

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2017**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTER COUNTY MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE WETMORE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN WETMORE.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Kattnig at 9:00 AM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken and the following were present:

Bob Kattnig	Chairman
Donna Hood	Vice-Chairman
Jay Printz	Commissioner
Kelley Camper	Clerk to the Board
Clint Smith	County Attorney

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Additions: Dark Skies support; Custer County Economic Development 2017 Community Assessment; and BOCC media contact. Deletions: Courtroom door for Judge.

MOTION by Commissioner Hood, seconded by Commissioner Printz, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS

Present in the audience were BOCC Administrative Assistant, Brenda Gaide; Florence Citizen and Wetmore News, Gayla Day; Courtney and Nan Davenport; John and Ruth Spaar; Jim and Kim Heath; Ray and Betty Garber; Kathy West; Sentinel reporter, Jackie Bubis; Jerry and Dee West; Margaret Storm; Rose Hidlebaugh; Anne Hayward; Alden Gray; Vivian Wacholtz; Nancy Kreuz; Dale Falske; Ruth Roper; and Wetmore Road and Bridge, Larry Haynes and Kevin Day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Commissioner Printz, seconded by Commissioner Hood, to approve minutes from the February 7th and 8th BOCC meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was public comment from Nan Davenport, Jackie Bubis, and Dale Falske.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

The board reported on the various meetings they attended and individuals they met with.

ATTORNEY ITEMS

None

NEW AND OLD BUSINESS

CUSTER COUNTY CORPS OF CHAPLAINS

The board has written a letter in support of the formation of the Corps of Chaplains.

MOTION by Commissioner Printz, seconded by Commissioner Hood, to recognize the chaplain program in Custer County with Eric Foster as the Chairperson who will work directly with the first responders to work for the betterment of the county, and correcting “core” to “corps” in the letter of support. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE OPERATING PLAN

This is an annual agreement with the state with regards to how fires are handled in the county.

MOTION by Commissioner Hood, seconded by Commissioner Printz, to approve the 2017 Custer County Annual Operating Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY BUILDING ASSESSMENT

This project was started in 2016 but was never completed. Commissioner Hood would like to be the contact person for this and finish the assessment that was started in August 2016 with the University of Colorado/Denver Architectural program.

EMERGENCY FACILITY USE AGREEMENT WITH SCHOOL

This is an agreement between the county and the school district that allows the school to be used as an evacuation center during emergencies. County Attorney, Clint Smith, reviewed this agreement. The only change he suggested was to identify Custer County as a political subdivision of the State of Colorado.

MOTION by Commissioner Printz, seconded by Commissioner Hood, to accept the agreement for emergency facility service with the change suggested. Motion carried unanimously.

WETMORE COMMUNITY CENTER/LIBRARY PROJECT

Commissioner Printz gave an update on the WCCLP and the change order that was discussed during the February 17th BOCC meeting. The board was able cut \$24,752.20 from the change order. They are still waiting on grant approvals from the USDA and the Adolph Coors Foundation. Commissioner Kattnig has also been in contact with DOLA discussing additional grant monies. The approximate total cost of the project is \$883,000.

DARK SKIES DESIGNATION

Dark Skies is requesting that the Wet Mountain Valley be designated as a Dark Skies Reserve. Both the towns of Westcliffe and Silver Cliff are Dark Skies compatible communities. Dark Skies Chairman, Jim Bradburn, would like to have a forum where questions could be addressed.

CUSTER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The board received an email from CCEDC Chairman, Charles Bogle, making them aware that the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade are now accepting applications regarding the 2017 community assessment.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Commissioner Hood feels it is important that the BOCC have one person that responds to the media and she would like to be that contact. Commissioner Printz would like for the board members to see any correspondence to the media before it goes out.

WETMORE FLOODING UPDATE

Commissioner Kattnig reported that they are working on getting funding for flood gauges on the bridges. They also are working on plans for mitigation and clean up along the creeks.

The board recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 1:07 p.m. in the Commissioner's Boardroom.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Commissioner Hood, seconded by Commissioner Kattnig, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters citing C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4) (f). Motion carried unanimously.

The board reconvened back into regular session at 2:12 p.m.

Commissioner Kattnig confirmed that the discussion remained on topic and that no matters were adopted and no actions or decisions were made. County Attorney, Clint Smith, confirmed this.

MOTION by Commissioner Printz, seconded by Commissioner Hood, to direct County Attorney, Clint Smith, to write a letter on their behalf regarding a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Hood, seconded by Commissioner Printz, to formally interview all three candidates for the Road and Bridge Assistant Supervisor position. Motion carried unanimously.

Having no further business, Commissioner Kattnig adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

BOCC Chairman, Bob Kattnig

Attest:
County Clerk & Recorder, Kelley S. Camper