

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 9th, 2007**

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

Also present were: Carole Custer, Commissioner Elect
Dave Custer and Nora Drenner.

Meeting was called to order at 8:30am.

The pledge was recited.

Old Business

Commissioner Hoag made a motion seconded by Commissioner Shy to approve the minutes of November 30th, December 4th, 5th, 29th 2006 and January 3rd, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussed the need to contact the credit card company and have Dale's name removed from the account.

The Board adjourned at 9:00am from their regular scheduled meeting. Everyone moved into the courtroom for the swearing-in ceremony of the newly elected officials.

The Board reconvened into the commissioner's room at 10:30am with newly elected commissioner, Carole Custer to conduct business.

Commissioner Shy made a motion seconded by Commissioner Custer to make the following appointments.

<i>Chairman of the Board</i>	<i>Dick Downey</i>
<i>Vice-chair</i>	<i>Kit Shy</i>
<i>Clerk to the Board</i>	<i>Debbie Livengood</i>
<i>County Attorney</i>	<i>John Naylor</i>
<i>County Surveyor</i>	<i>Daniel Wachob</i>
<i>Road & Bridge Supervisor</i>	<i>Clint Englehart</i>
<i>Assistant Supervisor</i>	<i>Dave Trujillo</i>
<i>Wetmore</i>	<i>Larry Haynes</i>
<i>County Administrator</i>	<i>Ric Ferron</i>

*Custodian
Social Service Director
Publishers
Depositories*

*Russ Conner
Laura Lockhart
Wet Mountain Tribune
Colorado Mountain Bank
Sunflower Bank of Canon City
Wells Fargo Bank
Colo Trust*

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Shy made a motion seconded by Commissioner Custer to set the calendar for commissioners meetings and to schedule holidays for 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Custer asked to have a discussion concerning the appointments to various boards. She suggested that the Board interview those individuals that are interested in participating on the various boards before making any appointments.

Commissioner Custer made a motion seconded by Commissioner Shy to postpone appointments to the Board of Zoning Adjustment, Planning Commission, and associate members to these boards until the commissioners have the opportunity to meet with those who are interested in serving on these boards. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board scheduled the evening of January 29th at 7:00pm and January 30th at 8:30am to hold interviews with the individuals that are interested in the various boards mentioned above.

Commissioner Shy made a motion seconded by Commissioner Custer to make the following appointments.

*Deputy Planning & Zoning Director
Code Enforcement Officer
Clerk/Secretary
UAACOG*

RC&D

SCEDD

Work Force Board

*Christy Kesselring
Jackie Hobby
Elizabeth French
Kit Shy
Dick Downey
Carole Custer
Dick Downey
Kit Shy
Carole Custer
Kit Shy
Dick Downey
Carole Custer
Cindi Howard – County Rep.
Carole Custer
Kit Shy
Chuck Steigerwalt – Business Rep.*

*Director, Emergency Management
Airport Authority Board
(4-year terms)*

*Christy Feldmann
Art Nordyke (09)
Dave Cross (09)
Allen Butler (11)
Lynn LaGree (11)
Glyndon Scott (10)*

911 Authority Board

*Kit Shy
Dick Downey
Donna McDonnall
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Chuck Ippolito – Primary Rep.
Jesse Souza – Primary Rep.
Cynthia Huber – Primary Rep.
Donna McDonnall – Alternate
Joe Franta – Alternate
Toloa Pearl – Alternate*

*County Health Nurse
County Health Officer
SECRETAC Rep / Custer County*

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Shy made a motion seconded by Commissioner Downey to make the following appointments.

*County Extension Advisory Board
(3-year terms)*

*Tom Flower (FFA Advisor)
Arlie Riggs (10)
Leona Draper (10)
Donna McDonnall (08)
Don Kaufman (08)
Elizabeth Watson (08)
Eugene Berry (Foundation Rep)
Sara Shields (09)*

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Downey made a motion seconded by Commissioner Shy to make the following appointments.

***Wetmore Community Board
(1 year-terms)***

*Alden Gray (Chairman)
Betty Gray
Burl Stearns (Vice-chair)
Irene Stearns (Treasurer)
Carolyn Shellenberger (Secretary)
Eddie Yellico
Jerome Weigel*

*John Spaar
Ed Kreuz
Nancy Kreuz*

***Wetmore Community Library Board
(1-year terms)***

*Judy Van Acker (Chairman)
Monja Nordyke (Vice-chair)
Lisa Lawson (Secretary)
Carolyn Shellenberger (Treasurer)
Dennis Tomar*

Enterprise Zone Representative *Sue Hutton*

UAACOG Revolving Loan Rep. *Sue Hutton*

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Shy made a motion seconded by Commissioner Custer to defer appointments to the Economic Development Committee and Steering Committee following their next meeting that is scheduled for January 11th. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Shy asked that the extension agent ask Sue Hutton if she would be interested in serving on the Economic Development Board and in what capacity. They also would like the extension agent to try and find a real estate representative to sit on the board.

Commissioner Shy made a motion seconded by Commissioner Downey to designate the lobby of the courthouse as the official posting place for the commissioners meeting agendas. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Norris, Custer County Elementary Principal, Charlotte Harvey, Director of the preschool, and Terry Eiland, Assistant Director of the preschool, met with the Board in reference to their playground equipment. The present playground equipment has been earmarked as “aging equipment”. Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Eiland are going to apply for a GoCo mini grant. The grant they are submitting is for \$45,000.00. If they’re awarded the grant, they would receive approx. \$31,000.00.

They are asking the Board if they would consider writing a letter of support to be attached to the grant application. They also would like the county to do the dirt work for the playground. This would be considered an in kind donation on the application. The school is going to budget funds in their 2007 fiscal budget for the playground equipment and will maintain the equipment.

Commissioner Shy suggested that they try to have the town take down the existing equipment and remove it from the premises; have the county do the dirt work that is needed; and inquire through the sheriff or the under-sheriff about the inmates doing the landscaping. Both the dirt work and the landscaping will need to have a value amount attached to the work.

The Board agreed to write a letter of support for the preschool to be attached to their grant for a GoCo mini grant.

Commissioner Shy made a motion seconded by Commissioner Custer to adjourn for lunch at 12:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened at 1:00pm.

The Board conducted two interviews with individuals that were interested in being appointed to the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Adjustment, or as alternates to these boards. Cindy Howard was the first individual interviewed and then Sara Senderhauf. Both of these individuals were not going to be available for the January 29th or 30th interviews.

Christy Kesselring started with the expectations of the appointment. There are eleven site tours, eleven meetings, and information packets that need to be read and researched prior to the meeting. The Board explained that there would be a total of four questions asked of each person. Each commissioner, along with Christy, would ask the same question of each person. The questions asked were: 1) How much time do you expect being appointed to this Board will require each month? 2) Why do you want to serve on this Board? 3) What strengths and background will you bring to this Board? 4) What do you believe will be the most important land issues within the next three years?

The Board met with Brian Cline to continue a discussion that was started on January 3rd concerning the expectations of Brian in the zoning office after he graduates in May. Also discussed was the salary to be paid for the position of zoning director. Commissioner Downey reviewed that it was the original intent that Brian would be hired to work on the GIS system at \$10.00 per hour until he graduates in May. After graduation, he would be hired as a full time employee at a salary of \$30,000.00 a year. Christy Kesselring would cross-train Brian in all of the duties of the office so that he would be able to manage the office when she terminates her employment, due to the fact she is moving to Pueblo. There was no zoning director position budgeted for in the 2007 budget. However, the position of intern/officer has a budget amount of \$29,000.00.

Christy Kesselring, who was also present for the meeting, stated that she felt this position should have a starting salary of \$38,000.00. She explained that she felt this amount was justified due to the fact that it is 20% less than elected officials are paid, and that position does not have to be elected every four years. Along with the fact that two years ago that was the dollar amount that was being paid to the director of that office.

The Board agreed that until Brian graduates, he would continue to work on the GIS system as an interim. After graduation in May, he will become a full time employee and his salary will be \$38,000.00 a year. This will be paid in a prorated fashion, as Brian will not be working for all of 2007, only the last six months. There will be a six-month probation period as well. Christy will prepare an evaluation of Brian's work for the Board through his training period prior to her leaving the office.

Commissioner Shy explained to Brian that after assuming the duties of director in the zoning office, the GIS system is only a part (15%) of the duties in that office.

The Board informed Len Lankford that there is a problem with the berm along-side County Road 328 in front of his business. According to the Road & Bridge supervisor, he has been receiving complaints that on windy days the snow blowing off the berm is causing white out conditions along the road. Len commented that he had no idea there was a problem.

Dave Trujillo suggested that possibly installing a snow fence about 100' south of the existing berm might help. However, in order for the snow fence to work effectively, the existing berm would need to be cut down in height. Dave stated that he thought the problem with the berm was that it was located too close to the road and had the wrong slope to it.

Len suggested that the road & bridge crew bring their equipment onto his property and plow in a snow berm on the inside of the existing dirt berm. He believes this would eliminate the problem. Dave responded by stating that they did not have time to plow right now, plus it would take two graders to do the job and he really does not believe that it would help the situation.

Commissioner Downey made it very clear to Mr. Lankford that this is a problem that he created. The Board is putting him on notice that he has "created a traffic hazard" and there could be potential problems caused from it. Commissioner Shy stated that the county could not justify the expense or man-hours to have the road and bridge crew correct a problem that they did not create.

Len Lankford, owner of Green Leaf Forestry, Robin Young, owner of Young's Forestry, and Dastagir Golam who is doing his internship from the Munich University of Technology with Len Lankford, met with the Board concerning the community fire plan. Len presented an overview of the CWFPP (Colorado Wildfire Fire Protection Plan) to the Board. The Bureau of Land Management provided the county with \$10,000.00 to be used to create a study that would provide the county with a fire plan. The current planning effort was started in July 2006 with community meetings that involved all of the property owner associations and citizens of the county to help identify problem areas and begin planning a process to prioritize the wild land interface areas for grant purposes from the US Forest Service.

Len plans to write this fire plan using an existing outline to work from. He has set July 1, 2007 as the target date to have his report into the commissioners for their review. There will be a draft plan written prior to this date for the public input.

Being no further business the Board adjourned.