

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

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTER COUNTY MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE COMMISSIONERS BOARDROOM.

Commissioner Lynn Attebery called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Roll Call was taken:

Lynn Attebery	Chairman	Present
Jim Austin	Vice-Chairman	Present
Carole Custer	Commissioner	Absent
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
- Roll Call
- Amend Agenda
- Approval of minutes
- Review vouchers and sign checks
- Hew Hallock, Governors Energy Office
- Staff Meeting
  - Personnel Policy Review

**MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Austin:**

**To accept the posted agenda. Motion carried.**

Commissioner Custer joined the meeting at 9:05 AM.

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

County General	\$ 201,998.81
Road and Bridge	\$ 73,653.74
Emergency Services	\$ 10,977.80
Human Services	\$ 34,816.41
Self Insurance	\$ 0
Capital Improvement	\$ 246.41
Airport Fund	\$ 19,471.69
Tourism Fund	\$ 817.55
TOTAL	\$ 341,982.41

Commissioner Custer reported the Economic Development Committee would like to be added to the agenda for the Summit Meeting on October 8, 2009 to request funding from the County and the Towns of Westcliffe and Silver Cliff and present a plan to market Custer County. The Summit Meeting is being hosted by the Town of Westcliffe and Commissioner Custer will contact the Town Clerk of Westcliffe regarding the agenda item.

Commissioner Custer reported an appraisal of the property would be necessary to proceed with the GOCO grant for the Wetmore project. She proposed the approximate appraisal fee of \$3,000 be requested from the Conversation Trust Fund. She stated the appraisal fee can be used as an in-kind match under the GOCO grant application.

Commissioner Custer reported the Safe Route to School funds have been restricted to education and cannot be used for any type of construction.

Commissioner Attebery reported that once the scale area has been resurfaced the weigh scale calculations can be reset locally without an additional charge. He said the Road and Bridge Department will schedule the resurfacing work next week and the scales will be closed for that particular day. The scheduling is dependent on the weather conditions.

Commissioner Austin stated that Club America WMV is attempting to raise the funds necessary to preserve, operate and maintain the facility. He proposed the BOCC pledge \$500 on behalf of the County to the Custer County 2020 Board for this project.

**MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Custer:**

To pledge \$500.00 on behalf of the County to Club America WMV. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION amended by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Austin:**

To pledge \$1000.00 on behalf of the County to Club America WMV under the Custer County Community Spirit Campaign payable in December 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Attebery stated the funds pledged were available under the BOCC miscellaneous budget item.

The Board instructed Administrative Assistant, Kris Lang to prepare a letter to the Custer County 2020 Board notifying them of the pledge support for Club America WMV for their review and signatures.

Bob Tobin met with the BOCC and requested a letter of recommendation regarding the Bike with Pike Westcliffe Adventure held on September 12, 2009.

**MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Austin:**

To provide Bike with Pike a letter of recommendation on the organization of a safe and successful charity bicycle ride adventure. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board instructed Administrative Assistant, Kris Lang to prepare the Bike with Pike correspondence for their review and signatures.

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder met with the BOCC and requested a transfer of \$6,516.65 from the Colorado Trust Fund to the County General Fund.

Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer met with the BOCC and requested a transfer of \$100,000.00 from the Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Fund to the County General Fund.

**MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Custer:**

To approve the transfers as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Attebery referenced a letter prepared and submitted by Roger Squire, Custer County Road and Bridge regarding the translators on TV Hill. He read from the letter that explained the County had obtained a FCC construction permit in 2005 to go from 10 watt to 30 watt transformers. The funds were not available to pursue the two new translators, and the permit was lost in 2008. Discussion and conversations began about possibly having the funds in the Conservation Trust Fund and an engineer was hired to re-apply for a permit. On September 25, 2009 a new permit was granted. Additional review and research revealed that all TV related materials and paperwork fall under the eligibility of the Conservation Trust Fund. The two translators require replacement; (the original one) was built by Art Hibbs in 1964 with a 10 watt amp-filter and the second translator is a 1985 10 watt Upco. Commissioner Attebery said the estimated cost for the two television translators is \$25,000 and those costs would fall under Conservation Trust Fund. He remarked the translators will work with the analogue and digital system and comply with the FCC regulations.

Hew Hallock, Governors Energy Office (GEO) met with the BOCC and outlined the Recovery Act and Opportunities for Colorado's New Energy Economy. He reported the three primary energy funds were: the State Energy Program, the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant and the Low Income Weatherization program. Mr. Hallock said the programs include rebates and grant opportunities for renewable energy projects and energy efficiency upgrades and improvements for residents, business owners and government entities. The Board shared their concerns regarding Custer County's limited communication and cooperation under the Low Income Weatherization program being administered out of the Pueblo County Department of Housing and Human Services. The Board asked if a stand alone weatherization program could be established for Custer County. Mr. Hallock responded that the various regions will bid on the weatherization program in 2010. He encouraged Custer County to pursue a more active role of accountability during the upcoming process. Following a brief discussion Mr. Hallock said he will review the concerns expressed by the BOCC.

**MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Custer:**

To adjourn the meeting until 1:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Attebery called the meeting back to order at 1:10 PM.

The department heads met with the BOCC for the monthly staff meeting. Present were: Beverly Goertz, Mike Halpin, J.D. Henrich, Dawna Hobby, Jackie Hobby, Chuck Ippolito, Debbie Livengood, Laura Lockhart, Lorraine Silva, Dave Trujillo and Virginia Trujillo.

Following a brief discussion among the department heads that included clarification and confirmation regarding several sections of the Personnel Policy, they agreed once these revisions were completed, the Personnel Policy was ready to be forwarded to the BOCC and County Attorney for their review. The Board thanked the department heads for their time, effort and input on the Personnel Policy.

Laura Lockhart, Social Service Director stated the proximity between the Social Service Department and Court Offices is occasionally presenting a privacy concern. The Social Service Department shares common walls with the Judge's Chambers and Court Office that can result in confidential conversations and information being over-heard on both sides of the spectrum. Ms. Lockhart asked the BOCC to review the building blue prints and consider options to improve audio confidentiality and eliminate any compromising information being over-heard by the Social Service Department and the Judges Chambers, Court Offices. Commissioner Attebery responded the installation of additional insulation between the offices would be reviewed.

**MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Austin:**

To adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

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Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder  
Attest

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Lynn Attebery  
Chair