

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 22, 2012**

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.

Commissioner Attebery asked everyone to remain standing in remembrance of Jerome Weigel who passed away on February 21, 2012. A moment of silence was observed.

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 were: Sandra Attebery, Charles Bogle, Kevin Day, Bill Donley, Vicki Donley, Kristi Geroux, Frank Hardin, Ann Hayward, Dave Hayward, Fred Jobe, Nancy Kruez, Stephanie Morales, Dale Mullen, Kit Shy, Burl Stearns, Irene Stearns, Greg Tabuteau, Dave Trujillo, and Virginia Trujillo.

AGENDA:

- Call meeting to order
- Pledge of allegiance
- Roll Call
- Amend agenda
- Audience introduction
- Approval of minutes: January 31, February 6, February 7, 2012
- Public Comment
- Old/New Business
- Justice Assistant Grant – Sheriff’s Office
- Sheriff Vehicle Lease – Sheriff’s Office
- Fire Ban Update – Sheriff Fred Jobe
- BOCC/ IT/ County Website
- Letter of support for Pueblo County/Recycle Grant
- SECRETAC alternate appointment
- Century Link Update – Abel Chavez/Stephanie Morales

MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Butler:

To approve the minutes from January 31, February 6 and February 7, 2012 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Attebery asked if there were any public comments. Hearing none, he continued with the meeting.

Kristi Geroux, Sheriff's Office Administrative Assistant presented the BOCC with a copy of the Justice Assistance Program Grant application. She said that the submission of the grant application would be electronic. She stated that the grant was in the amount of \$23,045.00. Ms. Geroux said the funding will be used to purchase a life scan fingerprint system for the Sheriff's Office.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Butler:

To move forward with the grant application as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Fred Jobe presented the BOCC with a contract between Custer County and the Kansas State Bank of Manhattan for the financing of two (2) 2012 Dodge Ram 1500 Trucks with equipment for the Sheriff's Office. He said that the purchase was approved in the 2012 Budget. Sheriff Jobe explained that the initial contract was for \$12,400.00 times five years. He stated that the current contract was slightly higher at 12,617.00 times five years. He remarked that the increased cost of the contract will be satisfied within the sheriff's office budget.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Butler:

To approve the contract as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Jobe distributed copies of the Custer County Open Burn Management Plan. He reviewed the open burning application and permit form with those present. He stated that open burns require burn managers to read and understand the Custer County Open Burn Plan and complete the open burn permit process through the Custer County Dispatch. Sheriff Jobe said that the open burn plans and permit are available to the public on the county website and will be posted at the County Courthouse, Sheriff's Office, Wet Mountain Fire Protection District, the Wetmore Volunteer Fire Department and the Custer County Office of Emergency Management. The permit applications will also be available at additional locations within Custer County. Greg Tabuteau requested that the Wetmore Volunteer Fire Department be added to the fire district section on the cover page of the plan.

Commissioner Attebery said that legal consult has advised the BOCC against adding any individual commissioner comment sections on the county website. The county website should be limited to BOCC comments and actions as a Board. Commissioner Austin said he would still like the commissioners page of the website to include tabs or links to the various meetings, committee minutes and associations that the BOCC attend outside Custer County. Dave Trujillo, Road and Bridge (R&B) Supervisor said he would like to have a section added to the R&B website page that would provide the public with information and a schedule of the current and upcoming R&B projects. Commissioner Austin said he would like the other county departments listed on the website to be aware of the option.

Commissioner Austin said that Pueblo County is pursuing a Recycling Resources Economic Opportunity Fund Grant through the Colorado Governor's Energy Office and has requested a letter of support for this grant from the BOCC. Commissioner Butler stated that Custer County is currently participating in the Upper Arkansas Area Council of Government (UAACOG) Recycling Program. He expressed concern regarding a possible conflict. Following a brief discussion the BOCC agreed to sign the letter of support pending review and approval of Beth Lenz of the UAACOG Recycling Program.

MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Attebery:

To move forward with a letter of support pending the approval of Beth Lenz of the UAACOG Recycling Program. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Austin said he would like to formally approve the addition of Cindi Flower as an alternate on the Southern Colorado Regional Emergency and Trauma Advisory Council (CRETAC).

MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Butler:

To appoint Cindi Flower as CRETAC alternate for the year 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

Stephanie Morales of Century Link provided those present with an update on broadband services for the regional area. She reviewed various funding options; the upgrading of current service and the addition of new service in the area. She shared Century Link's financial concerns and restraints regarding the rugged terrain and the acreage distances between the properties in the area. Ms. Morales said she will continue to research and review available options. Dale Mullen said that he was part of the economic development team and that an investigation and research of the broadband service in the county revealed that customers are underserved. He encouraged Century Link to pursue bigger and faster services for the area. Ms. Morales said she will share the concern with the engineers at Century Link. She said that she was anticipating a shifting of funds to the broadband program in the near future. She agreed to attend the July 18, 2012 BOCC meeting in the Wetmore area and provide an update on broadband funding sources.

The BOCC signed Resolution #12-01 of the Board of County Commissioners of Custer County, Adopting the Amended County Tax Lodging Board By-Laws.

The BOCC tabled the signing of Resolution #12-02 of the Board of County Commissioners of Custer County Adopting the Rules and Regulations for the Custer County Board of Zoning Adjustment.

Bill Donley said that Greg Tabuteau has requested the placement of millings or asphalt on the helipad at the Wetmore Volunteer Station. Commissioner Austin agreed to follow-up on the request.

Charles Bogle reported that Custer County was currently pursuing the designation for a State Veterans Cemetery. He said the cemetery site that was proposed for the National Veterans Cemetery was now being submitted for consideration as a State Veterans Cemetery site.

MOTION by Commissioner Butler, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

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