

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 8, 2016**

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
Kit Shy	Vice-Chairman	Present
Bob Kattnig	Commissioner	Present
Clint Smith	Attorney	Present
Kris Lang	Deputy Clerk to the Board	Present

Also present were: Dallas Anderson; Dale Falske; Michael Kienbusch, reporter for the Sangre DeCristo Sentinel; and Jordan Hedberg, reporter for the Wet Mountain Tribune.

AGENDA:

- Call meeting to order
- Pledge of allegiance
- Roll Call
- Amend agenda
- Approval of minutes:
- Audience introduction
- Public Comment
- Commissioner Items
- Attorney Items
- Executive Session
- New/Old Business
- Staff Reports:
- Airport Advisory Board (AAB)
- Public Health Agency
- CSU Extension
- VSO
- Human Services
- Rural Philanthropy Listening Tour Update – A. Barlow
- US Forest Cooperative Forest Road Agreement for 2016 discussion and review – P. Crespin

AMEND AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Commissioner Kattnig said that he attended an emergency training offered for the elected officials. He said that the training was hosted by the Office of Emergency Management Director. Commissioner Kattnig remarked that as a matter of public interest there were two individuals with ties to Westcliffe that are currently participating in the Iditarod Races in Alaska.

Commissioner Shy said that he attended and participated in a planning and zoning workshop to review the various applications available in the department. He said that several of the forms would be revised to create a consistent and uniform application process. He said as a matter of public interest that the local bobcat girls' basketball team was competing at the state level. Commissioner Shy remarked that the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) has proposed that the Colorado University students begin working on the building assessment related to the county facilities grant project.

Commissioner Attebery said that his commissioner items would be addressed as part of the agenda items.

ATTORNEY ITEMS

Attorney Smith said that he reviewed the proposed contract from Tyler Technologies presented by J.D. Henrich. He said that if the county is able to allocate funding to the project, that he would recommend signing the contract as reviewed. Attorney Smith said that he has volunteered as a star guide for the Dark Skies organization. He said that he would like the BOCC and the county to support the Dark Skies program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Attebery presented the BOCC with a draft of a request for a proposal on the Wetmore Community Center/Library project. Following a review, discussion, and revisions of the proposal, the Board agreed to have the final construction/remodel/renovation proposal published one time in the following newspapers: Wet Mountain Tribune, Sangre DeCristo Sentinel, Pueblo Chieftain, Canon City Daily Record, and the Colorado Springs Gazette.

Airport Advisory Board (AAB) – D.Anderson

Dallas Anderson, AAB Chairman, met with the BOCC and gave a report. He said that 152.27 gallons of aeronautic fuel was sold in February 2016 and that 1225 gallons of fuel remained in the tank. He remarked that additional fuel will need to be ordered in early April 2016. Commissioner Kattnig said that fuel prices are on the increase and suggested that the AAB research the possibility of splitting a load of fuel before the April time period. Mr. Anderson said he will follow-up on the proposal and report the finding to the BOCC. He reported that a scan of the security camera tapes at the airport premise indicates a total number of 68 events for the month of January and February 2016. He remarked that the water filter system is working properly. Mr. Anderson said that a social flight event is scheduled at the airport property on May 14, 2016. He said that the members of the AAB are currently reviewing several proposed revisions and changes to the airport special use permit. The AAB will forward those revisions to the Planning Commission at a later date.

Public Health Agency - G.Stoltzfus

Gail Stoltzfus, RN, met with the BOCC and gave a report. She said that 23 childhood immunizations and 2 adult immunizations were administered in February 2016.

She remarked that the recorder flu activity in Colorado remains low at this time. She said that there has been an increase in the diagnosis of strep within the elementary school. Ms. Stoltzfus said that the public health agency will receive \$1700.00 in funding to assist the school with analyzing and reporting immunization rates. She said that she continues to support the addition of a shared nursing position with the county and the school in 2017, and encouraged the Board to meet with the school superintendent to discuss the proposal. She reported that Solvista Health will be expanding services within the community. She said that they are purchasing a building in the Town of Westcliffe to provide the services. Ms. Stoltzfus reported on the cooking matters class scheduled on April 13 and May 18, 2016. She said that the cough-chronic exercise held on February 10, 2016 was a success. She reported that a financial risk management systems assessment revealed that the county has a low financial risk rating. She expressed appreciation and credit of this positive assessment to Rhonda Martin and Dawna Hobby for their excellent record keeping.

CSU Extension – R. Young

Robin Young met with the BOCC and gave a report that included several 4-H updates and scheduled events. She said that the county fair is scheduled for July 8 through July 17, 2016. Ms. Young shared an outline and summary on future events that included: a forestry workshop, a seed swap, a native plant master's program, a wildfire workshop, a weed training and a scheduled weed tour on June 25, 2016. She remarked that additional future programs will include: the continuation of the victory garden at the jail and a bee/pollinator workshop. Ms. Young said that the public speaking contest held on March 7, 2016 was a well-attended program.

Veterans Service Office (VSO) – T. Swartz

Tim Swartz, Veterans Service Officer, met with the BOCC and gave a report. He said that the veterans being served at the VSO facility continues to increase. He remarked that he is assisting veterans in the Wetmore area and has spoken to the American Legion Posts in Westcliffe, and in Florence, Colorado. He said that he is also assisting veterans from Canon City and parts of Fremont County. Mr. Swartz says he continues to focus on public outreach and visibility within the community. He remarked that the evening hours he now offers on the second Thursday of each month at the VSO has been well received, and appreciated. He plans on attending the national conferences and classes in Maryland from May 15 through the 20, 2016. Ms. Swartz reported that the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) will assume the responsibility and the facilitation of the veteran's trust fund in the coming year. Mr. Swartz said that the donated flagpole has been removed from A Painted View property and is ready to be reinstalled in the front area of the Human Resource/Annex property. Commissioner Attebery expressed concern regarding that location and requested that Mr. Swartz research location options on the property that would be visible from the State Highway 96 and the State Highway 69. Mr. Swartz presented the Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, County Veterans Service Officers Monthly Report and Certification of Pay, for the County of Custer, from the month of February 2016 for review and approval.

MOTION by Commissioner Kattnig, seconded by Commissioner Shy:

To accept the report for the month of February 2016 as presented by Tim Swartz, Veterans Service Officer. The motion carried unanimously.

Rural Philanthropy Day Community Resource Center

Amanda Barlow, Program Manager for Rural Philanthropy Days met with the BOCC and gave a summary regarding the Colorado Rural Philanthropy Day, Listening Tour Planning Guide. The event is scheduled on April 5, 2016 from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM at Studio One at the Jones Theatre, in Westcliffe, Colorado. Ms. Barlow requested that the BOCC host the meeting by welcoming the attendees, providing the introduction, and the closing portion of the event.

US Forest Cooperative Road Agreement for 2016 discussion and review

Paul Crespin, USFS District Ranger; Jeff Outhier, Forestry Technician; Rusty Christensen, Road and Bridge (R&B) Supervisor; Roger Squire, Westcliffe R&B Assistant Supervisor; Larry Haynes, Wetmore R&B Assistant Supervisor; Sheriff Byerly and Deputy Halpin joined the meeting to discuss and review the Cooperative Forest Road Agreement between the County of Custer, Colorado, and the USDA, Forest Service, Pike and San Isabel National Forests, Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands, San Carlos Ranger District. Mr. Crespin said that this agreement is reviewed and renewed every five years. Following a discussion, the BOCC agreed that representatives from the US Forest Service and representatives from the County Road and Bridge Departments should meet to thoroughly review and revise the agreement as applicable. Commissioner Shy left the meeting at 1:28 PM to participate in the Planning Commissioner meeting.

The BOCC recessed at 1:32 PM.

The BOCC reconvened at 1:40 PM.

The BOCC addressed the topic of the county accessibility to the gravel pits on forest land. Mr. Crespin said that a geological and environmental assessment would need to be complete prior to county usage. Commissioner Kattnig requested that Mr. Crespin provide an assessment update on the gravel pits at the April 19, 2016 BOCC meeting scheduled in the Wetmore area.

Commissioner Attebery asked if there was any more business to discuss. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 2:14 PM.

Kelley Camper, Clerk and Recorder
Attest

Lynn E. Attebery,
Chairman

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