

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 29, 2006**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTER COUNTY MET IN A
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

Also present was: Commissioner-Elect Carole Custer and Nora Drenner.

Meeting was called to order at 8:50am.

The pledge was recited.

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

County General	\$158,518.30
Road & Bridge	64,100.70
Emergency Service	11,105.65
Social Service Dept.	14,454.64
Capital Improvement	2,000.00
Total	\$250,179.29

Old Business

Commissioner Downey informed the other two commissioners that the extension agent had mailed the evaluation back to CSU that both Karen and the board reviewed at their last meeting together.

Extension Agent, Karen Crumbaker, mailed a letter to the board of the South Eastern Colorado Water Conservancy District notifying them that our county is not interested in participating in their study.

Commissioner Shy informed the other two commissioners that Under-Sheriff, Craig Feldmann, representing the county, attended a meeting where the hospital and fire districts were discussing the funds needed to remove the old tower from the Verdemont site. It was decided to divide the cost into thirds between the three entities.

New Business

The possibility of appointing a commissioner to the airport board was discussed.

Commissioner Hoag made a motion seconded by Commissioner Shy to approve the San Isabel Lodge 3.2 beer license. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hoag made a motion seconded by Commissioner Shy to transfer \$9,309.22 from the Conservation Trust Fund to the County General Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

The sheriff's report for the month of December was approved.

Commissioner Hoag made a motion seconded by Commissioner Shy to transfer \$2,950.92 from the Conservation Trust Fund to the County General Fund (interest only). Motion carried unanimously.

Rusty Christensen reported that blowing snow in the landfill trench is an ongoing problem.

Road and Bridge Supervisor, Clint Englehart dropped by to report on the road conditions.

Bob Senderhauf met with the Board to discuss the Upper Ark Water Conservancy District meetings that were held on November 10th and November 30th. He noted that the local representation was very low. Bob provided the Board with packets of information from the above meetings that outlined the history and responsibilities of the district. Bob mentioned that on January 11, 2007 there would be a meeting with the US Geologic Survey to describe a proposed water study of the Upper Arkansas Basin. Bob mentioned concerns he has with the prioritization of goals within the Upper Ark and the fact that Custer County is not getting the support from county representation on the district board. The Board decided to invite both the county Upper Ark representatives and the Round Mountain Water & Sanitation board members to meet in an attempt to get all entities on a united front for the county. The administrator will contact all entities to schedule a meeting and follow up with a letter.

Donna McDonnall met with the Board to give her monthly report. There were thirty-five child immunizations given in the month of November, ninety-four adult immunizations and twenty-two flu shots, along with forty-eight health screenings in November. There were also two reportable illnesses. Donna reported that she had completed the Emergency Operation Plan. She met with Mark Korbitz, Regional Coordinator for the South Region Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Program, on December 19th, to critique the plan. There will be a copy of this operation plan available in the Westcliffe Library and on the county's website.

The county has been reimbursed the funds that EPR agreed to pay for food and snacks for the immunization exercise that was held on November 4th. These funds have been given to the treasurer.

Donna presented to the Board a copy of a contract written by the administrator of the Hospital District. The contract is between the county and the Wet Mountain Valley Clinic and defines what the county and the clinic agree to provide for the purpose of helping each other.

Commissioner Shy made a motion seconded by Commissioner Downey to sign the contract between the county and the clinic with two additional amendments. The first amendment would be that the contract states "This agreement can be terminated by either party within 30 written days notice to the other party" and "This agreement will be enforceable for one year from the date stated above". Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Shy made a motion seconded by Commissioner Hoag to go into executive session on a personnel issue citing C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hoag made a motion seconded by Commissioner Shy to reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hoag made a motion seconded by Commissioner Shy to hire Gail Stolzhus and Donna McDonnall for the position of county health nurse. Donna will work 20 hours a week, and Gail will work eight hours a week at the salary discussed starting on January 1, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Cline, Planning and Zoning Interim, met with the Board in reference to the GIS efforts as they impact our emergency services. As the database increases it will add to the potential uses of the information and potential grant funding. It will also assist with economic development efforts.

Jeff Holmberg, Dee Hoag, Darell Geroux, Judy Rafferty, Chris Riggs, Roger Camper, along with Bob and Phyllis McConnell met with the Board, not as an organization, but as individuals, to give a presentation of how to possibly resolve the problem the clinic is experiencing with recruiting volunteers, and the retention of volunteer EMT's. Those present were presenting the concept of creating an EMS Special District that would be a sister organization to the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District. The creation of this district would be a special district of its own, it would have it's own board of directors, and its own funding. There would be a core staff that would be employed full time and paid for their services. However, the organization would still be open for volunteers. Chris, who was giving the presentation, stated that they have already met with the Fire and Hospital Districts and both of these entities are in complete support of the concept. The reason for meeting with the Board was to inquire if the county would support the concept as well. The county agreed that this is a very good idea to pursue. They did state that they thought it should be made clear to the public that this district would not be housed with the fire department. It also needs to be clear that an individual that wants to be an EMT or a fireman does not have to be a part of both organizations to volunteer their time.

Being no further business, the Board adjourned at 3:40pm.