

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 17, 2015**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTER COUNTY MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE SAN ISABEL RESTAURANT AND LODGE, COLORADO.

Commissioner Kit Shy called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call was taken:

Kit Shy	Chairman	Present
Lynn Attebery	Vice-Chairman	Present
Bob Kattnig	Commissioner	Present
John Naylor	County Attorney	Present
Clint Smith	Attorney	Present
Kelley Camper	Deputy Clerk to the Board	Present

Also present was: Nan Davenport, Ruth Spaar, John Spaar, Margie White, Alden Gray, Larry Haynes, Cal Leslie, Deputy Barr, Deputy Halpin, Roger Squire, Rusty Christensen and Autumn Dever.

AGENDA:

- Call meeting to order
- Pledge of allegiance
- Roll Call
- Amend agenda
- Audience introduction
- Approval of minutes
- Public Comment
- Commissioner Items
- Attorney Items
- Executive Session
- New/Old Business

- Ordinance 15-02 Restricting Open Fire and Open Burning in the unincorporated areas of Custer County, and also including the incorporated Towns of Silver Cliff and Westcliffe - BOCC
- Wetmore Community Center/Library Project Update – Commissioner Attebery
- Community Development Block Grant Program for Single Family Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program 2015 – Autumn Dever, UAACOG.
- #100-86-702 Oversized Sign Variance CR 371 – Jackie Hobby
- US Forest Service Report – Paul Crespin
- Policy regarding the usage of the cooling system in the courthouse - BOCC
- Road and Bridge Report – Rusty Christensen

AMEND AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Commissioner Shy said that he attended an informative and educational Resource Advisory Council that involved the Bureau of Land Management. He commented that the Ride the Rockies Race was on track and would be coming through Westcliffe on June 20, 2015. He encouraged everyone to participate in the event. Commissioner Shy remarked that the Custer County Economic Development Corporation is researching the cost and options of providing wireless internet service at the fair ground building.

ATTORNEY ITEMS

Clint Smith, Assistant Attorney remarked that he has been in communication with Cyn Williams and Jim Little of the Wet Mountain Tribune in an attempt to identify and clarify the inaccurate articles recently published regarding the county's involvement in land dispute lawsuit.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None at this time.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 2015-02 Restricting Open Fire and Open Burning in the unincorporated areas of Custer County, and also including the Incorporated Towns of Silver Cliff and Westcliffe

Commissioner Shy commented that the first reading of Ordinance 2015-02 an Ordinance of Custer County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Colorado Regulating and Restricting Open Fires and Open Burning in the Unincorporated Areas of Custer County, and also including the Incorporated Towns of Silver Cliff and Westcliffe was completed during the BOCC meeting on June 9, 2015. He said that the second reading and tentative adoption of the Ordinance is scheduled at the June 30, 2015 BOCC meeting. Paul Crespin commended the BOCC for their involvement and enactment of the proposed Ordinance.

Wetmore Community Center/Library Project Update

Commissioner Attebery said that he met with the Wetmore Community Center Board yesterday to review and discuss the status of the DOLA Grant for the Wetmore Community Center/Library Project. Commissioner Shy remarked that he is meeting with the engineer regarding the drainage and flood plain related to the project.

Commissioner Kattnig asked if DOLA has shared any concerns regarding the submitted DOLA application. Commissioner Attebery responded that no specific concerns have been expressed at this time.

Community Development Block Grant Program for Single Family Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program for 2015

Autumn Dever presented the BOCC with the Upper Arkansas Area Council of Government (UAACOG) Intergovernmental Agreement for the Community Development Block Grant Project for review and approval. She said that Custer County was one of five counties participating in the project. Ms. Dever said that the purpose of the project is to apply to the State of Colorado, Department of Local Affairs, Division of Housing, requesting funds for the continued administration of the Single Family Owner Occupied (SFOO) Housing Rehabilitation Program. She said the program was initiated in 1987. She remarked that Fremont County is the sponsor, lead and responsible party for the project. Ms. Dever said that since Custer County did not appoint an Affordable Housing Committee for 2015 that Judy Lohnes of the UAACOG would complete the necessary paperwork on behalf of the BOCC and forward it for their signatures.

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

To authorize the Chairman of the BOCC to sign the appropriate paperwork related to the UAACOG IGA CDBG project upon completion by Judy Lohnes of UAACOG. The motion carried unanimously.

US Forest Service Report

Paul Crespin, District Ranger and John Bauchi, Recreational/Lands Staff Officer said they were representing the USFS San Carlos District and gave a report. Mr. Crespin said that he has met with Sheriff Beryl and that they were working on improving the communications and cooperation among the forest service and the sheriff's office. He said that his organization was down one law enforcement officer and that he appreciates the sheriff's office assisting to cover the void. The Board agreed it would be doable on an interim temporary basis. Commissioner Kattnig remarked that if the position does not get filled in the future, the county will need to revisit the topic. Mr. Crespin said that he was in receipt of Ordinance 2015-01 regarding the use of Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) on county roads. He reiterated that OHV's are still prohibited on many forest roads and lands. He said he was willing to work with the county to keep the public aware of those boundaries lines. Commissioner Shy remarked that as part of the Ordinance, the county is requiring that the off highway vehicles using the county roads be registered with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife and display the appropriate sticker. Commissioner Kattnig said that he supported the adoption of the Ordinance and felt it would have a positive effect on tourism business. Commissioner Shy asked Mr. Crespin to consider the creation of a workable OHV trail for the public to use within the Sangre DeCristo Mountain Range. Commissioner Kattnig agreed. Mr. Crespin said that control burns will be scheduled in the San Isabel and Wetmore area in the near future. Cal Leslie expressed concern regarding past scheduled control burns getting and raging out of control. Mr. Crespin and Mr. Leslie will meet after the meeting for a future discussion on the topic. Mr. Crespin said that an area directly behind the USDS office in the San Isabel area has been cleared for use as a helipad landing site to accommodate emergency landings in the area. He said that the annual issue regarding the fill and release process of Lake Isabel continues to be a concern. However, a three year plan has been established and that he did not anticipate any major water reductions during the period. He said that the gravel sites on the forest property should be available for county use in the very near future. The BOCC thanked Mr. Crespin and Mr. Bauchi for attending and participating in the meeting. The Board asked Mr. Crespin to keep them informed regarding the county's use of the gravel pits on forest land.

Road and Bridge Report

Rusty Christensen, Road and Bridge Supervisor and Roger Squire, Assistant Westcliffe Road and Bridge Supervisor met with the BOCC and gave an interim report. Mr. Christensen said that D&W Services still has a tire changer for sale and that he would like the Road and Bridge Department to purchase it. The BOCC agreed that if the funding was available in the current road and bridge budget that no action was required to make the purchase. Commissioner Kattnig thanked the Road and Bridge Department for all their hard work and efforts maintaining the county roads in the recent flooding situations. Rusty Christensen, Landfill Supervisor reported that the trash compactor at the landfill facility was not functioning. He said that the loader at the landfill will require substantial maintenance and replacement parts. Mr. Christensen said that one of the recent water samples at the old Westcliffe Landfill revealed a spike and that CDPHR was reviewing the readings.

Policy regarding the usage of the cooling system in the courthouse

Commissioner Attebery said that balancing the cooling system in the courthouse has been a struggle. He reported that some departments turn off the air conditioning cooling system in their areas and open their windows and doors. This procedure affects all the other areas of the courthouse making it impossible to create and maintain a balanced temperature throughout the facility. The BOCC agreed that they need cooperation from all the departments and offices in the courthouse and will prepare a memorandum to the elected officials

and department heads in the courthouse asking everyone to refrain from opening the windows and doors while the cooling unit is running in an effort to balance the HVAC unit.

#100-96-702 Oversized Sign Varaiance CR 371

Jackie Hobby, Planning and Zoning Director were not in attendance at the meeting. The informational packet regarding the topic was hand delivered to D. Harmon of the San Isabel Restaurant and Lodge.

Commissioner Shy asked if there was any more business to discuss. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 1:55pm

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Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder

Attest

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Christopher L. (Kit) Shy,

Chairman

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