

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 6, 2010**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTER COUNTY MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE COMMISSIONER'S 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	Present
Kris Lang	Deputy Clerk to the Board	Present

Also present: Allen Butler, Commissioner Elect; Nora Drenner, reporter for the Wet Mountain Tribune; citizens; Joe Arbuckle, Vic Barnes and Hal Julsen.

AGENDA:

Call meeting to order

Pledge of allegiance

Roll Call

Amend agenda

Audience introduction

Approval of minutes

Old Business:

Wetmore Project update

Wet Mountain Valley Waste Minimization Grant update

South Colony Basin Fee Proposal update

LATN update

UAWCD update

Staff Reports:

Public Health, Prevention Coordinator, Human Resource/Finance, Human Services, HHRC, VSO

MOTION by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To accept the posted agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Attebery:

To approve the minutes of November 9, 2010 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Attebery gave an update on the Wetmore project. He reported that the Colorado Department of Health (CDH) presented specific requirements for the removal and disposal of the asbestos in the building on the Wetmore property site. He said these requirements will result in an additional expense and that he is currently in communication with the CDH regarding financial assistance options.

Commissioner Austin gave an update on the Wet Mountain Valley Waste Minimization Grant (WMVWMG) project. He said that the committee was reviewing the placement and installation of the cardboard bales to achieve the best results. Commissioner Attebery presented the Board with confirmation correspondence from Sangre De Cristo Electric Association regarding the three phase electric power to the property at 2250 CR328.

Commissioner Austin stated that he did not have any new information or updates to report on the South Colony Basin Fee Proposal. He said he did not believe the US Forest Service would provide the county with any additional information. Commissioner Custer reported the US Forest Service programs and federal funding will be under scrutiny under the new congress in 2011 and she is concerned about the continued full funding of the Payment in Lieu of Taxed (PILT) funding in the future.

Commissioner Custer reported that at the Colorado Counties Incorporated (CCI) Winter Conference she learned that other counties and commissioners had forwarded letters of concern to the Canon Air Force Base in New Mexico regarding the proposed Low Altitude Tactical Navigation (LATN) program. She said there was an expression of general dismay from the counties that they were not receiving acknowledgement or response to the any of the correspondence sent to Canon Air Force Base.

Commissioner Attebery reported that the BOCC has received correspondence from the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District (UAWCD) stating that on November 19, 2010, the UAWCD Board of Directors approved the filing of a motion for voluntary dismissal of cases 09CW85 and 09CW86 (Custer County Plan of Augmentations with the Water District 2 Court. The UAWCD is proposing the regrouping and refocus of its efforts and communication after January 1, 2011.

Joe Arbuckle, citizen expressed concern regarding the old business items listed on the BOCC agendas. The old business items are referenced as an on-going discussions and often times there is no new information to discuss. Mr. Arbuckle proposed identifying the discussions as continued or new to properly inform the public in advance.

Vic Barnes, citizen said the correspondence received from UAWCD for dismissal of the cases requests that in the future the BOCC reach a formal and binding agreement for a water augmentation plan. Mr. Barnes remarked that if the BOCC elects to take an aggressive role in the water augmentation plan, that the county will not be held responsible or liable.

Joe Arbuckle, Hal. Julsen and Lockett and Sue Pittman requested and received copies of the UAWCD correspondence.

Donna McDonnall, Public Health Nurse met with the BOCC and gave a report for October and November 2010. She said that 16 adult and 22 childhood immunization were administered in October along with 36 blood pressure screenings. She reported that three community wide flu shot clinics were held in October. Ms. McDonnall continued with her report and stated that 5 adult and 16 childhood immunization were administered in November along with 53 blood pressure screenings. She reported that 760 flu shots were given this year. She stated the public health agency was 100% compliant with the quarterly public reporting system. The project public health ready plan review is in progress. The statewide 800 MHz radio test has been completed under the medical reserve corp. Ms. McDonnall reported the zotavax (shingles) vaccine is on back order. She announced the 9 Health Fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 7am – 12noon at the Custer County School facility. Ms. McDonnall reported that the Public Health Agency and Club America have obtained a Colorado Health Foundation (CHF) grant. The grant will allow the hiring of a part time CHF Director facilitated through the clinic. She presented the Board with a copy of the correspondence prepared by the Custer County Public Health Agency to the West Custer County Hospital District supporting the Custer County Medical Center changing their status from a rural health center to a federal qualified health center.

Linda Brigham, Prevention Coordinator met with the BOCC and gave a report. She said that the Custer County Prevention Leadership Council (CCPLC) is expanding its contacts and membership. She said that she has continued her interaction with the community members and the school board to address substance abuse in the county.

Ms. Brigham stated that a strategy and plan will be prepared following the completion of the needs assessment plan. She reported that the Healthy Kid's Colorado Survey results have been reviewed and discussed with the School District, their Board of Education and the CCPLC. Commissioner Custer suggested that Ms. Brigham engage a member of the school board to help with the marketing to the teachers, parents and community for the next Healthy Kid's Colorado Survey that the CCPLC hopes to administer in the School District at the beginning of the 2011-2012 School Year.

The BOCC recessed at 10:45 AM.

The BOCC reconvened at 10:55 AM.

Dawna Hobby, Human Resource/Finance Manager met with the BOCC and gave a report. She said she was in the process of balancing the year 2010. She reported that the National Association of Counties (NACo) discount prescription plan saved six citizens \$280 in the month of November. Ms. Hobby requested guidance from the Board on a policy for 2011 regarding the submission of time sheets for all part time personnel. Commissioner Custer said there are many reasons all part time personnel should complete and submit a time sheet. All taxpayer money should be accounted for. Commissioner Attebery agreed that completed time sheets will provide the reassurance, confirmation and clarification of disbursed funding.

Donna Squire, Hanssen Haus Resource Center Navigator met with the BOCC and gave a report. She said the offices in the HHRC were used nine times in November and that there were seven meetings scheduled. Commissioner Austin asked if Round Mountain Water Sanitation District (RMWSD) had made a decision regarding the rental space at the HHRC. Jerry Lacy, RMWSD Board Member said the District Manager, Tracey Garcia has elected not to pursue rental space in the HHRC. Commissioner Attebery reported the glass in the front window of the HHRC has been replaced. He said the crack in the glass was heat related and suggested not dropping the energy window quilts during the warmest parts of the day because trapping the heat between the glass and the quilts probably caused the window to break the way it did. Commissioner Custer reported that replacement of the door on the north side of the HHRC is scheduled for completion today. She said that Tom Flower has agreed to have his FAA class construct the hand railings for the concrete ramps at the HHRC. She commented that the Upper Arkansas Area Council of Government (UAACOG) Workforce Center, operating within the Rural Workforce Consortium will resume weekly office at the HHRC on a regular basis once the state contract is signed by all parties

Commissioner Custer said that an estimate to install the stair chair at the lower lever of the Wetmore Community Building would be forthcoming.

Hal Julsen, Custer County Conversation District (CCCD) distributed the outline for the second Custer County Water Conference to be scheduled in 2011. He reviewed the topics: introduction; review of our county's water sources; review of our county's water resources and uses; managing our county's water resources; the definition of water augmentation; the advantages and disadvantages of the county's participation in the UAWCD. Mr. Julsen said representatives from the UAWCD would have an opportunity to address the audience. Commissioner Custer suggested that the members of the Planning Commission and the Community Energy Coordinator be included in the conference.

Lorraine Silva, Veterans Service Office Assistant met with the BOCC and gave a report. She said that \$26,000 of the veterans trust fund grant has been distributed. She did not have any additional news to report on the energy outreach grant. She reported that the mobile vet center readjustment counseling services are continuing to provide services twice a month and have added a support group that will meet once a month.

Ms. Silva commented that fifteen thanksgiving baskets were distributed to the local veterans. She presented the November 2010 report of the VA expenditures for the Boards review. Commissioner Custer signed the report on behalf of the BOCC.

Commissioner Custer asked when the VSO would be able to be moved back to the HHRC. She said not having a staff person full time during regular business hours at the HHRC was proving to be a cause of concern. She stated that full time coverage could be provided with two people (Resource Navigator and Veteran's Assistant) providing part time HHRC reception coverage, understanding that the Veteran's Assistant also has veteran services responsibilities off site as well. Ms. Silva was not able to offer a time period but acknowledged that it could be a future goal.

Laura Lockhart, Human Services Director met with the BOCC and gave a report. She said the recent commodities distribution was successful and that more than 102 households were served. She reported that LEAP assistance has increased from 86 households in 2007 to 188 households in 2010. Ms. Lockhart confirmed that she has scheduled and will attend a public hearing on the 2011 Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) with UAACOG during the BOCC meeting on December 29, 2010 at 9:30 AM.

The BOCC recessed at 11:55 AM.

The BOCC reconvened at 1:05 PM.

Dave Trujillo, Road and Bridge Supervisor met with the BOCC and gave a report. Work completed in November: grading roads, hauling water, hand patching asphalt and preparation for the crushing of gravel. Work planned: plow snow, continue to grade roads, patch asphalt and build up Hermit Road with donated gravel from Seifert Trucking. Mr. Trujillo reported that the cost of the gravel crushing has currently dropped and that he would like to continue crushing more gravel. He said that approximately \$50,000 of the 2011 budget would be expended for the continuation of the project.

MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Attebery:

To approve the continuation of gravel crushing as presented and to amend the budget in 2011 if necessary. Commissioner Custer opposed the motion stating that it was not clear or guaranteed that the funding would be available in 2011. The motion carried. Commissioner Austin commented that the Funding Advancement for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery (FASTER) program would assist the Road and Bridge budget. Commissioner Attebery agreed.

Mr. Trujillo said that the Road and Bridge Secretary, Dani Walden is now a full time employee. He remarked that her assistance and support in the office enables him to be available for more road time work. He commented that the road crew is currently down on personnel. He said the road and department is anticipating the purchase of a tandem truck and three axle trailer.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Custer:

To adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder
Attest

Lynn Attebery
Chairman