

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 18, 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 8:35 AM and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

John Piquette, Finance Officer, presented the BOCC with two resolutions to sign to cover increased expenditures.

Commissioner Shy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to adopt Resolution 07-13 as written and submitted by John Piquette, with the understanding that the amount shown, \$120,276.00, represents both expenditures and revenues. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Shy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to adopt Resolution 07-14 as written and submitted by John Piquette, with the understanding that the amount shown, \$8,887.00, represents both expenditures and revenues. Motion carried unanimously.

John also had the BOCC sign the certification of mill levies.

Sue Hutton and Dorothy Urban met with the BOCC to request permission to put up two informational/visitor signs on property that the County owns, and to allow this site to be used as a point of interest pull-off. The BOCC did not see a problem with this. They want Sue to check with the Town of Silver Cliff and the State Highway Department regarding the size of the signs, and they want County Attorney, John Naylor, to review the contract that Sue presented to them.

Sue Hutton gave the BOCC a short presentation on the Upper Arkansas Area Development Corporation and the Upper Arkansas Enterprise Zone.

Rusty Christensen, Landfill Manager, met with the BOCC to discuss the new landfill fees that will go into effect January 1, 2008.

Commissioner Custer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shy, to raise the fee at the landfill for bagged trash to \$2.00 per bag with .25 cents per bag going towards the recycling program fee. Motion carried unanimously.

Rusty reported that he will have approximately \$5,000 left over in his fuel fund for 2007 and he would like to use that money to purchase a pickup to use at the landfill.

Commissioner Shy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Downey, for Rusty to spend up to \$5,000 to buy a pickup truck to use at the landfill to replace the two old pickups which will be disposed of, with the purchase to be reviewed by Commissioner Downey. Commissioner Shy and Commissioner Downey both vote in favor of the motion, with Commissioner Custer abstaining.

Rusty asked the BOCC if the landfill can close on December 22nd and 29, 2007 for the holidays.

Commissioner Shy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to close the landfill on Saturday, December 22, 2007 and Saturday, December 29, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Shy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Downey, to continue the water study with USGS that measures ground water levels in the county. Motion carried unanimously.

Donna McDonnall, Public Health Nurse, presented the BOCC with new job descriptions for her office. She also asked for increased personnel time in her office. Money to fund this position comes from a grant.

Commissioner Custer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shy, to accept the proposal for additional personnel as presented by Public Health Nurse Director, Donna McDonnall. Motion carried unanimously.

Bob Senderhauf met with the BOCC to discuss his concerns on Conservation Easement controls and suggested that the BOCC that part in the regulation of land trusts.

Jackie Hobby, Zoning Office Deputy Director/Code Enforcement Officer, met with the BOCC to give her monthly report.

Bob Gilchrist met with the BOCC to discuss Dark Skies friendly lighting at the Courthouse. Commissioner Shy would like for him to draw a map showing the existing lighting and proposed lighting and present them with a plan.

Dave Trujillo, Road and Bridge Supervisor, met with the BOCC. Commissioner Downey presented Dave with information on a state bid pickup for the Road and Bridge department.

Commissioner Shy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to let Dave purchase a pickup truck for the Road and Bridge department, to replace an existing pickup, under the state bid purchase contract, not to exceed \$18,000.00, to be negotiated by Dave and approved by Commissioner Downey. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave received the contract from DOLA for the grant for the new road graders.

Commissioner Shy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to sign the contract with DOLA as presented to them. Motion carried unanimously.

Jackie Hobby, Deputy Director/Code Enforcement Officer, and Dawna Hobby, Human Resource and Finance Manager, met with the BOCC.

Commissioner Custer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shy, to go into Executive Session citing C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f) regarding a personnel matter in the Planning and Zoning Office. Motion carried unanimously.

The BOCC went into Executive Session at 11:35 AM. Those present were Commissioner Downey, Commissioner Shy, Commissioner Custer, Kelley Camper, Jackie Hobby, Dawna Hobby, Elizabeth French, Chuck Ippolito and Brian Cline.

The BOCC went back into regular session at 12:55 PM.

Commissioner Custer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shy, that Brian Cline did not meet the specifications of the Planning and Zoning Director position. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Downey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to elevate Jackie Hobby to position of Planning and Zoning Office Director at a starting salary of \$33,000 per year, to start January 1, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

Guy Richter, a real estate agent from San Isabel, met with the BOCC to get some suggestions on what to do with two lots he is trying to sell that have well issues.

Commissioner Custer informed the BOCC that private donations are being made in order for the County to participate in the Upper Arkansas recycling program for 2008.

Commissioner Shy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Downey, that the BOCC enter into an agreement with Upper Arkansas Recycling program with the 2008 fees paid quarterly by contribution, and that Commissioner Custer be the representative for Custer County on their board. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Shy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to approve the November 20, 2007 BOCC minutes with any additions and corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.