

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, JULY 15, 2009**

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

	Jim Austin	Vice-Chairman
	Carole Custer	Commissioner
	Kris Lang	Deputy Clerk to the Board
Absent:	Lynn Attebery	Chairman

Also present was Nora Drenner reporter for the Wet Mountain Tribune and several community members.

AGENDA:

- Call meeting to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Amend Agenda
- Approval of Minutes: June 29, 30, 2009

Old Business

- Landfill Position Confirmation

New Business:

- Ellie Heck – Debris
- Shannon Wadsworth/Wet Mountain Sanitation – Land Application

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Kris Lang, Administrative Assistant reported that Shannon Wadsworth/Wet Mountain Sanitation – Land Application cancelled his scheduled agenda item earlier this date.

MOTION by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To accept the posted agenda. Motion carried.

MOTION by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To approve the minutes from June 29 and 30, 2009. Motion carried.

Rusty Christensen, Landfill Manager reported that part-time employee Greg Schmidt will move into the available full-time position at a starting salary of \$22,500. Mr. Christensen said that he would review the landfill employment applications on file to fill the part-time position. He confirmed that the weekly employee work schedule at the landfill facility was Tuesday-Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00PM and Saturday 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

Jackie Hobby, Planning and Zoning Director asked the Board for direction regarding the survey completed by Wachob & Wachob Inc. for the property at 66500 Hwy. 69 North. She reported the survey revealed a violation of the Custer County Zoning Resolution Section 6.3 Maximum Building Height. Following a brief discussion the Board determined the proper protocol is to schedule File #100-67-353 for review with the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). The Board instructed Ms. Hobby to prepare correspondence notifying the property owner, Bill Knoth of the findings and the Boards decision. Ms. Hobby said she would include a copy of the Wachob & Wachob Inc. survey, invoice and an over-height variance application with the correspondence.

Ellie Heck, citizen met with the Board and presented photographs of the neighboring property on Ferris Drive in the Boneyard Park area. She expressed concern regarding the trash and debris being dumped on the property. She explained the property was loaded with trailer refuse, junk and hundreds of discarded tires and felt it was a health concern. Jackie Hobby, Planning and Zoning Director stated there were two major concerns with the property. She said the front of the property is considered a water way (a ditch with a natural flow) and the property itself is a health hazard. Ms. Hobby remarked that the county does not have an enforceable junk ordinance. She stated the Public Health Nurse would be notified and asked to conduct an investigation to determine if a health hazard exists. Following a discussion the Board agreed that Ms. Hobby would verify the owner of record for the property from the Assessors office before proceeding. Commissioner Custer suggested the Planning Commission schedule a work session to review the options of a junk ordinance. Ms. Hobby agreed.

Commissioner Custer presented the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program (PSSF) grant application for the Boards approval and signature and explained that the PSSF program provides home visits by a certified parent educator to train parents, their newborns and very young children with parenting skills. She stated the grant is for \$29,500. The designated fiscal agent is the Custer County Department of Social Services. Commissioner Custer said in an effort to provide quality services to low income families the Resource Navigator at the HHRC will administer and coordinate the program. Commissioner Austin remarked that the grant application did not require a county cash match. Commissioner Austin and Commissioner Custer signed the grant application. The application will be forwarded to Commissioner Attebery for his signature.

Commissioner Custer reported that Comprehensive Weatherization Services are now available in Custer County through the Pueblo County Department of Housing and Human Services. She thanked Larry Weber for his efforts and commitment in seeing that our County is once again participating in the program. Commissioner Custer said sixteen (16) families will be eligible for the Energy Savings Partners Program and the applications are available at the HHRC.

Commissioner Custer said that she and Veterans Service Assistant, Lorraine Silva had attended a State Board of Veterans Affairs (SBVA) quarterly meeting held at the Bruce McCandless Veterans State Nursing Home in Florence on Tuesday, July 14, 2009. She reported the SBVA was impressed with the level of veteran services Custer County is now providing at the HHRC. The SBVA expressed their appreciation that the county is finally meeting the state mandate of providing veterans services. In response to our inquiry about local medical services to our vets the SBVA suggested that we contact Salida and see whether or not we could get a "Teller" clinic in Custer County to support our local veterans medical needs.

Commissioner Custer reported a meeting had been scheduled for July 27, 2009 at 10:00AM in the HHRC with the Board and Loretta Kennedy from Congressman John Salazar's Office and his regional Grant Administrator, Erin Minks to discuss grant funding opportunities.

MOTION by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder
Attest

Jim Austin
Vice-Chair