

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 29, 2008**

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

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

Also present was Nora Drenner, reporter for the Wet Mountain Tribune and commissioner candidates Cindy Howard and Jim Austin.

The meeting was called to order at 8:42 AM and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

County General	\$203,848.17
Road & Bridge	\$118,301.94
Emergency Services	\$ 11,416.76
Human Services Dept.	\$ 16,179.26
Capital Improvement	<u>\$ 2,881.69</u>
 Total	 \$352,627.82

Commissioner Custer initiated a discussion regarding a county in-kind match for the DOLA grant for the purchase of the property at 615 Rosita Avenue, Westcliffe, CO that the county submitted in November 2007.

Commissioner Custer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Downey, to use the proceeds from the sale of the Golden Arrow Valley lots, not to exceed \$10,000.00, to go towards matching funds for the DOLA grant for the purchase of the property at 615 Rosita Avenue, Westcliffe, CO. Motion carried unanimously.

Debbie Livengood, County Clerk & Recorder, met with the BOCC to let them know that the Secretary of State had certified the voting equipment to be used in the August 2008 and November 2008 elections.

Commissioner Downey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to approve the application for a 3.2 liquor license renewal for Wet Mountain Goods in Wetmore, CO. Motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the agreement between Custer County and Wet Mountain Valley Community Center and the Conservation Trust Fund monies they receive.

There was discussion regarding communication between the different offices in the Courthouse.

Commissioner Shy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Downey, to set aside 1 hour during the BOCC meeting held on the last working day of the month during the afternoon session, to have a staff meeting that will include representation from each department in the County.

Rusty Christensen, Landfill Manager, met with the BOCC to give his monthly report.

The BOCC recessed at 10:30 AM. The BOCC reconvened at 10:40 AM.

Marti Frick, West Custer County Library District Director, met with the BOCC to give her yearly report.

The BOCC recessed for lunch at 11:10 AM. The BOCC reconvened at 1:33 PM.

Christy Veltrie, representing High Country Recycling, met with the BOCC asking for a letter of support for a grant that Veltrie Disposal and High Country Recycling Cooperative are submitting to provide public education on recycling and to purchase a multipurpose bailer.

The Sheriff's report for February 2008 was approved.

Commissioner Downey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shy, to approve the December 28, 2007, January 8th and January 31, 2008 BOCC minutes as amended and corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

The BOCC recessed at 2:12 PM. The BOCC reconvened at 2:23 PM.

The BOCC discussed the Horn Creek bond issue. Also present was Jim Johnson and three (3) community members.

Commissioner Downey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to accept Custer County being the conduit for the bond for Horn Creek Conference Center. Motion carried unanimously.

The BOCC discussed the issue of whether non-profit organizations are subject to paying the "pillow tax" that went into effect in January 2008 for Custer County. According to an opinion by County Attorney John Naylor, Horn Creek is subject to collecting the "pillow tax" and sales tax. A written opinion by John Naylor was presented to Jim Johnson.

Commissioner Custer gave an update on a grant that UAACOG (Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments) Recycling Program is preparing to enhance recycling region wide.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.