

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTER COUNTY MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN WETMORE, COLORADO.

Commissioner Lynn Attebery called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Roll Call was taken:

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

Also present was Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder, Jim Little Reporter for the Wet Mountain Tribune and numerous community members.

AGENDA:

- Call meeting to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Amend Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Old Business:
- Wetmore Community Project Funding Update
- Economic Development Committee
- New Business:
- Mail Ballot for the 2009 Coordinated Election

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Custer:

To accept the posted agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Custer reported she has been in contact with Wally Piccone, Senior Program Manager for Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) regarding the proposed Wetmore and Westcliffe projects. She commented that Mr. Piccone has agreed to tour the Wetmore location and provide assistance on the grant application process. Commissioner Custer asked the Wetmore community members present if they would be available the evening of September 28, 2009 to meet with Mr. Piccone and share their thoughts and ideas. Those present agreed. Commissioner Custer stated she would confirm the date and time with Mr. Piccone and notify the citizens.

Commissioner Custer reported the Economic Development Committee meets on the last Monday of the month. The meeting has coincided with the regular scheduled BOCC meeting and she proposed a protocol be established for future conflicts. Following a brief discussion the Board agreed that whenever it is possible, the Board would break from the regular scheduled BOCC meeting to attend the Economic Development Committee meeting.

Commissioner Attebery commented the county was researching information that would address trash, junk, rubbish, filth and nuisance. He remarked one of the options being reviewed is Colorado Revised Statute 25-1-518 nuisance removal

Commissioner Attebery reported that representatives from the Widefield Water and Sanitation District and the City of Fountain will host a public community meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Custer County School multi-purpose room. The meeting is scheduled to answer questions regarding the purchase of the H2O Ranch and all interested parties are invited to attend. He stated the BOCC has been asked to open and close the meeting. Commissioner Custer stated the BOCC should follow the standard meeting protocols and rules. Commissioner Austin stated for the record that the BOCC was asked for their assistance at the meeting.

Commissioner Custer reported the Town of Westcliffe will be hosting the Colorado Municipal League (CML) District 13 meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2009 at 4:00 PM at the Alpine Lodge. The Town of Silver Cliff Board of Trustees and the Custer County Commissioners have been invited to attend.

Commissioner Attebery said that the BOCC had prepared and forwarded a letter of support for the hiring of a full-time Custer County Colorado State University (CSU) Extension Agent. He advised the correspondence had been forwarded to the Governors office, Senators office, State Representatives and several CSU Directors. Commissioner Attebery and Commissioner Austin will attend a multi-county meeting scheduled in Huerfano County on September 21, 2009 to discuss regional CSU coverage. Commissioner Custer is unable to attend due to a previous commitment of participation in the Junior Achievement (JA) Orientation. Joel Plath and Deborah Young, CSU Extension have agreed to meet with the BOCC on October 13, 2009.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Custer:

To amend the BOCC calendar and scheduled a Special BOCC Meeting on October 13, 2009 starting at 1:30 PM in the Commissioners Boardroom. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Attebery asked Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder to report on the State of Colorado Security Procedures through the Secretary of States Office. Ms. Livengood stated counties are required to change the codes or locks where voting equipment is located at least once per calendar year prior to the first election of the year. She said both offices occupied by the Clerk and Recorder house election equipment and those locks were replaced this afternoon. She stated distribution of the keys were limited to the Clerk and Recorder Staff, Courthouse Security and the Custodian. The BOCC will decide if their mailboxes will be moved from the Clerk and Recorders office to the Commissioners Boardroom for after hour accessibility. Commissioner Custer expressed concern in not being able to gain access to the Clerk and Recorder office that houses the copy/fax machine after routine work hours. She remarked she often works during the evening and weekend hours and needs access to the equipment. Ms. Livengood suggested the copy/fax machine be relocated to an accessible area.

Commissioner Custer reported she had prepared a Custer County Courthouse Custodian Survey and a County Buildings Survey on Custodian Services to acquire information for the BOCC to make decisions regarding custodian services for the 2010 budget. She remarked the surveys were forwarded to the Board members for review. Commissioner Austin said he was not in favor of the survey as presented. He remarked that he felt the survey was too lengthy and detailed. Commissioner Attebery agreed. The Board had a brief discussion concerning the supervision and responsibility of the janitorial/custodian services. Also discussed was the security of the courthouse during the absence of the custodian in regards to opening and locking the doors to the courthouse.

Bill Donley asked if the janitorial/custodian staff was responsible for the snow removal from the sidewalks and walkways of the courthouse. Commissioner Attebery responded that last season the Road and Bridge department removed the snow around the courthouse and this season that responsibility will be shared with the maintenance/scale staff.

Jerome Weigel asked if the goat-head weeds around the Wetmore Community Building could be sprayed. Bill Donley responded that he would follow-up with J.R. Phillips, Weed Control Manager.

Commissioner Custer requested that the regular scheduled BOCC meeting for November 18, 2009 be changed due to a medical scheduling conflict.

MOTION by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To amend the BOCC calendar and reschedule the Regular BOCC Meeting from November 18, 2009 to November 12, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder stated that the Custer County School District C-1 had cancelled their portion of the 2009-coordinated election. She reported that there was the exact number of candidates running for Board Director positions as there were positions available. She said there is one issue on the ballot for the Fremont County School District and it only affects the Wetmore area so it would be more economical to mail the ballots to those 225 registered voters. Ms. Livengood stated Resolution #09-05 was approved to allow a mail ballot election for November 3, 2009. She explained the ballots could be returned via US mail or dropped off in the secured locked boxes that will be provided in the Clerk and Records office and the Wetmore Library.

Commissioner Custer reported that September 17, 2009 was Constitution Day. She said a variety of events had been scheduled and that the events would start in the Custer County School at 8:30 AM with an evening meeting as well. The public was welcome to attend.

Commissioner Custer reported the grant application to purchase one exterior stair chair lift and install two stair chair lifts (one exterior and one interior) at the Wetmore Community Building has been submitted and we are waiting for a decision. In response to the discussion she stated that the USDA Rural Development might be a source of funds to bring the Wetmore Community Building downstairs bathroom into American Disability Act (ADA) compliance.

Tom Millikan announced the second annual dinner dance was scheduled on Saturday, September 26, 2009 starting at 5:00 PM in the Wetmore Fire Station.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7: 45 PM.

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder
Attest

Lynn Attebery
Chair