

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, JULY 31, 2006**

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

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

County payroll and accounts payable were approved from the following funds:

County General	\$155,205.39
Road & Bridge	62,081.21
Emergency Service	10,060.35
Social Service Dept.	14,930.54
Capital Improvement	1,391.17
Total	\$243,668.66

A meeting was scheduled for August 3rd at 7:00pm in the commissioner's room to further discuss a building code.

OEM Director, Craig Feldmann, met with the Board concerning the Verdemon VHS radio tower site. According to Craig, the site Mary Jagow deeded to the county is approx. 20' X 60'. An additional five feet of property is needed. Craig has contacted Mr. Mitchell who now owns the property where the extra five feet is needed to inquire if he would be willing to deed it to the county.

According to Craig, Mr. Mitchell has an old electrical pole on his property that he would like to have removed. Craig would like to propose to Mr. Mitchell that the county would remove the pole and run under-ground power from where the pole exists to his house in exchange for the additional easement. Commissioner Shy made a motion seconded by Commissioner Hoag to grant permission to the OEM Director to negotiate with Scott Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

County Health Nurse, Kelly Johnson, met with the Board to give her monthly report. There were eleven well child exams/physicals given in the month of July, twenty-three children's immunizations and ten adult immunizations given, seventy-five health screenings done and one reportable illness. She reviewed her calendar of upcoming

events with the Board, such as the tabletop exercise that is scheduled for September 7th, Strategic National Stockpile Exercise on October 12th, and the Mass Vaccination Exercise on November 4th that will be held at the school. Kelly will be doing influenza vaccine shots for the county as part of this exercise and the Custer County Community Foundation has agreed to fund the vaccine needed. Kelly purchased five DVD/VCR's with grant money she received.

Jean Mavromatis, Tobacco Prevention Coordinator, met with the Board to give her monthly report. The county received \$5,000.00 in grant money on July 19th from the "Persistent Drunk Driver" cash fund. This fund is intended to deter persistent drunk driving by educating the public, with particular emphasis on the education of young drivers, regarding the dangers of drunk driving.

John Grieve, from the State Forest Service, and Ed Skerjanec, with BLM from Canon City, and Roy Masinton, met with the Board to update them on the Tyndall Gulch and Hardscrabble fires. Also present for their presentation was Mick Kastendieck, Yvonne Squire, and Len Lankford. They are estimating that approx. four acres burned on the Hardscrabble fire. Mr. Grieve stated that due to the prompt response of the air tankers there was very little acreage burned on Hardscrabble. John went on to say there was only one drop from a heavy air tanker and the rest were made by smaller planes. The Forest Service does not know what the cost of the fire is yet; however, John thought the forest service might pay for the cost of six drops. Roy Masinton suggested that the county work on a dollar figure that they feel the county could pay and notify the office. They will try to work with the county. Roy also suggested that the county put together a Contingent Fund or authorize the fire department to expend a certain amount of dollars out of the county's budget if needed. The contingent fund would include county and Wet Mountain Fire Protection District dollars for air support use.

Karen Crumbaker, the new Extension Agent, met with the Board to say "Hello" and let them know she is now in the office. The county fair, livestock sale, and weed tour were discussed. Karen also shared with the Board that she is looking for alternative methods for weed control for those individuals that have problems with chemicals.

Karen asked the Board what they expected from the Extension Office in terms of the Economic Development Committee. She does not understand the connection between the two. The Board suggested that she visit with Joel Plath.

The Board adjourned at 3:45pm.