

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 6, 2012**

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 Mark Evert, Dan Fox, Cal Leslie, Scott Lundstedt, Sherry Rorick, Bob Senderhauf and Nora Drenner, reporter for the Wet Mountain Tribune.

AGENDA:

Call meeting to order

Pledge of allegiance

Roll Call

Amend agenda

Audience introduction

Approval of minutes

Public Comment

Public Health – Donna McDonnall

Prevention Coordination – Linda Brigham

Human Resource/Finance – Dawna Hobby

Human Services – Laura Lockhart

CDOT Representative presenting a Highway 69 S project update and park-n-ride on Highway 96.

Road and Bridge – Dave Trujillo

CTSI Loss Analysis - Ted Lindtveit

Commissioner Attebery asked if there were any public comments. Bob Senderhauf said that the next Upper Area Water Conservancy District (UAWCD) meeting was scheduled later this week and that he would like to give a follow-up report on the January 17, 2012 meeting between the UAWCD Board and the BOCC. He asked if the BOCC had taken any steps or made any determinations that were presented or discussed at the meeting. The BOCC agreed that before they made any determinations, the BOCC Administrative Assistant would listen to the audio recording of the meeting for clarification and confirmation.

Laura Lockhart, Human Service Director met with the BOCC and gave a report. She presented the department's expenditures and unexpended balances; the state allocations; the emergency service grant expenditures and the energy outreach expenditures.

Donna McDonnall, Public Health Nurse met with the BOCC and gave a report. She said that 10 childhood immunizations, 7 adult immunizations, 8 flu shots and 25 blood pressure screenings were administered in January 2012. She attended the PIO training sponsored by FEMA and the Colorado Volunteer Mobilizer training.

Ms. McDonnall stated that the Public Health Department has been approved for a Smart Meals Grant. Smart Meals is a Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment statewide program that encourages restaurants to provide at least two menu items that fit within the healthy meals perimeter. She said that three restaurants could be selected for inclusion in the program. Following a brief discussion Ms. McDonnall agreed to approach all the restaurants in the county for inclusion in the program. Mr. Fox said that although the program was worthwhile he was concerned that taxpayer monies would be allocated to private business restaurants. Ms. McDonnall later provided clarification that the Smart Meal Program is funded by a private Colorado Health Foundation and does not involve taxpayer funding. She gave a report on the CATCH program funded from El Pomar. Ms. McDonnall gave an update on the status of the 9 Health Fair scheduled for March 30, 2012.

Linda Brigham, Prevention Coordinator met with the BOCC and gave a report. She said that the Prevention Coalition team met on January 10, 2012. The team will continue with the curriculum work at the school. They will also interpret and report on the Health Kids Colorado Survey results when they become available. Ms. Brigham stated that a presentation on drug abuse and synthetic drugs has been scheduled. She reported that the tangled legal status of marijuana continues to be a concern.

Dawna Hobby, Human Resource/Finance Manager met with the BOCC and gave a report. She will schedule interviews for the recycling coordinator position on February 15, 2012. The BOCC asked Ms. Hobby to research and review the county's liability on the proposed Park-n-Ride on Highway 96 with Colorado Technical Services, Inc. (CTSI).

The BOCC recessed at 10:15 AM.

The BOCC reconvened at 11:00 AM.

The following citizens were in attendance: Nora Drenner, Mark Evert, Dan Fox, Chris Haga, Dawna Hobby, Cal Leslie, Scott Lundstedt, Sherry Rorick, Bob Senderhauf, Jake Shy, Kit Shy and Dave Trujillo.

CDOT representatives Don Garcia and Randy Johnson provided those present with an update on the State Highway (SH) 69 south project. Mr. Garcia said that CDOT was taking a proactive approach to widen the substandard shoulders on both sides at various locations on SH 69 south of Westcliffe. He stated that CDOT would be responsible for snow removal and maintenance of the widened shoulders. Mr. Johnson said that widening shoulders for vehicles to safely pull off SH 69 will provide space for farm equipment and other slow moving vehicles to pull into, allowing other vehicles to safely pass. Commissioner Austin said that he felt that the Amish buggies were a real safety concern along the highway. He said that funding from the Faster Safety Project had been awarded to Custer County. Several citizens expressed concern that the public had not been properly notified or given the opportunity to express their opinions on the feasibility or necessity of the project. Dan Fox said that he recently became aware of a transportation enhancement program application signed by Commissioner Austin for the fiscal year 2010 that required a 20% county cash match. Commissioner Austin responded that the project before us today is a completely different application that did not require any county match. Mr. Garcia confirmed that the funding for the project was 80% federal funding and 20% state funding and that no county funding was required. Sherry Rorick expressed concern that the public has not seen or been aware of any correspondences including the application for the project. Mr. Garcia said that the paperwork was an open record and available to the public. He agreed to provide her with any information she requested. Chris Haga asked how the project became initiated and if all three commissioners were involved in that application process. Commissioner Austin said that he was a member of the State Transportation Advisory Council (STAC) and that he made the initial request through STAC. Commissioner Austin said that he has kept his fellow commissioners updated on the project.

Cal Leslie asked that CDOT evaluate the placement of the guard rails on the bridge near the Sangre DeCristo Electric facility as a safety concern. Bob Senderhauf asked CDOT to re-evaluate the need of a passing lane or widened shoulders along Hardscrabble. Kit Shy expressed concern that the project had not been brought before the planning commission for consideration and review. He asked if the federal funds allocated to the project were part of the T-21 US American Model program. Mr. Garcia responded that the funding was entirely through the FASTER program. Following a brief discussion regarding the Highway 69 and Main Street intersection the BOCC agreed the topic should be an agenda item at the next scheduled summit meeting. The summit meetings are scheduled quarterly and involve participation, communication and collaboration from the Town of Westcliffe, the Town of Silver Cliff and Custer County. Mr. Garcia encouraged the public to attend and participate when CDOT presents the annual report of the proposed projects for Custer County.

Commissioner Austin gave a brief report on the Park-n-Ride in Custer County at SH 96 and CR 271. He said the project was in the beginning stages involving research of property ownership, maintenance and liability. The Board agreed to seek legal advice from the county attorney and the county's insurance carrier, Colorado Technical Service Incorporated (CTSI).

The BOCC recessed at 12:05 PM.

The BOCC reconvened at 1:00 PM.

Dave Trujillo, Road and Bridge Supervisor met with the BOCC and gave a report. The work completed in January 2012 included the grading of numerous roads, hauling slash debris, plowing of snow and hauling of water and gravel. The culvert on CR 215 has been repaired. The work planned will include but not be limited to the grading and plowing of roads and continued work on the Copper Gulch construction project. Mr. Trujillo said he supported the Park-n-Ride project and estimated the cost to road and bridge to be approximately \$1200.00. He submitted a revised agreement between Custer County and Scott Seegers for the Copper Gulch project. The BOCC agreed to have the County Attorney review the paperwork at the February 7, 2012 meeting.

Ted Lindtveit, Colorado Technical Service Incorporated (CTSI), Loss Prevention Team Leader met with the BOCC and the Human Resource/Finance Manager Dawna Hobby. He presented the Custer County Workman's Compensation Pool figures and the Custer County Casualty Property Pool figures for 2011. Following a brief discussion regarding the proposed Park-n-Ride project, Mr. Lindtveit provided the names of CTSI legal representatives for contact information.

Commissioner Austin said he has been in discussion with the IT Director, Chuck Ippolito regarding the posting of the minutes from the regional meetings the BOCC attends on the county website.

MOTION by Commissioner Butler, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 PM.

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder
Attest

Lynn Attebery,
Chairman