

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 6, 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.

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 AM and the pledge was recited.

Under old business, Commissioner Downey reported on the CCI Steering Committee meetings that he attended in Denver on August 3, 2007. The meetings he attended were Public Lands; Agriculture, Wildlife and Rural Affairs; and Land Use and Natural Resources. Commissioner Custer said that there are a total of eight steering committees. The other five are Health and Human Services; Tourism, Resorts and Economic Development; General Government; Taxation and Finance; and Transportation and Telecommunications. She believes that it is important to have at least one of our Commissioners attend and represent our county at each one of these so that we can see what the issues are and where CCI stands on them.

Debbie Livengood, County Clerk, met with the Board to have them approve the renewal of the liquor license for the Letter Drop Inn. There have been no complaints or changes.

Commissioner Shy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to approve the liquor license renewal for the Letter Drop Inn. Motion carried.

The Sheriff's monthly statement for the month of July was reviewed by the BOCC and approved as presented.

Commissioner Downey reported that he had spoken with Dick Paschall regarding the repairs to the Courthouse roof. Dick said he was waiting on a few items before they could finish the repairs.

Commissioner Custer reported that Sharon McKinsey with UAACOG received funding for a Housing Needs Assessment. Sharon and Judy Lohnes are doing a Housing Programs Workshop for Chaffee County that could easily be used for Custer County also, and wanted to know if we'd be interested. Commissioner Custer will contact mike Liebman with Habitat for Humanity to see if there is any interest in the program.

Donna McDonnall, County Public Health Nurse (PHN), met with the Board to give her monthly report. For the month of July the PHN's gave forty child and twenty-three adult immunizations,

did forty-six blood pressure screenings and twelve vision and hearing screenings. Donna has provided blood pressure clinics in Hillside, Silver Cliff and Wetmore for Senior Citizens.

She reported on the Hantavirus case in Custer County that resulted in death. Testing was done to find out where the gentleman who died had contracted the disease, but the results were inconclusive. Bill Ray and Jenna Ward, from Pueblo, held an informal town meeting on July 26th to let the public know about protective measures for Hantavirus, West Nile Virus, and the plague.

The PHN's were asked to provide health services at the Veterans Town Meeting that was held recently. They provided hearing, vision and blood pressure screenings. They also provided information on shingles, pneumonia, and tetanus immunizations.

Donna received a grant for \$520.00 from the Rural Health Care Foundation, that they used to purchase an otoscope/ophthalmoscope and a digital stethoscope.

Jean Mavromatis, Tobacco Education and Prevention Coordinator gave her monthly report. She has been preparing some radio spots for the local radio stations to educate the public. Commissioner Custer mentioned one item she would like to see brought up in the school this year. She is concerned that the students and school staff do not understand the permanent damage that is being done to their hearing by listening to music or other noise at very high volume.

The Commissioners met with Laura Lockhart, Social Service Director, in her office to discuss her monthly report.

The Board recessed for lunch. The Board reconvened at 1:25 PM.

Kathy Musgrave, a realtor with Martin and Tope, met with the Commissioners regarding an oversize sign that she has on a property she is trying to sell. Her sign is 4' x 4'. The County has a 2' x 3' limit on signs. Kathy asked the Commissioners for a variance to leave the sign at its current size. Commissioner Downey said that the BOCC has always held the rest of the realtors to the 2' x 3' limit, and he doesn't want to make an exception to that rule. Commissioner Shy and Commissioner Custer both suggested that she cut the sign down so it would be within the 2' x 3' limit. The Commissioners also mentioned to Kathy that the property she is trying to sell is an undersize lot, being less than 35 acres. She said she was unaware of that and would check into it.

Charles Beard met with the BOCC to provide an Arkansas Basin Roundtable update. Charles let the Commissioners know that the 2008 Watershed Forum Grant request meeting will be held in Custer County on May 7 & 8, 2008. He also informed them that they met in Salida this past June to discuss recreational items for the Arkansas River. Charles presented the Commissioners with the minutes from their July 11th meeting, and a list of Arkansas Basin water needs and issues. Their next meeting will be held August 8th at CSU in Pueblo.

Allen Butler, Chair of the Airport Board, met with the BOCC to provide an update. Allen reported that approximately 1400 gallons of aviation fuel has been sold in the first five weeks of having fuel available at the Silver West Airport. They are currently charging \$3.59/gallon.

Allen told the BOCC that Glyndon Scott had submitted his resignation from the Airport Board and they are looking for a replacement. Allen asked the BOCC about having a County Commissioner serve on the five-member Airport Board. The Commissioners suggested that Allen advertise the position and see what kind of response he gets. Nora Drenner offered to put an article in the paper informing the public about the opening on the Airport Board. Allen would like to be able to fill the position at their September meeting.

Dawna Hobby, Human Resource and Finance Manager, met with the BOCC to give her monthly report.

Commissioner Shy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue in the Planning and Zoning Office. Motion carried.

Commissioner Shy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to come out of Executive Session. Motion carried.

Commissioner Shy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to give Elizabeth French a salary increase of 4 ½% and Jackie Hobby a salary increase of 14 ½% due to their increased workload, added responsibilities and modified job descriptions in the Planning and Zoning Department. Motion carried. The increase in salary will go into effect as of August 1, 2007.

Commissioner Custer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shy, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.