

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 15, 2011**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTER COUNTY MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE WETMORE FIRE STATION, WETMORE, COLORADO.

Commissioner Lynn Attebery called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call was taken:

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

Also present was: Steve Andrews, Linda Brigham, Gayla Day, Kevin Day, Bill Donley, Vicky Donley, Alden Gray, Anne Hayward, Dave Hayward, Nancy Kreuz, Jim Little, Debbie Livengood, Karin Milisavljevich, Sue Pitman, Ruth Spaar, Burl Stearns, Irene Stearns, Greg Tabuteau, Judy Tabuteau, Dave Trujillo, Virginia Trujillo, Brian Withrow and Robin Young.

AGENDA:

Call meeting to order

Pledge of allegiance

Roll Call

Amend agenda

Approval of minutes: February 22, 28, March 1, of 2011

Audience introduction

Public Comments

Old/New Business:

Wetmore Project Status Update

Second Light in the Wetmore Area Update

Appointment to the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee

Prevention of Persistent Drunk Driving Grant Application – Linda Brigham

Custer County Conserves Strategic Sustainability Plan

- CSU Extension Agent, Robin Young

- CSU Community Energy Coordinator, Karin Milisavljevich

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To accept the posted agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Butler:

To approve the minutes of February 22, 28 and March 1, 2011 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Attebery said the BOCC agenda format has been revised to add a public comment period. He asked if anyone in the audience had a comment or statement they wished to share. The following citizens spoke:

- Sue Pitman thanked the BOCC for their roles within the community.
- Vicky Donley thanked the BOCC for their presence in the Wetmore area.
- Greg Tabuteau announced that the Wetmore Volunteer Fire Station property has been designated as a flight for life location. He said that a 50x50 helicopter pad will be needed to accommodate the air medical transports. The BOCC agreed to research funding options for a medical helicopter pad in Westcliffe and Wetmore

Commissioner Attebery gave an update on the Wetmore Project. He stated that the county has received a grant/purchase order in the amount of \$12,000.00 from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) for the asbestos abatement at 26278 Highway 96. He also presented a proposal from Refine Asbestos, Inc. in the amount of \$11,545.00 for the asbestos mitigation. He presented an estimate from the Road and Bridge Department in the amount of \$559.96 for services to secure the building. The CDPHE is requiring that the building is structurally secured prior to the asbestos removal procedure.

MOTION by Commissioner Butler, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To accept and approve the proposal from Refine Asbestos, Inc. as presented. The remaining available funds will be allocated to the Road and Bridge Department. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board thanked the Westcliffe and Wetmore Road and Bridge Departments for their assistance with the project.

Commissioner Austin gave an update on the second street light in the Wetmore area. He said that the Colorado Department of Transportation has agreed to grant the county an easement for the placement of the second street light. He said the next step would be to obtain an estimate cost for the installation of the light pole from San Isabel Electric Association. He further stated that the Board will need to pass a resolution to pay the additional monthly electric service costs for the second light.

Commissioner Attebery stated that the BOCC appointed a Custer County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission (CCHPAC) at the March 2, 2011 BOCC meeting. He said that Trudy Norris had submitted a letter of interest on March 4, 2011 and he proposed Ms. Norris be appointed to the CCHPAC.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To appoint Trudy Norris to the Custer County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

Linda Brigham, Prevention Coordinator presented the 2011-2012 Persistent Drunk Driving (PDD) Grant Application for the BOCC's approval. She introduced herself and explained her role as the Custer County Prevention Coordinator to those present.

MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Butler:

To move forward with the PDD Grant as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
Commissioner Attebery signed the grant application as Chairman of the BOCC.

Karin Milisavljevich, CSU Community Energy Coordinator and Robin Young, CSU Extension Agent introduced themselves to those present and provided the BOCC with a draft copy of the Custer County Conserves (CCC) outline. Ms. Milisavljevich explained that once the Custer County Energy Strategic Sustainability Plan is approved by the County Commissioners, it will be a resource to the entire community. It will provide a list of strategies for various sectors in the county that desire to implement greater energy strategy. She stated that the report is not intended to be administrative policy, but rather a living document and a working guide for the county. She said the vision was Custer County Conserves for a sustainable future and the mission is to create, build, maintain and sustain a more resilient and self-reliant community. Ms. Milisavljevich extended special appreciation and thank you to Steve Andrews and Sue Pitman for their support and assistance. Ms. Young said that the Custer County Conserves report is part of the Governor's bottom-up economic development state-wide plan. Commissioner Austin praised Ms. Milisavljevich for all her hard work and efforts as the Community Energy Coordinator. He said that the county was grateful to have a Community Energy Coordinator and a CSU Extension Agent.

Commissioner Butler gave a report on the Custer County Water NEEDS Assessment Committee. He stated that he was the chairman of the committee. He explained that the mission of the committee was to gather information to determine if Custer County needs an Augmentation Plan now or in the future.

Commissioner Butler gave a report on the Policy Committee appointed to review the operations and organization of the former Hanssen Haus Resource Center. He stated that he was the chairman of the committee. He reported that the primary recommendation was to change the name to the Custer County Resource Center Annex. The committee felt that the name change will make it easier for the public to recognize the location of the building and its purpose. Other recommendations included exterior signage, a key log and security plan, designated handicap parking, landscaping and an interior directory signage.

Commissioner Austin gave a brief report on the National Association of Counties, (NACo) legislative conference he attended in Washington, D.C. He said that he will be submitting a summary of the conference for publication in the Wet Mountain Tribune newspaper.

The Board commented on the request they received from a Wetmore citizen at the January 31, 2011 BOCC meeting regarding the DSL service in the Wetmore area. The Board assured Dave Hayward that they would continue to research the request. Steve Andrews commented that additional research is available at the Office of Consumer Counsel.

The BOCC thanked the Wetmore Fire Volunteers for the use of their fire station location to hold the BOCC meetings. The Board thanked the elected officials, administrative assistant and all the citizens in the audience for their support.

MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Butler:
To adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder
Attest

Lynn Attebery
Chairman