

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 29, 2009**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTER COUNTY MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE COMMISSIONERS BOARDROOM.

Commissioner Lynn Attebery called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Roll Call was taken:

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

Also present was Nora Drenner reporter for the Wet Mountain Tribune; Ginny Holloway, Greg Shields, Bob Squire, Bob Tobin and Dorothy Urban.

AGENDA

- Call meeting to order
- Pledge of allegiance
- Roll Call
- Amend Agenda
- Approval of minutes: August 31, September 1, 8, 16, 17, 2010
- Old Business:
- Budget Meeting 11th Judicial District Attorney
- GOCO - Wally Piccone
- Lighthouse Pregnancy Center – Nancy Shaydak
- Custer County Kids Club – Terri Chambers
- Landfill Report – Rusty Christensen

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To accept the posted agenda. Motion carried

Wally Piccone, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) said that GOCO will be celebrating its fifteenth year anniversary this year. He reported that during that time GOCO has distributed 600 millions dollars throughout the State of Colorado. Mr. Piccone commented that the GOCO funds have met the cap for this year and therefore grant funding is available. He asked those present in the audience for any input or questions.

Bob Tobin addressed the 2004 existing plan for the development of the west end of the County to include the Towns of Westcliffe and Silver Cliff; the Safe Route to School Path from the Custer County Kids Club and Pre-School to the School.

Dorothy Urban addressed the Trails and Path System extension to the Fairgrounds. She also addressed the proposed equestrian trail from Town of Silver Cliff to Silver Cliff Heights.

Commissioner Custer joined the meeting at 9:18 AM.

Bob Squire addressed the need to replace the existing playground in the Town of Westcliffe. He also requested assistance from Mr. Piccone in obtaining a list of the GOCO grants awarded.

Mr. Piccone reported he had toured the location of the Wetmore project and met with the Wetmore citizens last evening. He said he would tour the locations discussed earlier and meet with the Board for comment and suggestions this afternoon.

Nancy Shaydak said the Lighthouse Resource and Pregnancy Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to helping women. She reported that it is their goal to meet the needs of women in general and in all types of need, either directly or by networking with other service providers. Ms. Shaydak reported that all the services provided at the Lighthouse Resource and Pregnancy Center are free and confidential. She explained the center received a pledge for \$150,000 from an unnamed donor but that it would require matching funds. She requested a letter of support from the BOCC that could be included in their grant application. Ms. Shaydak said the funds would be used for the construction of a new building at another location. She commented the present location requires costly maintenance and upkeep and is located in a highly public location. She said the new building and location would offer both the interior and exterior privacy needed to provide the confidential services to the community.

The Board responded that they would provide a letter of support, and requested a copy of the grant abstract or grant summary sheet outlining what the grant is requesting. The Board asked that this be provided prior to drafting the letter. In that way, the letter can specifically address what the county is supporting and how the county will be involved.

Commissioner Austin requested the Lighthouse Resource and Pregnancy Center forward a copy of the grant application to Commissioner Custer, County Grant Administrator for review.

Commissioner Custer thanked Ms. Shaydak for appearing before the Board. She expressed appreciation for all the services the Center provides to our community. She shared with Ms. Shaydak that the Hanssen Haus Resource Center (HHRC) is presently administering a Promoting Safe and Stable Family (PSSF) grant. She reported the Regional Work Force Center is operating part-time in the HHRC. She stated that the Excellence in Education Group is seeking funds to setup an alternate high school in the old pre-school building.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Custer:

To approve the minutes of August 31, September 1, 16 and 17, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Attebery reported the Eleventh Judicial District Attorney 2010 budget proposal was being reviewed by all the Counties involved.

Commissioner Austin reported the County is still looking for assistance to help with the scale house. He said the surface on the weight scale could be patched and sealed for approximately \$150.00. Commissioner Attebery recommended the patching and sealing of the surface and asked Commissioner Austin to check into the weight recalibration procedure following the patch and sealing of the surface area.

Commissioner Attebery said there is no back-up coverage for the janitor/custodian during her absence and that a volunteer(s) would empty the trash on a need basis and monitor the cleanliness of the lavatories and halls. Commissioner Austin proposed that Commissioner Attebery assume the supervisory responsibilities over the janitorial/custodian duties. Commissioner Custer said she was not in agreement with the proposal and requested continued involvement. Following a discussion the Board agreed approving the purchase of cleaning supplies and equipment would be a collaborative Board involvement.

The BOCC recessed at 10:20 AM.

The BOCC reconvened at 10:30 AM.

Terri Chambers, Custer County Kids Club (CCKC) Director met with the BOCC and gave a report. She reported there were 2 new members in September with a total of 22 members to date. She said the September 2009 summary was as follows: 76% preschoolers, 12% kindergarteners and 12% older children. Ms. Chambers reported that a scholarship committee was formed to distribute the profits from the CCKC scholarship fundraiser. She said another CCKC scholarship fundraiser was being considered. She presented a copy of the CCKC Bookkeeping policies for the Boards review.

Rusty Christensen, Landfill Manager met with the BOCC and gave a report. He said the seed required on the covered pit at the landfill has been ordered. He remarked that under the state guidelines the seed will be planted through a drilling process. Commissioner Attebery asked Mr. Christensen if he had researched the cost of constructing the 60' x 60' skeleton building at the landfill site. Mr. Christensen responded that at this time had not had obtained any specifics. Commissioner Austin remarked that the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) has eliminated the tire recycling program due to budget restraints. He said that the use of baled recycled tires for the building would be more favorable than originally proposed. Commissioner Attebery requested Mr. Christensen continue to research the feasibility of the project.

The Sheriff Department reports for August 2009 were reviewed and accepted.

Commissioner Custer reported that a Custer County Collaborative Management Program (CMP) meeting was scheduled on October 20, 2009 at 1:00 PM at the HHRC. She explained the program was based on House Bill 1451 under the Colorado Department of Human Services that authorizes counties to enter into Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with other agencies and departments to coordinate services for children and families. She announced that Lorraine Silva, HHRC Resource Navigator is Custer County staff person for this initiative. The meeting will include Chief Judge Charles Barton as well as representatives from all of the organizations having signed the MOU. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss Custer County CMP plans for this year.

Commissioner Attebery stated the Town of Westcliffe and the Town of Silver Cliff had questions regarding the Retail Food Inspection line item on their budgets. Following a brief discussion the Board agreed to review the topic with Donna McDonnall, Public Health Nurse at the October 5, 2009 BOCC meeting.

Commissioner Attebery reported he is following up on the Wetmore second light request with Sheriff Jobe and Tim Harris of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). He commented that Bill Donley will follow-up with JR Phillips, Weed Control Manager regarding the spraying of the goat head weeds at the Wetmore Community Building.

Commissioner Attebery said the Census Count Committee would be deferred until a later date.

Commissioner Austin stated that during the grant assistance work session the Board was not able to make any decisions or take any actions and he proposed finalizing a grant application protocol. He expressed concern that grants are being prepared and submitted without the Boards review and approval. He said that the Board should discuss and approve the outline of the grant opportunity prior to the preparation of any paperwork. He stated the commitment of County matching funds or County in-kind services should require the approval of the Board prior to the completion or submission of any grant application. Commissioner Austin reported the Grant Administrator reviews the grant applications involving the county. He stated that the grant applications prepared by the Grant Administrator should also be reviewed prior to submission to ensure transparency and accountability of the BOCC. Commissioner Attebery said he agreed and that all grant applications need to go through a Board process of review.

MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Attebery:

Grant applications involving the County must be reviewed and approved by the entire Board prior to submission. Commissioner Custer opposed. Motion carried. Commissioner Attebery stated this protocol will keep the Board more accountable during the grant process and assist the Finance Officer with the budget process.

The BOCC recessed at 11:45AM.

The BOCC reconvened at 12:00 PM.

The Board requested the identification and clarification of any grant application in process. Commissioner Custer gave a summary on the GOCO Grant (partnering with the Town of Westcliffe) for the expansion of the Trails and Path System in Westcliffe, a second GOCO Grant for the Wetmore project and a GEO Grant for energy efficient window coverings and ADA compliant ramps at the HHRC along with the purchase and installation of stair chair lifts at the Courthouse and the Wetmore Community Building; the Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) Grant to assist with the strengthening of parental and family relationships; the Tony Grampas Youth Services (TGYS) Grant designed to reduce youth violence and crime; and the Energy Outreach Colorado Grant to supplement low income citizens with utility bills. The Board acknowledged Commissioner Custer's knowledge and experience regarding grant writing and thanked her for the numerous hours she spends on the preparation and submission of grant applications. Commissioner Attebery said it would be valuable and beneficial if she could mentor someone else in the County on the grant procedures to share the work load. Commissioner Custer agreed and responded that is why she instructed Lorraine Silva, HHRC Navigator to prepare and submit the PSSF grant application under her guidance.

The BOCC stated that following the recommendation of the County Attorney all original grant applications, agreements, memorandums of understanding, contacts and leases involving the County will be filed with the Clerk and Recorder pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder
Attest

Lynn Attebery
Chair