

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 1, 2009**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTER COUNTY MET IN REGULAR SESSION 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
- Approval of Minutes
- Joel Plath - CSU
- Donna McDonnall – Public Health Nurse Report
- Jean Mavromatis – Tobacco Education & Prevention Coordinator
- Christy Feldman – OEM
- Dawn Hobby – Human Resource & Finance Report
- Laura Lockhart – Social Services Report
- Dave Trujillo – Road and Bridge
- Dorothy Urban – Presentation
- Allen Butler – Airport Board

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Attebery advised that Commissioner Custer would be delayed due to a medical commitment.

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

To accept the agenda as posted. Motion carried.

Joel Plath, CSU Extension met with the Board and advised that an assigned CSU Director is required to keep the Custer County Extension Office active. He proposed having Fremont County CSU Agent, Tommy Covington serve as the interim Director for Custer County starting June 1, 2009. He reported that approximately 20% of Mr. Covington's schedule would support Custer County at a cost of \$1,407 for the remainder of 2009. In addition Custer County would reimburse Mr. Covington for his travel between Canon City and Westcliffe and his official travel within Custer County. Mr. Plath stated Mr. Covington and Extension Office Manager, Beverly Goetz already had an established rapport and he felt comfortable and confident with the interim arrangement.

Mr. Plath stated the CSU Director job description was being reviewed and outlined that the mountain counties need for a Director with knowledge and experience in 4-H, natural resources, small acreages, western water rights, native plants and noxious weeds. He remarked that he would meet with the BOCC after a more detailed description was available.

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

To accept the appointment of Tommy Covington as the interim part-time County CSU Director for the remainder of 2009. Mr.Covington will provide 20% of his schedule to support Custer County at a cost of \$1407 and this cost will be borne by Custer County. Motion carried.

Donna McDonnall, County Health Nurse met with the BOCC and gave her monthly report for May 2009. She reported 40 childhood immunizations, 9 adult immunization, 28 blood pressure screenings and 110 free sports physicals were administered. She advised Custer County currently does not have any reported cases of the H1N1 Flu. She reported under the strategic national stockpile guidelines the anti-virals are being stored in an undisclosed location. Ms McDonnall thanked and complimented the Medical Response Core (MRC) volunteers for their assistance during the initial H1N1 incident and reported the value of the MRC members donating time was approximately \$2100. She reported there is currently a backorder and shortage of Adult Hepatitis A vaccine. Ms. McDonnall advised that well child physicals can be referred to the Fremont County Nursing Services and that she would follow-up with the Department of Social Services to provide this service as part of the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG). She proposed hiring one (1) summer intern under the Medical Reserve Core (MRC) grant and one (1) summer intern under the Emergency Preparedness Response (EPR) grant.

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

To hire two (2) summer interns as presented to be funded by the MRC and EPR grants. Motion carried.

Jean Mavromatis, Tobacco Education & Prevention Coordinator gave her monthly report. She advised the State Tobacco Education Prevention Partnership (STEPP) Grant for 2010 was being reduced to \$29,187 and the Persistent Drunk Driver (PDD) grant was increased to \$25,000. She reported the Midnight Masquerade post prom party was held on May 7, 2009 and advised the Wet Mountain Melt Down (alcohol free dance) is scheduled on June 19, 2009. Ms. Mavromatis left PSD-STEP-A5 grant paperwork with the Board for Commissioner Custer's review and signature as the designated and authorized Officer for grant applications.

The BOCC recessed at 11:00 AM.

The BOCC reconvened at 11:15 AM.

Dawna Hobby, Human Resource/Finance Manager met with the BOCC and gave her monthly report. She completed the census survey, workman's compensation case summary, insurance review and updates on all the county equipment and vehicles. She reported the TANF expenditure spread sheets for the CCKC, CCYC and HHRC are near completion. Ms. Hobby advised that Resource Navigator, Lorraine Silva prepared the spread sheet format that is being utilized by all three programs. Ms. Hobby reviewed the weight scale certification guidelines and said it would be financially feasible to schedule the scale certification prior to cattle and hay season. Following a brief discussion with the Board it was agreed the scale fees would be distributed as follow: The \$5 fee for loads under 40,000 lbs, \$3 to the county and \$2 to the weigher. The \$10 fee for loads over 40,000, \$7 to the county and \$3 to the weigher.

Commissioner Custer joined the meeting at 11:30 AM.

Laura Lockhart, Department of Social Services Director met with the BOCC and gave her monthly report. She presented the department's allocation report. She stated she would mitigate the foster care child welfare fund as required. She stated she had met with Donna McDonnall, County Health Nurse and discussed the proposal of providing day care and preschool physicals under the Community Service Block Grant. (CSBG). She reported the Tripartite Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 2009 and requested Kris Lang, Administrative Assistant attend to ensure a quorum. Ms. Lockhart reported she would review the expenditure spread sheets for the CCKC, CCYC and HHRC programs with Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) Field Administrator, Tom Perkins for the proper coding. She explained that the approved vouchers for the CCKC, CCYC and HHRC would be processed in her department at the close of the month and a check would then be issued to the county. Afterwards that check and vouchers would be forwarded to the state for reimbursement. Commissioner Custer asked if a hand written check could be issued and forwarded to the state before the June 30, 2009 deadline. Ms. Lockhart responded that she would check into the guidelines and advise the BOCC. She advised that the commodity room security concerns were being reviewed and discussed with Courthouse Security Deputy, Mike Halpin. She reported all the food stored in the commodities room had been distributed to the community.

Commissioner Attebery reported there were 5,861 hits to the county website from February 19 through June 1, 2009.

**MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Austin:**  
**To recess the meeting for lunch. Motion carried unanimously.**

The BOCC recessed at 12:10 PM.

The BOCC reconvened at 1:00 PM.

Christe Feldmann, Office of Emergency Management met with the BOCC and gave a report. She stated the Defensible Space and Wildfire Protection Training had been completed. She reported that Black Hills Energy is willing to participate in the power line fire mitigation 50:50 cost share program. Ms. Feldmann outlined the contents of the zoning packets being distributed to the affected landowners: contractor form, project proposal, cost share project information sheet, zoning map and implementation plan summary. She advised the free kick-off picnic for the affected landowners and interested defensive space contractors and agencies is scheduled at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at the Silver Cliff Town Park. She presented a copy of the letters that will be issued to the landowners and property owner association. Ms. Feldmann reported she had participated in the interviewing process for the Regional Coordinator position in Pueblo last week and a final determination will be forthcoming. She reported the Homeland Security Grant would provide 15 radios to the Wet Mountain Fire Department, 7 radios to the Wetmore Fire Department and 1 radio to the Road and Bridge Supervisor. She advised in the future, grant funds could be withheld from counties not participating in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) training.

Dave Trujillo, Road and Bridge Supervisor met with the BOCC and gave his report. Work completed: graded county roads, worked on the Querida Road and Highway 96 project, blade patched Copper Gulch Road, repaired the sewer line and moved the water line at the HHRC. Work planned: continue to grade county roads, try to put base one down in the Wetmore area, base one on CR 27, Bear Basin, seal cracks and patch, haul material from the pit to Querida to build up the approach and install a culvert on CR 304 and the forest service will supply the culvert.

Mr. Trujillo submitted the Road and Bridge Department (R&B D) budget report from January 1 to May 28, 2009 along with the fuel consumption report itemized by department usage from April 25, 2009 to May 24, 2009. Commissioner Austin inquired on the fuel from the county shop protocol for the Emergency Management Service (EMS). Mr. Trujillo responded fuel consumption for the EMS would be submitted as part of the R&B D 2010 budget. Commissioner Austin inquired on the status for the proposed gravel behind the Search and Rescue Building. Mr. Trujillo responded the R&B D had a limited amount of millings available at this time and advised the project would require approximately 25 cubic yards. He will notify the BOCC when additional millings are available for the project. He asked about the protocols for the sale of outdated county vehicles and the Board responded they had discussed the issue with the County Attorney and the vehicles may be disposed at the discretion of the BOCC. Mr. Trujillo commented that R&B D will rent a crack sealer for use at the airport and on county roads. He said the Town of Westcliffe requested R&B D assistance to crack seal their roads. He stated that the project was too labor intensive for the R&B D at this time

Mr. Trujillo stated that the Road and Bridge Department is closed on Fridays during the summer months and since the Fourth of July holiday is observed on Friday this year he asked if the BOCC had any preference on whether the R&B D closed on Thursday, July 2 or Monday, July 6 in observance of the holiday. Commissioner Attebery responded that either day would be acceptable. Commissioner Custer inquired on the computation of the holiday compensation. She said if the R&B D worked four (4) ten hour days and observed the holiday on Thursday or Monday their holiday compensation would be for ten hours and not eight hours. Mr. Trujillo responded this method guaranteed a 40 hour work week. He explained the CDOT employees are compensated for eight hours of holiday pay and are required to make up the two extra hours during the work week but the county R&B D employees have always followed this procedure. Commissioner Austin said he understood and remarked that the county was giving the R&B D two extra hours of holiday compensation.

Dorothy Urban reported the organizations she represented were: Frontier Pathways, Pike National Historical Trail Association, Five-County Tourism Board, Trails representing Silver Cliff, Westcliffe and Custer County, Silver Cliff Museum and the Custer County Historical and Geological Society. She advised all the organizations worked in collaboration for the benefit of the community. She said her true interest was bicycling and remarked that she participated in the Bike Centennial across the county. The Bike Centennial was the grandest touring event in the history of bicycle where more than 4,000 bicyclists from around the world took part in this majestic journey to inaugurate the Trans-America Trail. Ms. Urban reported that Governor Ritter signed SB148 that requires drivers give a three-foot buffer to those traveling by bicycle. One of the other key components to the Bill is that it makes it a class 2 misdemeanor for motorists who throw objects at the cyclists or drive toward them aggressively. Ms. Urban explained that southeast Colorado has promoted a leg for the cross-country bicycle path and is working with CDOT to improve and clear the shoulders of the road. She requested the BOCC send a letter to CDOT requesting they include Custer County in the improvement and clearing of road shoulders for bicycle travel.

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

To send a letter to CDOT requesting they include the shoulders along State Highway 96 from Wetmore to Westcliffe as part of the improvement and clearing for the bicycle travel project. If the inclusion cannot be approved this year the county is requested this be included in next year's budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Urban gave an update on the Community Trail System planned for the area. She reported on the Park to Park Trail, Zebulon Pike Peak Trail and future trail proposals. She explained GOCO grants with a 50:50 match were the source of funding. The match is secured with private donations, contributions and in-kind time and service.

Commissioner Austin remarked that CDOT has verbally approved the horse and buggy path and pull outs along State Highway 69 south and inquired if the proposed trail system under the GOCO grant would be affected. Ms. Urban responded that the horse/buggy path and pull outs would be a separate project from the proposed trail system and did not believe would have a direct impact. Commissioner Austin inquired if the proposed trail system would require easements from the property owners. Ms. Urban replied in some cases it would be required since the portions of the project would be outside the right-of-way. Commissioner Custer stated that some of the property owners along Highway 69 south had expressed concern that a portion of their property would be ceased for the project. Ms. Urban responded that the proposed trail system was a collaborative effort benefiting the community and that private land would not be ceased for the project

Allen Butler, David Cross and Art Noryke of the Airport Board met with the BOCC. Commissioner Attebery asked Chuck Ippolito, IT to join the meeting. Mr. Ippolito stated that the county is already paying for a website and the airport could link with the county website for a substantial savings. He explained the airport would retain its domain name for \$10 a year instead of the \$35 voucher fee submitted. He stated that the website posting and maintenance would be free of charge instead of the \$400 voucher fee submitted. The Airport Board members present thanked Mr. Ippolito for his support and recommendation and advised the Airport Board would vote on the proposal at their June 11, 2009 meeting.

Allen Butler gave the BOCC an updated on the airport building. He reported open bids were being accepted for the concrete, heating, plumbing and electric work. The building purchased from White Builders is ready to be delivered following the completion of the R&B D dirt work and the concrete work. Mr. Butler advised a transfer from the County general fund to the airport fund will be necessary for the deposit on the concrete work. He reported they were under the allocated budget for the building at this time.

The BOCC signed a letter to Ralph (Terry) Scanga, Director of the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District requesting a draft of the Custer County Water Augmentation Plan prior to submission and filing with the state.

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

To adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

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Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder  
Attest

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Lynn Attebery  
Chair