

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 18, 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.

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: Paul Crespin, Bill Donley, Vicky Donley, Christe Feldmann, Ann Hayward, Dave Hayward, Mike Halpin, Sheriff Jobe, Debbie Livengood, Jeff Outhier, Geri Pasler, John Spaar, Ruth Spaar, Dave Trujillo, Virginia Trujillo, and Jim Little of the Wet Mountain Tribune.

AGENDA:

Call meeting to order  
Pledge of allegiance  
Roll Call  
Amend agenda  
Audience introduction  
Approval of minutes  
Public Comment  
Old/New Business  
Special Events Permit/Chamber of Commerce – Debbie Livengood  
IGA Colorado Emergency Fire Fund Agreement – Sheriff Jobe  
Treasurer Report – Virginia Trujillo  
US Forest Service Report – Paul Crespin  
P4C Weed Grant – Commissioner Austin

**MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Attebery:**

To accept the posted agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION by Commissioner Butler, seconded by Commissioner Austin:**

To approve the minutes from March 29, April 2, and April 3, 2012 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder presented the Special Event Permit (SEP) Liquor License application from the Chamber of Commerce for the Beckwith Ranch Annual Dinner scheduled on May 11, 2012. Ms. Livengood stated that the application was in order and the required publication and posting has been completed.

**MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Austin:**

To approve the Special Events Permit Liquor License application as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Jobe presented the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for participation in the Colorado Emergency Fire Fund between Custer County and the State of Colorado. He said that the purpose of the IGA is to establish the County's basis for participation in the Emergency Fire Fund to provide guidelines for the payments from the county to the emergency fund and from the emergency to the county fund. The IGA also describes the condition under which the Emergency Fire Fund will be managed.

**MOTION by Commissioner Butler, seconded by Commissioner Austin:**

To approve and sign the agreement as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Jobe presented the 2012 Annual Fire Operating (AFO) Plan. He said the purpose of the AFO is to plan in advance of an incident, who and how agencies will cooperation to control and extinguish a wildfire.

**MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Butler:**

To approve the 2012 Annual Wildfire Operating Plan for Custer County, Colorado as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Jobe said that the Eagle Summit Ranch will be hosting several guided ATV trail rides for the wounded warriors' alliance this summer. He said the organization had contacted the sheriff's department for notification and permission to travel from the Eagle Summit Ranch along CR 271 to BLM and US Forest Service land. Paul Crespin of the US Forest Service asked Sheriff Jobe to caution the organization to contact the US Forest Service to obtain the guidelines and possible permits for traveling on US Forest Service land.

Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer met with the BOCC and gave a report. The beginning balance on March 1, 2012 was \$3,781,956.53 and the ending balance on March 31, 2012 was \$ 2,961,219.02.

**MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Butler:**

To accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2012 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Paul Crespin, US Forest District Ranger addressed the blown-down situation that resulted from the major wind storm across the valley in November of 2011. He said the incident was an amazing force of nature and that the forest service was continuing with cleanup efforts and assessment of the damage. Mr. Crespin said that over one hundred miles of trails have been affected and that numerous roads are impacted. He said that the US Forest Service will issue a news release informing the public of the recreational limitations and closures. Mr. Crespin remarked that clean-up of the Alvarado Campground would remain a priority for the summer tourist season. Commissioner Austin said he had expressed his concern to Senator Kevin Grantham regarding the wind damage and the potential negative affect it will have on the valley's summer tourism season and that the Senator had contacted the US Forest Service (USFS). Commissioner Austin thanked Mr. Crespin and Mr. Outhier for attending the meeting and providing an update. Commissioner Attebery said that the Tourism Board, the DCI, CART and the Chamber of Commerce would be meeting on April 19, 2012 to discuss and review the mountain wilderness situation and status. He said that Jeff Outhier of the Westcliffe U.S. Forest Service District would be in attendance.

Jeff Outhier, USDA Forest Service said that the road agreement (schedule A) was currently being reviewed and revised. He said the agreement provides maintenance on specific forest roads from the Custer County Road and Bridge Department.

The agreement meets the requirements of PILT funding for the county. Commissioner Austin remarked that Colorado Counties Incorporated (CCI) is currently lobbying for the continuation of PILT funding for rural county areas.

Christy Feldmann, Office of Emergency Management Director gave an update on the slash clean-up resulting from the wind storm. She said that she felt there was a need for additional slash free days at the landfill for those affected property owners. She is reviewing a potential wood chipper program to assist with the clean up. Ms. Feldmann asked the USFS to consider hosting a fire mitigation community meeting to address and assist the property owners with the downed or damaged trees.

Commissioner Attebery gave a report on the proposed capital improvements to the county courthouse. He said that three bids were being obtained for the replacement of the first floor windows on the west side of the building. He reported that front door handicap access and the stairway safety to the second floor was being discussed and reviewed.

Commissioner Austin said he was presenting the Pulling for Colorado – 2012 Grant Application for the Boards review and approval. He said the application had been completed by Robin Young, Custer County Weed Advisory Board Member and CSU Extension Director for Custer County. He reviewed the grant application budget worksheet and said that no county cash funds were being requested. Commissioner Butler expressed concern that road and bridge volunteer hours are listed as an in-kind contribution on the grant application. He said that even though a direct county cash match was not requested, the in-kind hours of the road and bridge department constitute a county expense. Commissioner Attebery said he was concerned that the county protocol regarding grant applications was not followed in a timely fashion.

**MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Butler:**

To approve the Pulling for Colorado 2012 Grant Application as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

John Spaar asked for the status of the Wetmore Park Project. Commissioner Attebery expressed concern regarding the current county budget restraints. He said that the BOCC would welcome comments or suggestions from the local citizens. Mr. Spaar asked about the status of the second light in the Wetmore area. Commissioner Attebery responded that the project request was not approved by CDOT. The installation and maintenance of a second light in the Wetmore area would be a county expense. Commissioner Attebery said he would research and obtain a cost estimate for the project.

Commissioner Austin reported that the millings for the helipad outside the Wetmore Fire Station have been approved by CDOT.

Mr. Spaar announced a Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser was being held at the Wetmore Community Center on April 22, 2012. All proceeds will benefit the Wetmore Community Library. He encouraged all present to attend.

**MOTION by Commissioner Butler, seconded by Commissioner Austin:**

To adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.