

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 17, 2016**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTER COUNTY MET IN A SPECIAL MEETING IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM AT THE CUSTER COUNTY SCHOOL.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Attebery at 1:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken and the following were present:

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve.

AUDIENCE INTRODUCTION

A list of those present is on file in the Clerk and Recorder's Office. There were approximately 42 people in the audience.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Commissioner Kattnig stated that he attended an Airport Advisory meeting.

ATTORNEY ITEMS

There were no attorney items at this time.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Attebery stated that this meeting was being held to continue the discussion regarding problems with AT&T's cell service and 911 June 2-6, 2016. He introduced the team from AT&T and they gave their presentation. Present from AT&T were Jennifer Price, Director of External Affairs; Ken Malm, Principal Technical Consulting Engineer; and Rob Bennett, Principal Engineer for 911 Compliance.

Jennifer stated they were here only to discuss the problems with the outage on June 2nd and the problems with 911 June 2nd through June 6th.

They went over charts and statistics for Custer County. AT&T users in Custer County use, on average, 30,000 minutes per day. AT&T is in the process of doing an upgrade for our area which will increase our area to 4G LTE. This should be finished sometime in July. If AT&T customers in Custer County would like to discontinue their service with AT&T, they can do so June 22nd through the end of August with no penalties.

There was public comment and questions from Butch Gemin, Gail Stoltzfus, John Genovese, Christe Coleman-Holt, Steve Cocks, Peggi Collins, Dave Tonsing, Larry Weber, Debra Reed, Brenda Gaide, Ann Robey, Bob Allison, Sue Charles, Dave Schneider, Dana Wyrick, and Cindy Howard.

Responding to the most common question, lack of service, AT&T explained how wireless networks work. They are not guaranteed 100% and people need to have a backup plan for emergencies. Data usage since 2007 has increased by 150,000% and that is a factor when considering connectivity.

Several citizens thanked AT&T and stated they felt like they understood better about how cell phones and wireless networks work.

After closing comments by all three of the commissioners, and having no further business, Commissioner Attebery adjourned the meeting at 3:04 PM.

BOCC Chairman, Lynn Attebery

Attest:
County Clerk & Recorder, Kelley S. Camper