

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, JULY 30, 2009**

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

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

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
Approve minutes: July 6, 7, 15, 2009
Old Business:
Colorado State University (CSU) Extension Agent Job Description/Dean Oatman
CCI 2009 Jr. Livestock Sale donation
Public Health Report – Donna McDonnall
Tobacco Education Report – Jean Mavromatis
Silver Cliff Properties LP – Sharon McKinsey, Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments (UAACOG)
Custer County Kids Club (CCKC) Report – Teri Chambers
Hanssen Haus Resource Center (HHRC) Report – Lorraine Silva
Representation from Senator Udall Office
Upper Area Enterprise Zone Report – Kathy Reis
UAACOG Revolving Loan Report – Kathy Reis
Work Session
Direction of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)
Budget Saving Suggestions/Options
Over-Time Discussion and Review
BOCC Minute Format/Content
Weed Control Report – JR Phillips

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MOTION by: Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Attebery:

To accept the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To approve the minutes of July 6, 7 and 15, 2009 with a caveat that for the next several months the minutes would be prepared by Administrative Assistant, Kris Lang and reviewed and edited by Clerk and Recorder, Debbie Livengood. Editing from the BOCC would be limited to spelling and correction of any inaccurate statements.

Commissioner Custer disagreed with the caveat and stated wording that is not in the right order can change the context as a whole. She requested the opportunity to review and edit the minutes prior to the BOCC approval. Commissioner Custer abstained from voting. Motion carried.

The Board agreed the CCI 2009 Jr. Livestock Sale donation request would be at the discretion of each individual commissioner. The BOCC as a whole supports our local livestock programs.

The Sheriff Department reports for June 2009 were reviewed and accepted.

MOTION by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To amend the approved minutes of June 17, 2009 correcting the spelling of the Extension Office Managers last name to (Beverly) Goertz . Motion carried unanimously.

Donna McDonnall, County Public Health Nurse met with the BOCC and gave a monthly report. She reported 49 childhood immunizations, 15 adult immunizations and 29 blood pressure screenings were administered in July 2009. She said 15 volunteers from the Medical Reserve Corp. have completed the Red Cross CPR/First Aid course and 13 volunteers completed the 100 & 700 ICS courses. The department will maintain a First Aid station at Western Days scheduled in September 2009. Ms. McDonnall distributed Custer County Public Health Agency brochures entitled Healthy People Climb Mountain Easier. She reported there would be as many as 160 million doses of the H1N1 vaccine available nationwide around mid-October 2009. She said Custer County had 35 possible cases reported, all among youth campers. She reported a health inspection tour revealed a potential health hazard resulting from accumulated debris at a non-inhabited residence and suggested the county begin the procedure to enact a junk ordinance. She said the investigation of the septic system at a residential camp site in the county did not present any concerns.

Commissioner Attebery responded that the county has been reviewing a junk ordinance for a number of years. He said the problem was the definition of junk and suggested the planning and zoning department research information from the surrounding counties on the adoption of a rubbish ordinance. He stated if the county adopted a junk or rubbish ordinance, the current concerns would be grandfathered in and only problems arising after the ordinance is passed could be addressed.

Commissioner Custer presented the Memorandum of Understanding Pursuant to House Bill 04-1451 for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 for signature. She explained the Collaborative Management Program could provide a future source of funding for the county. She stated the County Attorney has reviewed and approved the document. She reported the agreement is made by and between: Custer County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Department of Social Services; Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Corrections; Custer County Combined Courts; Custer County Public Health Agency and Prevention Leadership

Council; Custer County School District C-1; 11th Judicial District Court and their District Attorney's Juvenile Diversion Program; Rocky Mountain Behavioral Center and West Central Mental Health Center.

Dean Oatman, Huerfano County CSU (Interim) Director and Beverly Goertz, Custer County Extension Office Manager met with the BOCC. Mr. Oatman said he was considering submitting a request to CSU for the creation of CSU Director position to serve the counties of Custer, Huerfano and Las Animas. He asked the Board for their support on the proposal. The Board agreed the proposal would supplement and enhance services to the county. The BOCC specified that support would not preclude or affect the assignment of an Extension Agent to Custer County. The Board emphasized the need and requirement of an Extension Agent in the county.

Sharon McKinsey, UAACOG presented additional paperwork from the Community Block Grant Project in Silver Cliff that required the signature of the BOCC, Chair.

MOTION by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

Authorizing the BOCC, Chair to sign the presented documents with the condition that the revised portion of the documents be reviewed by the County Attorney, John Naylor.

Jean Mavromatis, Tobacco Education and Prevention Coordinator met with the BOCC and gave her monthly report. She reported since the program began in 2001 cigarette consumption has been reduced from 22.8% to 17.6% in Colorado. She said the Colorado's rate is now lower than the national average. Ms. Mavromatis reported that the State Tobacco Education Prevention Program (STEPP) Contract is now at \$29,184.00 and the Persistent Drunk Driving (PDD) Contract is at \$25,000.00 for this funding cycle. She presented a summary of the STEPP Grants awarded, other Grants awarded, and her community accomplishments since she was hired.

The BOCC recessed at 10:30 AM.

The BOCC reconvened at 11:00 AM.

Lorraine Silva, Resource Navigator and Veterans Service Assistant met with the BOCC and gave her monthly report. She reported the funds from the Veterans Trust Fund Grant were in process. She said the Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs expressed appreciation for the support and services provided to the veterans within Custer County when she and Commissioner Custer met with that Board two weeks ago. Ms. Silva reported that the Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) grant application has been submitted and that she had participated in the PSSF managers training in Denver. She said the Colorado Parent and Child Foundation (CPCF) grant application was near completion. She remarked that eight weatherization applications have been completed and submitted for funding. She said she was in the process of obtaining two or more estimates for the front and back handicap accessible ramps to the HHRC.

Gloria Gutierrez, Regional Representative for U.S. Senator Mark Udall's office met with the BOCC and extended support from the senator's office. She asked the Board for suggestions and input. Commissioner Attebery requested access to a list of the grant opportunities available to Custer County. Ms. Gutierrez provided Commissioner Attebery with a list of available grants and the contact website for all ARRA grants available nationwide. Commissioner Custer expressed concern regarding the limitations of funding assistance at the federal level for the smaller and rural counties. Custer County is an agricultural community and needs more flexible funding opportunities. Commissioner Austin reported on the water augmentation plan and

transportation programs. Ms. Gutierrez said the Senator would issue letters of support on request for county projects and grant applications. The Board invited Senator Udall to Custer County.

Kathy Reis met with the BOCC and provided an Upper Area Enterprise Zone (UAEZ) report and a UAACOG Loan report. She said the Tourism Board voted to direct the funds from the UAEZ to the Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Attebery remarked that future distribution of any available UAEZ funds should focus on marketing for the entire county. He proposed contacting the Tourism Board for suggestions and recommendations. Following a brief discussion the Board agreed future fund distribution should be revised from the first come first serve basis to the best served basis. Ms. Reis presented meeting minutes from the Upper Arkansas Area Development Corporation Business Loan Program scheduled on June 24, 2009.

The BOCC recessed at 12:20 PM.

The BOCC reconvened at 12:35 PM.

Teri Chambers, Custer County Kids Club (CCKC) Director and Bob Tobin CCKC Advisory Board met with the BOCC and gave a report. She reported a total of 14 registered members with 372 hours served to date. She said kindergarteners comprised 47%, preschoolers 25% and summer elementary members the remaining 28%. She stated the CCKC is sponsoring a fundraising dinner on August 12, 2009 with a silent auction. The licensing agent is scheduled on August 11, 2009 to renew the provisional CCKC license. An open house is scheduled at the CCKC in conjunction with the Preschool's required orientation on August 20, 2009. Mr. Tobin presented copies of the CCKC minutes for the BOCC review. He asked the BOCC to prepare a task list and responsibilities for the CCKC Advisory Board. Commissioner Attebery stated the CCKC Advisory Board had also been referred to as the Board of Directors. He said clarification and confirmation of the term Advisory Board would be reviewed with the County Attorney. Following a brief discussion the Board agreed CCKC staff leave request forms would be reviewed, authorized and signed by Commissioner Custer.

The BOCC recessed from the Regular Meeting and reconvened to the Work Session at 1:00 PM.

Commissioner Attebery remarked the subjects listed for the work session were; direction of the BOCC, budget saving suggestions/options, over-time discussion and review, BOCC minutes format and contents. He stated that work sessions were scheduled for discussion purposes and no decisions would be made.

The BOCC recessed from the Work Session and reconvened to the Regular Session at 1:30 PM.

J.R. Phillips, Weed Manager Consultant, and Bill Donley, Weed Advisory Board met with the BOCC. Mr. Phillips gave a report on the weed tour. The participants on the weed tour included JR Phillips, Bill Donley, Christina Macleod, Jim Sperry, Jeff Outhier and several members of the community. He said that Christina Macleod led the discussion and provided an educational presentation. Mr. Donley reported the forest service demonstrated techniques and spraying methods using mules, atv's and hand sprayers. Mr. Phillips stated thistle and noxious weeds have been addressed on State Highways #96 and #69. He will forward a monthly color coded

map of the area's treated and scheduled for weed treatment to the BOCC for review. The Board shared their desire to participate in the 2010 weed tour.

Commissioner Attebery said the elected officials and department heads would utilize the time scheduled for the staff meeting this month and next to review and discuss the proposed personnel policy. These meetings will be held in the commissioners' room and lunch would be provided. He said the elected officials, department heads and the commissioners would meet during the staff meeting scheduled in September to review input and finalize the preparation of the personnel policy. Commissioner Austin agreed. Commissioner Custer stated she supported the action plan but would have welcomed the opportunity to participate in the planning process.

MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Custer:

To adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM.

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder
Attest

Lynn Attebery
Chair

Approved 08-12-09

BOARD OF CUSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION
July 30, 2009 1:00 PM
Commissioners Board Room

Present: Commissioner Attebery
Commissioner Austin
Commission Custer
Kris Lang, Deputy Clerk to the Board
Nora Drenner, Reporter for the Wet Mountain Tribune

Direction of the BOCC:

Commissioner Austin suggested the BOCC might need additional assistance for grant writing and application submission to ensure the county is taking advantage of all the funding available. He expressed concern on funding for the tire recycling project at the landfill and the horse and buggy pathway. He said Bob and Rene Tobin have offered to assist the county with grant applications and suggested asking them to join a work session for discussion.

Commissioner Custer said as the county grant administrator and coordinator she was concerned regarding the coordination of other grant applications being prepared. She reported she was researching funding for the Wetmore Library Project, the installation of the stair chairs in the courthouse and Wetmore community building, the installation of the handicap accessible ramps for the HHRC. She said the BOCC should agree on the funding priorities being pursued and worked closely with our partners DOLA and Rural Development.

Commissioner Attebery suggested accepting the grant writing assistance offered under Commissioner Custer's review as the grant administrator. He said each commissioner should review the list of federal funding available as presented by Gloria Gutierrez earlier this date.

Budget Saving Suggestions/Options:

Commissioner Attebery said the county boards, offices and departments have been practicing budget reductions. He said the goal was to reduce the budget by 11%.

Over-Time Discussion and Review:

Commissioner Attebery said the only departments with over-time are the Road and Bridge and the Sheriffs Department.

BOCC Minute Format/Content:

Commissioner Attebery stated the topic was reviewed and discussed earlier at the BOCC meeting this date.

Commissioner Attebery reported the license updates for the TV Towers are in process. The contract with Ridgeview Tel is pending the County Attorney review. The planning and zoning department has been approached by another internet source for usage on the TV Towers.

The Work Session ended at 1:30 PM.

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder
Attest

Approved 08-12-09
Lynn Attebery
Chair