

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 30, 2011**

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 9:00 AM 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: Sue Pitman, Gloria Gutierrez, and Nora Drenner, reporter for the Wet Mountain Tribune.

AGENDA:

Call meeting to order

Pledge of allegiance

Roll Call

Amend agenda

Approval of minutes:

Audience introduction

Public Comments

Old/New Business:

- Review vouchers and sign checks
- Motion to accept the monthly report of the Custer County Treasurer as presented on 11/3/11
- Transfer of \$100,000.00 from Payment In Lieu of Taxes to the County General Fund – Virginia Trujillo
- Motion to approve lease to purchase dozer for Road and Bridge as agreed on 11/15/11
- Resolution/Deed to County CR 329
- Colorado Safe Route to School letter of support
- Accept the sheriff's report for October 2011 as presented on 11/3/11

Veterans Service Office (VSO) report

Plastic Recycle Program Justin Parker, We Recycle Co-Op in Pueblo, Colorado.

STAFF MEETING

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To accept the posted agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Butler, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To approve the minutes from October 31, 2011 and November 1, 2011 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Butler:

To accept the County Treasurer report for the month of October 2011 as presented at the November 3, 2011 BOCC meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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

County General	\$188,891.13
Road and Bridge	\$106,369.80
Emergency Services	\$ 13,442.81
Human Services	\$ 22,002.10
Capital Improvement	\$ 1,538.10
Airport Fund	\$ 8,886.36
Tourism Fund	\$ 205.00
Self Insurance	\$ 1,941.25
TOTAL	\$343,276.55

Commissioner Attebery asked if there was anyone wishing to speak. Hearing none, he continued with the meeting.

Commissioner Attebery advised that the agenda item referencing CR 329 would be postponed until the BOCC meeting of December 6, 2011.

Commissioner Attebery said that a letter of support was requested for a Colorado Safe Route to School Infrastructure (Capital) 2012 Grant Application. He said that the county would not be facilitating or administering the grant application and that no county funds would be expended. The correspondence from the BOCC would support the project.

MOTION BY Commissioner Butler, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To approve and sign the correspondence supporting the Colorado Safe Routes to School project as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commission Austin:

To accept the Sheriff Reports for October as presented at the November 3, 2011 BOCC meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Virginia Trujillo, County Treasurer addressed the BOCC and requested a transfer of \$100,000.00 from the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Fund to the County General Fund. She said at this time the county's revenue sources were substantially less than the current expenditures and the transfer was necessary.

MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Butler:

To approve the transfer as requested by the Treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.

Gloria Gutierrez, Regional Representative of U.S. Senator Udall's Office introduced herself to the audience. She said one of her primary goals was to continue to visit and communicate with the local officials and the rural area citizens. Mr. Gutierrez assured those present that the Senator welcomes input from his constituents.

Lorraine Silva, Veterans Service Office Assistant met with the BOCC and gave a report. She said that 96 veterans have been assisted as of today's date. She said that although the assistance requests varied, the majority were requests for utility assistance. Ms. Silva gave a summary of the expenditures of the Veterans Service Office and the Resource Center for the months of October and November 2011. She commented that a Dependency Indemnity Compensation claim she filed for an applicant had been approved and processed. She said that the Veterans Service Office, the American Legion Auxiliary and the local Share Center worked cooperatively to provide Thanksgiving meal supplies to the needy in the community. Ms. Silva presented the County Veterans Service Officers monthly reports and Certification of Pay for October and November 2011 to the Board for review and signature. Commissioner Butler signed the correspondence on behalf of the BOCC.

Commissioner Attebery remarked that the roof of the courthouse building is continuing to leak. He proposed that \$200.00 be expended from the maintenance county budget for labor and the material to apply a tar sealant at the roof seam area as a necessary temporary repair.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Butler:

To proceed with the temporary repair of the courthouse building roof as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The BOCC recessed at 9:35 AM.

The BOCC reconvened at 10:00 AM.

Tim Thrun, Justin Parker, Beth Lenz, Christy Veltrie and Robin Young joined the meeting.

Tim Thrun, Recycling Coordinator said that the current plastic recycling function at the landfill was cumbersome and labor intensive. He introduced Justin Parker of We Recycle Co-Op in Pueblo, Colorado. Mr. Parker offered several options regarding plastic recycling. He said the public could purchase a reusable recycling bag to fill with their plastic recyclables. The filled bags would be returned to the recycling center at the landfill and then taken to We Recycle Co Op Center in Pueblo via county delivery to the center or scheduled pickups by We Recycle. He said that plastic recycling would create additional revenue for the county. Beth Lenz, Upper Arkansas Recycling supported the proposal. Various suggestions and options were discussed regarding the cost and availability of the reusable bags; the local drop off location and method of transport to the Pueblo recycling center. Christy Veltrie said that Veltrie Disposal Services will increase their rates beginning January 2012 to help offset the increased landfill fee's effective January 1, 2012. She said they are offering a new option of pay as you throw for those residents who do not have enough trash to fill a tote each week. Ms. Veltrie stated that Veltrie Disposal Services will continue to accept cardboard, metal, tin, copper, aluminum, glass and plastic for recycling. She said they will offer a single stream recycling bag. The 33 gallon bag can be purchased for \$4.00 and the public will be allowed to fill it with all recyclables including plastic and drop it off at the Veltrie Disposal Services facility. The Board said the county's priority is to support a small local business and not be in competition regarding recycling. Mr. Parker said he would like to inspect the County recycling facility and the Veltrie Disposal recycling facility. He felt confident he could prepare and present a joint venture that would be financially feasible and acceptable to all parties concerned. Commissioner Austin said that the best way to support the effort would be to schedule a recycling work session involving all the parties concerned. The Board agreed to schedule a recycling work session on December 6, 2011 at 1:30 PM in the Boardroom and to add the recycling topic to the December 30, 2011 BOCC agenda. Representatives from the County Recycling Facility, the County Landfill, the Upper Arkansas Recycling Program, High Country Recycling, Sustainable Ways and the We Recycle Co-Op would be invited.

The BOCC recessed at 11:05 AM.

The BOCC reconvened at 1:00 PM.

The department heads and elected officials met with the BOCC for the staff meeting. Those present: Suzanne Coleman, Beverly Goertz, Mike Halpin, JD Henrich, Dawna Hobby, Jackie Hobby, Chuck Ippolito, Debbie Livengood, Laura Lockhart, Donna McDonnall, and Virginia Trujillo.

Commissioner Butler thanked everyone for their patience and assistance in his first year as commissioner. He said it was a steep learning curve but now has a better understanding and appreciation on how the county operates.

Commissioner Austin thanked everyone for their hard work throughout the year and said he was sorry that the county was not able to give the employees a pay increase in 2012. He said that balancing the 2012 budget was difficult but was comfortable that the approved budget items were justified.

Commissioner Attebery thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication. He said that he would like to see some repairs and replacements to the courthouse building completed from the 2012 capital improvement budget line. He said the county would no longer have to pay on the sheriffs building after 2011 and could be in a position to complete some of the necessary repairs and improvements.

Beverly Goertz commented on the appearance of the courthouse with the cleaning services of Jim and Lori Bistodeau. Those present agreed and also appreciated the installation of the tile in the hall areas. Deputy Halpin said the court office personnel, judges and attorneys have all commented on the improved appearance of the court room.

Those in attendance congratulation Deputy Halpin for his retirement recognition and award from the Colorado State Patrol.

Commissioner Austin stated that Colorado Technical Services Inc. (CTSI) has recognized Custer County as the most improved loss experience in 2011. He said that Custer County was awarded a plaque at the Colorado Counties Incorporated winter conference.

MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Butler:

To approve the November 2011 bill and vouchers. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Butler, seconded by Commissioner Austin.

To adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder

Attest

Lynn Attebery

Chairman