

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING, MAY 28, 2009**

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

Lynn Attebery	Chairman
Jim Austin	Vice-Chairman
Carole Custer	Commissioner
Kris Lang	Deputy Clerk to the Board

Also present was Nora Drenner reporter for the Wet Mountain Tribune and several community members.

AGENDA:

Call meeting to order  
Pledge of allegiance  
Amend Agenda  
Approve minutes: April 29, 30 and May 4, 2009

Old Business:

Urban Land Improvement Conference June 4 and 5, 2009

Staff Report:

Kids Club  
Hanssen Haus Resource Center  
Landfill

12:30 PM WORK SESSION @ CLIFF LANES COMMUNITY ROOM  
Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District (USWCD)  
Ralph (Terry) Scanga, Jr., General Manager

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Custer:**

To accept the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Attebery:**

To approve the BOCC minutes from April 29, 30 and May 4, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Attebery reported he had received a letter from Colorado Technical Services Inc. requesting an update on the insurance recommendations at the HHRC. He said the status would be addressed with the Resource Navigator during her monthly report. He shared a letter from Governor Ritter acknowledging Custer County's award of affordable housing funds.

Commissioner Austin reported he would be attending the Urban Land Improvement Conference June 4 and 5, 2009. He remarked the criteria of the conference falls under sustainability and recycling. He proposed the tuition or registration portion of the conference be covered under the recycling fund. The Board agreed.

Commissioner Attebery reported he would be attending the Colorado Courthouse Security Conference June 11 and 12, 2009.

Commissioner Custer reported she is attending the Annual State Department of Human Services Child Welfare Conference and State Board meeting on June 4 and 5, 2009. She is attending the Colorado Counties Incorporated Summer Conference on June 8, 9 and 10, 2009.

Commissioner Attebery reported Dave Trujillo, Road and Bridge Supervisor will be the Dark Skies contact person regarding the proposed courthouse lighting. Commissioner Attebery reported that the renovations to the Commodities Distribution Room at the south end of the Scale House is progressing.

Terri Chambers, Lisa Kaufman and Bob Tobin met with the BOCC and gave a monthly report on the Custer County Kids Club (CCKC). Ms. Chambers reported there were thirteen (13) children enrolled in the club. She reported that the open house scheduled on May 20, 2009 was a success and provided the Club with positive public exposure. She said the CCKC Advisory Board was reviewing the current enrollment fees in an effort to make participation more affordable for the community. Bob Tobin reported that one of the strategies is to develop and maintain a fund for the purpose of providing financial assistance support to families that are not eligible under TANF and Child Care funds. Private and regional sources such as El Pomar and Mile High United Way are being contacted as well as other organizations that support projects to help subsidize the tuition for needy families. He reported that the Advisory Board was also looking into changes that can be made that would make families more eligible. Ms. Chamber distributed a schedule of CCKC summer activities and pointed out that the Children will collect recyclables around the neighborhood including regular visits to homes of elderly or homebound residents. Ms. Chamber and Mr. Tobin submitted several purchase requisitions to the BOCC.

**MOTION by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Austin:**

To approve the CCKC purchase requisitions submitted using the TANF reserve funds available for that purpose. Commissioner Attebery stated for the record the BOCC understands the vagueness under the mileage portion of one of the requisitions being submitted today. He stated the CCKC Advisory Board will report back to the BOCC with a definite figure as soon as it is available. Motion carried unanimously.

Lorraine Silva, Resource Navigator met with the BOCC and gave a monthly report on the Hanssen Haus Resource Center (HHRC). She reported that Probation Counseling and the Colorado Workforce are occupying office space in the HHRC. She reported that as of today the conference room is regularly being used by: the Tourism Board, CC Interagency Network, Prevention Leadership Council, the Youth Club, the Emergency Response Team, CCNPC, High Country Recycling Board as well as the Affordable Housing Committee and the Upper Arkansas Housing Department for workshops.

Ms. Silva stated she will be working with Laura Lockhart regarding the County becoming the fiscal agent once again to continue to provide support services under a Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) grant that is currently up for renewal. In the PSSD there is a small amount allowed to administrate these funds that would also help the HHRC in satisfying TANF requirements. Ms. Silva reported that she is also working on the Energy Outreach Grant. She reported on the HHRC recent plumbing and septic repairs. Ms. Silva gave a report on the Veterans Service Office and stated that the Tobacco Fund Grant name has been changed to the Veterans Trust Fund. She has submitted the renewal application to the State. She stated that the Veteran Service Training she attended from May 4 though May 8, 2009 was helpful and provided her with additional contacts and potential resources. She said that both the May 16, 2009 Armed Forces Day events and the Vietnam Veterans Parade were successful. She reported that she has submitted her hourly time report for January, February, March and April to Laura Lockhart as required. Ms. Silva commented that on June 6 and 7, 2009 Colorado is waiving the fees and fishing license requirement. However, all other regulations including how many fish you can keep, areas where there are bait restrictions and the requirement to have a Habitant Stamp to enter a State Wildlife Area remain in effect.

Commissioner Attebery advised following confirmation with Kristi Geroux from the Sheriffs Office the emergency radio that was given to Lorraine Silva at the HHRC was reissued to Donna McDonnall, County Health Nurse. The telephone 911 usage at the HHRC was successfully checked and the HHRC is included in the panic button security alarm system proposal.

Commissioner Attebery requested clarification and confirmation on whether the work session was a continuation of the BOCC meeting or a separate function. Following a brief discussion the Board agreed that as a matter of protocol the BOCC would not make any binding decisions requiring a motion or obligate the County to do anything during any work session. All work session will be recorded and separate minutes will be prepared.

**MOTION by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Attebery:**  
**To adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

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Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder  
Attest

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Lynn Attebery  
Chair

BOARD OF CUSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION

May 28, 2009  
12:30 PM  
Cliff Lanes Community Room

Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District (UAWCD)  
Ralph (Terry) Scanga, Jr., General Manager

Commissioner Attebery thanked everyone for coming and asked everyone in the audience to introduce themselves.

Terry Scanga UAWCD General Manager welcomed everyone and summarized that the UAWCD was formed in 1979 to protect and secure water in the Upper Arkansas Basin. Custer County joined the UAWCD in 1982. He stated the UAWCD has been working on the Custer County Water Augmentation Plan for over five year and it was time to move to the next step. He advised the dead line for filing the plan with the State is June 30, 2009.

Mr. Scanga explained a water augmentation plan is a way for junior appropriators to obtain water supplies through terms and conditions approved by a water court that protect senior water rights from the depletions caused by the new diversions.

Mr. Scanga gave a slide show presentation to the audience and outlined:

- UAWCD purpose and goal
- protection of senior water rights
- water consumption, supply and storage
- UAWCD on-going water studies
- representation on the Colorado and Arkansas Basin Round Table
- affordability of augmented water to the local home owner

Ivan Walters, UAWCD Engineer outlined:

- water exchanges with Texas Creek and Grape Creek drainages
- construction of reservoirs along Grape Creek and Texas Creek
- UAWCD acquired local water rights

Audience Questions and Comments:

- revise the archaic laws water permits
- explanation of the application process
- identifying out of compliance water users
- priority list for use and cost of the augmented water
- monitored and metered wells
- impacted water rights
- protection for all water users
- county zone land use regulations vs augmented water

The Work Session ended at 2:45 PM.

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Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder  
Attest

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Lynn Attebery  
Chair