

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 20, 2005**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTER COUNTY MET IN REGULAR SESSION WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dale Hoag	Chairman
Dick Downey	Vice-chair
Kit Shy	Commissioner
Ric Ferron	County Administrator
Debbie Livengood	Clerk to the Board

Chairman Hoag called the meeting to order at 7:10pm at the Wetmore Community Building. There were sixteen people present for the meeting.

Commissioner Downey and Bill Donley toured the Greenwood area in Wetmore where the Mason Gulch Fire was this summer. Mr. Donley reported that everything burned. Even the green timber burned due to the fire getting so hot. There seems to be no bad erosion and the springs are running very well. There are areas that do have grass as tall as 3" high. The US Forest Service has been re-seeding the area with six different types of grasses.

Charlie Judge, Fire Chief for the Wetmore Volunteer Fire Department, made a request that the county pay the electric bill at the new fire station.

Commissioner Downey made a motion seconded by Commissioner Shy to continue paying the electric bill for the new firehouse just as they have done previously for the fire department. Motion carried unanimously.

Greg Tabuteau reported that Mr. Healy Sr. verbally promised to supply water to the fire department free of charge. The fire department is in the process of obtaining a written agreement with Mr. Healy Sr..

Commissioner Shy stated that Mike Gaylord has been working with BLM on a grant that has been secured. These funds will be used to do an assessment plan during the winter months on how to do fuel reduction. Kenny Patterson who is a fireman with the Wet Mountain Valley Fire Protection District is going to be helping with the assessment plan along with other Wet Mountain Fire Protection District Personnel in our county identifying the areas of need for fuel reduction.

The Board answered questions concerning the proposed 3mill levy increase for the Road & Bridge Department and the proposed RTA Tax.

Jerome Weigel, "Thanked" the Board for holding a portion of their meeting throughout the year in Wetmore.

Being no further business the Board adjourned.