

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 12, 2009**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTER COUNTY MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN SAN ISABEL, COLORADO WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

The following members were present at roll call: Commissioner Attebery, Commissioner Austin and Deputy Clerk to the Board, Kris Lang. Also present was Wetmore Road and Bridge Department, Larry Haynes and Kevin Day along with several community members.

AGENDA

- Call meeting to order
- Pledge of allegiance
- Roll Call
- Amend agenda
- Approval of Minutes: July 30, 31, 2009
- Old Business
- US Forest Service - San Carlos District Ranger, Carl Bauer

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To accept the posted agenda. Motion carried.

Commissioner Attebery distributed the Pre Disaster Mitigation Surveys from the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and requested those present complete the survey.

Carl Bauer of the US Forest Service, San Carlos Ranger District met with the BOCC and the following items were discussed:

South Colony Basin Area

The USFS has determined these actions are needed to protect the physical and biological environment surrounding the lakes, steams, trailheads, and routes to the nearby peaks from the steadily increasing level of recreational use.

- Close the South Colony jeep road to vehicle travel approximately 1.5 miles below the terminus of this road.
- Construct a parking area, toilets, and camping facilities near the proposed road closure point at the lower stream crossing.
- Prohibit campfires within ½ miles of Lower and Upper South Colony lakes. Restrict camping within ½ mile of Lower and Upper South Colony lakes to “designated campsites” only.

The BOCC recessed at 12:25 PM.

The BOCC reconvened at 12:45 PM.

Mr. Carl Bauer continued with his report.

Fire

- Hazardous Fuel Reduction Program
- Prevention, Restriction, Safety, Suppression, Mitigation

Noxious Weeds

- Cooperative Weed Management - Jeff Outhier Forest Service Ranger
- JR Phillips Weed Control Department Manager

San Isabel Area

- New lavatory facility building has been completed.
- Accumulated trash and litter disposal procedures in process.

Pueblo County

- Davenport Campground has been reopened; grand opening scheduled for the spring of 2010. Mr. Bauer reported that the Squirrel Creek Campground was the first campground in the Forest Service System and that Squirrel Creek Recreational Unit is on the national register of historic places.

Commissioner Custer joined the BOCC meeting at 1:00PM.

Larry Haynes and Kevin Day of the Wetmore Road and Bridge department proposed a gravel pit on Hardscrabble South. Mr. Bauer responded that he would review and investigate the options regarding the location of the proposed gravel pit.

The Board thanked Carl Bauer, USFS for attending the meeting and providing the report.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Custer:

To approve the BOCC minutes from July 30 and 31, 2009. To approve the Work Session minutes from July 30, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Custer presented a letter of support on the Diverse Datum Grant/Loan Application for the Boards approval and signature. She said the letter has been reviewed by the County Attorney. Commissioner Custer asked that the letter be read into the record. She then read the letter in its entirety.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Custer:

To approval and sign the letter of support for the Diverse Datum Grant/Loan Application as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Custer stated that the BOCC were looking at two possible grant opportunities for the Wetmore. She stated the first would be Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Planning grant to purchase the old Lone Pine Inn Restaurant and Bar. She explained that in the GOCO grant the county in-kind contribution would be to demolish and remove the building. Perhaps the two Volunteer Fire Departments could use the structure for a fire training exercise and then afterwards the two Road and Bridge Departments would demolish the remaining structure, haul away the debris and fill in the basement. Commissioner Custer stated public hearings would be scheduled in Wetmore to get citizen input regarding the restoration of the property.

Approved 08/31/09

Jerome Weigel, citizen expressed a safety concern if the structure was used for a fire training exercise. He commented that the property is becoming a trash disposal site and a serious health hazard. Commissioner Custer thanked Mr. Weigel for his input and concern. She assured him that the BOCC will meet and talk with the Wetmore community before any decisions are made.

Commissioner Custer stated that the second grant is a Governor's Energy Office NEED grant funded through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. With this grant the county will be able to improve ADA physical access to county buildings while making the Hanssen Haus Resource Center (HHRC) more energy efficient. If approved, grant funds will pay for one stair-chair as well as the installation of two stair-chairs at the Wetmore Community Building. She explained that all the county buildings were recently inspected under the Technical Energy Audit (TEA) and the Board is awaiting the assessment results. She said the HHRC has a temporary ADA ramp into the facility and in this grant she is proposing permanent ADA ramps be installed at the front and back entrances to the HHRC. In addition the purchase of windows quilts would add an R6 insulation value for energy savings at the HHRC. Commissioner Custer stated the grant application was due back at the state by the end of the month. She presented a letter of support for the Boards approval and signature. Commissioner Custer asked that the letter be read into the record. She then read the letter in its entirety.

MOTION by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To approve and sign the letter of support as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Attebery reported the county has retained the services of Duncan, Ostrander & Dingess, P.C., for representation in the Custer County Water Augmentation Plan (CCWAP) filed by the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District (UAWCD). He stated Duncan, Ostrander & Dingess have prepared a statement of opposition on behalf of Custer County. He remarked that the County Attorney has approved the contents of the opposition correspondence.

MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Custer:

Authorizing the Chairperson to sign the statement of opposition for Case No. 09CW85 and Case No. 09CW86. The Chairperson will sign the statement of opposition in the presence of a notary public on August 13, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

(Original statements of opposition forwarded to Duncan, Ostrander & Dingess/copy retained the BOCC Administrative Assistant files).

Commissioner Austin announced the Bike with Pike Westcliffe Adventure is scheduled on September 12, 2009.

Commissioner Attebery announced the Custer County Kids' Club (CCKC) was sponsoring a fund raising event at the Sangrita's Restaurant in Westcliffe later today (August 12, 2009) beginning at 4:30 PM.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Custer:

To adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder
Attest

Lynn Attebery
Chair