

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 30, 2015**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTER COUNTY MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE COMMISSIONER'S BOARDROOM.

Commissioner Kit Shy called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call was taken:

Kit Shy	Chairman	Present
Lynn Attebery	Vice Chair	Present
Bob Kattnig	Commissioner	Present
Kris Lang	Deputy Clerk to the Board	Present

Also present were Dallas Anderson, Bob Dreher, Carol Kennedy, Dorothy Bogle, Lorraine Silva, and Paul Sage, reporter for the Sangre DeCristo Sentinel.

AGENDA:

Call meeting to order

Pledge of allegiance

Roll Call

Amend agenda

Audience introduction

Approval of minutes January 13, 20, of 2015

Public Comment

Commissioner Items

Executive Session

New/Old Business

- Review Vouchers and Sign Checks

- Transfer of Funds

- Office of Emergency Management Report

- American Legion/ Veterans Service Officer/ Veterans Service Office Assistant

MOTION by Commissioner Kattnig seconded by Commissioner Attebery:

To approve and accept the minutes of January 13, and 20, 2015 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Commissioner Shy explained that under the heading of Commissioner Items, the BOCC reports on the various meetings or conferences they have attended or plan on attending. Commissioner Shy explained that the Executive Session heading does not automatically mean there will be an executive session but rather reserves the right to call one if needed.

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

County General	\$210,799.27		
Road and Bridge	\$ 72,824.21		
Emergency Services	\$ 21,173.30		
Human Services	\$ 29,032.93		
Capital Improvement	\$ 1,291.54		
Airport Fund	333.78	(1)	BOCC 1/30/15

Tourism Fund	\$ 7,027.32
Self Insurance	\$130,199.35
CTF	\$ 22,000.00
TOTAL	\$494,681.70

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Kattnig:

To approve the January 2015 payroll and accounts payable. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Attebery shared concerns that there could be a conflict with the Airport Advisory Board (AAB) member appointment of Bill Geipel. He said that Mr. Geipel was in the process of building an Aviation Museum on the airport property site and would also be sitting on the AAB. Commissioner Shy said that the AAB was an advisory board and he did not feel there would be a conflict. Clint Smith, Attorney said the AAB would need to exercise caution regarding that specific topic.

Commissioner Attebery said that the Butler Field signage for the airport was complete and that he would install it shortly. Dallas Anderson remarked the AAB meeting is scheduled on February 5, 2015 at 10:00AM in the airport building. Paul Sage requested a confirmation of the names of the individuals appointed to the AAB. Commissioner Shy responded that the appointees to the AAB are: Bill Geipel, Bob Giacomelli, Bob Koester, Bob Jolley, Dan Green, Jack Decker and Dallas Anderson.

Commissioner Kattnig said he met with various members related to the Fair Board to discuss the safety, upkeep and maintenance of the Fair Board facilities. He said that the Fair Board By-Laws were being reviewed. Commissioner Kattnig remarked that he inspected the reported mold issues in the lower level at the Resource Center Annex. He said that the situation required attention sooner than later. He expressed concern regarding the health and safety concerns with the situation.

Rusty Christensen, Road and Bridge Supervisor presented the BOCC with the 2014 Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Mileage Statistic and Totals calculated under the Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF) for Custer County for their review and approval.

MOTION by Commissioner Kattnig, seconded by Commissioner Shy:

To accept and approve the CDOT HUTF statistics as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Christe Coleman, Office of Emergency Management Director met with the BOCC and gave a report. She said that 29 students have completed TEEN SERT Training. Ms. Coleman presented a summary of the Homeland Security Grant for 2013 and 2014 along with the Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant. She said that the plans for the first quarter of 2015 included: updating of the Emergency Operations Plan, revisit of the ESF-7 Resource Management training and exercise plan, the inventory of the 800 MHS radios, the preparation of the Emergency Operations Center Activation Guidelines, the update of the Emergency Public Information Social Media Policy and to complete the Call-Out Guidelines for Eastern Custer County. Ms. Coleman reviewed the school exercise schedules for January and February 2015. She said that she will be scheduling an ICS 402 training for the elected officials. Commissioner Kattnig thanked Ms. Coleman for her work and acknowledged the complexity of emergency management as a whole.

The BOCC recessed at 9:50 AM.

The BOCC reconvened at 10:00 AM.

Carol Kennedy said she was in attendance for the American Legion Post #170. She stated that she was concerned regarding the location of the Veterans Service Office (VSO) at 511 Main Street and suggested that the VSO be relocated back to the Custer County Resource Center. Ms. Kennedy said that the facility currently

being used to serve our veterans is not appropriately maintained and that it no longer offered the veterans a place to interact with each other. Ms. Kennedy expressed concern that the Veterans Service Officer Assistant was not providing all the veterans the care and support they needed. Bob Dreher member of the American Legion said that it was the American Legion who applies for Veterans Trust Fund monies and that those funds are critical to our local veterans. He said that a criteria for the approval of funding was a maintained amicable and supportive relationship between the American Legion and the VSO. He said that relationship is questionable. Mr. Dreher said that there are approximately 1100 to 1200 veterans in the county and the VSO serves about 200. He felt the VSO needed to reach out to those veterans not currently being served. Preston Madler, American Legion Post #170, Sgt-at-Arms said that he felt our local veterans are being underserved. He had concerns regarding the distribution of the Veterans Trust Fund monies and felt the current facility did not provide the professional atmosphere deserving of our veterans. Anna Orgeron, Custer County Veterans Service Officer and American Legion Adjutant/Service Officer said that she, Brad Bradberry, American Legion Post #170 Commander and Preston Madler, American Legion Post #170 Sargent at Arms met with the VSO Assistant, Lorraine Silva to discuss some issues and concerns. Commissioner Shy told Ms. Silva that she had an opportunity to request an Executive Session at this time. Ms. Silva declined stating that she preferred to stay in open session. Ms. Orgeron reviewed a list of complaints and concerns regarding the Veterans Service Office and the Veterans Service Officer Assistant. Ms. Silva responded to those issues. Ms. Silva suggested that Ms. Orgeron be removed as the Veterans Service Officer and replaced with a stronger more forceful individual. Ms. Orgeron suggested that Ms. Silva be removed as the Veterans Service Officer Assistant and replaced with a more committed individual. Several members of the audience spoke in favor of retaining Ms. Silva and shared stories of her assistance and support in the role as VSO Assistant. Those names included: Bob Letterman, Martha Davis, Don Wilcox, Dallas Anderson, Mary Smolczyk, Mary Gompf, Tara Ray, Nancy Brooks, Ellen Wilcox, and Dorothy Bogle. An additional phone message was left by Russ Simmons supporting Ms. Silva. Bert Daniels shared concern regarding the inconsistent hours of the VSO Assistant and not having his phone messages returned. Daniel and Michele Hoffman sent a letter expressing the same concerns. Ms. Orgeron complimented Ms. Silva for the assistance she provides the veterans during the claim form process and the guidance through the system. She said that in the past she has been remiss in her role as the VSO but intends to take a more active and participating role in the future. The BOCC said that they need better understanding of the VSO and Assistant roles and guidelines and would reach out to Senator Crowder for assistance. Ms. Kennedy said that she could provide the BOCC with the contact information for the Colorado State VSO and suggested a workshop that included the BOCC in the near future. Commissioner Kattnig said he was appalled over the number of veterans not being served. He said that the VSO was a resource and needed to function with the best results for all veterans. Commissioner Shy asked the Veterans Service Officer and the Veterans Service Office Assistant to remain in their roles while the BOCC reviews the situation.

The BOCC recessed at 11:30 AM.

The BOCC reconvened at 11:40 AM.

Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer and Public Trustee addressed the BOCC and request a transfer of \$50,000.00 from the Payment in Lieu of Tax Fund to the County General Fund.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Kattnig:

To approve the transfer of \$50,000.00 from the PILT Fund to the County General Fund as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Shy asked if there was any more business to discuss. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 11:45 AM.

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder
Attest

Christopher L. (Kit) Shy,
Chairman