Krall, DOW Officer, was present on speakerphone. This event would be held the last week in August and would be sponsored through a TV program called "Huntin' with the Judge" with Judge Julie A. Mogenis and the Armed Forces Foundation. There would be approximately 20-30 hunters involved and they would be hunting prairie dogs and coyotes. The Board & Sheriff Jobe were concerned with how the public would view this sort of hunt and safety issues. Justin relayed that they would all need to have small game licenses, or they may be able to act as agents for the land owner but he would need to check into what that entailed.

Commissioner Custer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shy, to break for lunch. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened at 1:20 PM with Stephen Holland, from Upper Arkansas Area Agency on Aging. Stephen wanted the Commissioners to know that Kathy Benson, who is in charge of cooking the meals at the senior center, may be taking a 2-month medical leave. He is in need of some ideas on how to handle things in her absence. Some ideas were having vouchers from some of the restaurants or possibly freezing some meals. If he could find someone that would be willing to take her place for a short period of time, that would work also. Commissioner Custer wanted to know what it would pay and what kind of experience they would need. Stephen said the pay is only \$7.50/hour for approximately 21 hours per week. The funds for this comes through the Old American Act and Older Coloradoans Fund. This person would need commercial cooking experience (would be preparing 25-30 meals), would need to be able to do the paperwork, and be able to lift 50 lbs.

Chuck Ippolito met with the Commissioners to give them an update on GIS, and present them with a "Project Description and Quote for Building the GIS Foundation" from Norm Froman with Geotechnologies, Inc. The approximate cost will be \$38,047.00. The Board wanted to know if we have to do the whole project at once or if we can do a little at a time as we get the funding, and if we can do a little at a time, can we prioritize what we want done first? They also want to know if we do a little at a time, will the information be usable as we get it? There is approximately \$15,500.00 in the budget this year for this project. Chuck is looking into some different grants and ways to fund this. He will talk to Norm about the questions the Commissioners had and get back to them.

Sandra Hernandez, who owns property at Lake DeWeese, met with the Board to ask them to waive a portion of her building permit fee. Jackie Hobby, Code Enforcement Officer from the Zoning Office, was also present. Sandra owns a two-story building that was originally permitted as a garage. Now she wants to make the upper story a dwelling and the zoning office wants her to permit the whole building as a dwelling. She feels that she should only have to buy a building permit for the upper story that she is converting into a dwelling.

Commissioner Shy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to allow her to only permit the upper story of the building. Motion carried.

Jackie Hobby also wanted to inform the Commissioners that she just received a letter stating that House Bill 07-1329 passed that will add an additional \$23.00 per septic permit. Three dollars (\$3.00) of this fee shall remain with the county, with the remaining \$20.00 going to the State Water Quality Control Fund. This goes into effect on July 1, 2007.

Commissioner Shy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to raise the septic permit fee from \$200.00 to \$223.00 per House Bill 07-1329. Motion carried.

Debbie Livengood, Clerk & Recorder, and Richard Kastendieck, owner of the Alpine Lodge, met with the Commissioners to request that Dave Leugers (previous owner of Alpine Lodge) liquor license be transferred to Richard for 120 days while he is applying for his own liquor license.

Commissioner Custer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shy, to transfer Dave Leugers liquor license to Richard Kastendieck for 120 days. Motion carried.

Debbie also requested that the Commissioners ok the request to renew the liquor license for St. Andrews at Westcliffe.

Commissioner Custer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shy, to approve the liquor license renewal for St. Andrews at Westcliffe. Motion carried.

Debbie also spoke with the Commissioners about purchasing four voting machines so that people will have the option of doing a paper ballot during elections. The machines are used and will cost \$17,774.17, or can be made in two payments of \$8887.08.

Commissioner Shy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to go ahead and purchase the four voting machines at a cost of \$17,774.17 payable in two payments. Motion carried.

Commissioner Custer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shy, to accept the May 31st, June 4th & 5th minutes with corrections & the June 19th minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The Sheriff's monthly statement for the month of June was approved.

Commissioner Shy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.