

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 8, 2010**

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

Commissioner Lynn Attebery called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Roll Call was taken:

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

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

AGENDA:

- Call meeting to order
- Pledge of allegiance
- Roll Call
- Amend agenda
- Approval of minutes
- Old Business:
 - Amend minutes of 1/13/10
 - Proclamation Girl Scout Week
 - Staff Reports
 - Public Health
 - Tobacco Education
 - Human Resource
 - Social Service
 - Road and Bridge

MOTION by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To accept the posted agenda with additions under old business. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Custer:

To amend the approved minutes of January 13, 2010 to reflect that Nora Drenner, Reporter for the Wet Mountain Tribune was not in attendance at the January 13, 2010 BOCC meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Austin read the Girl Scout Week Proclamation into the record.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Custer:

To approve the Proclamation, Girl Scout Week as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION
GIRL SCOUT WEEK

WHEREAS, Friday, March 12, 2010, marks the 98th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low in Savannah, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts, the largest organization for girls in the world, is the leading authority and advocate for girls inspiring millions of girls and women with the highest ideals of courage, confidence and character; and,

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts is a safe place for girls to explore their world, develop an understanding and empathy for others and take action to make the world a better place; and,

WHEREAS, through leadership experiences that build self-confidence, creative decision-making skills and teamwork, girls develop real-world leadership abilities that will last them a lifetime in Girl Scouts; and,

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting is for every girl, everywhere, and is dedicated to serving members from all racial, ethnic, cultural, religious and socioeconomic groups; and,

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts of Colorado is a statewide council serving 38,000 girls, ages 5 to 17, across the state.

WHEREAS, more than 3.5 million current Girl Scout members nationwide will be celebrating 98 years of an American tradition of teaching girls an innovative program to help them succeed in the 21st century;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Custer County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the week of March 7 – 13 as Girl Scout Week.

Adopted this 8th day of February A.D., 2010

Lynn Attebery, Chairman

Jim Austin, Vice Chairman

Carole J. Custer, Ph.D., Commissioner

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder, Attest

Commissioner Austin reported that the Colorado Natural Heritage Program (CNHP) would like to work with the San Isabel Land Protection Trust and the BOCC to develop a project to survey the biological resources in the county. He remarked that the CNHP would provide a presentation that would outline the preservation of landowner choices and reduce taxpayer expense; enhance the human quality of life through the conservation of distinctive natural areas; prosper from the preservation of valuable biological assets; create opportunities for community promotion and enjoyment of biological assets and provide a proactive planning tool that can assist the county with planned development in the least biologically sensitive areas. Following a brief discussion the Board determined that the topic is a land use issue and the information will be forwarded the Planning Commission

Donna McDonnall, County Health Nurse met with the BOCC and gave a report for January 2010. She said 8 childhood and 4 adult immunizations (other than flu) were administered along with 16 blood pressure screenings. Ms. McDonnall said the 9 Health Fair was scheduled for Saturday, April 10, 2010 from 7 am until 12 noon. She reported on the completion of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) ICS, Triage, and First Aid training. She said the Emergency Preparedness and Response application required to meet the NAACHO certification was a work in progress and that additional CPR/First Aid classes will be scheduled in the near future.

Ms. McDonnall reported that public health will receive two grants from the El Pomar foundation to help under-privileged and under-served families pay for child health care services and to offer a health fair for school aged children. She said that public health was working with the social services department to utilize the remaining funds under the CSBG/AARA grant for physicals and other health care services.

Jean Mavromatis, Tobacco Education and Prevention Coordinator met with the BOCC and gave her report. She reported on the Colorado BIDS System and presented the contract required for the Boards review and signature. Following a discussion the BOCC agreed that Commissioner Custer would review the contract and provide her input. The contract would then be forwarded to the County Attorney for a final review prior to the BOCC Chairman's signature. The \$40.00 registration fee for the BIDS application will be paid from the public health department budget.

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Mavromatis reported on the State Tobacco Education Prevention Partnership (STEPP) webinars; cancer conservation meetings; interagency network meetings and the prevention leadership council. She commented on the positive rapport she has received from the Custer County Cattle Woman's Group and looked forward to future collaboration.

The BOCC recessed at 11:10 AM.

The BOCC reconvened at 11:20 AM.

Dawna Hobby, Human Resource/Finance Manager met with the BOCC and gave a report. She said the 1099's for 2009 were completed and distributed. She reported a personnel change of twenty-five employees in 2009 and stated that the number was comparable to previous years. Commissioner Custer asked if the exit interviews completed offered any similarities or provided any resourceful information. Ms. Hobby replied that the majority of the exiting employees did not offer or share specific detailed information.

Laura Lockhart, Human/Social Service Director met with the BOCC and gave a report. She said the department has experienced a consistent increase in requests for assistance. She reported a 60% increase in requests for food stamps; a 73% increase for assistance under the Low Energy Assistance Program (LEAP), a 50% increase in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. She said that the Council of Governments has broadened the scope for the usage of the \$20,000 grant and she will share the criteria as soon as it is available.

The BOCC recessed at 11:45 AM.

The BOCC reconvened at 11:55 AM.

Dave Trujillo, Road and Bridge (R&B) Supervisor met with the BOCC and gave a report for January 2010. Work completed: built movable material screen; snow plowing; build-up of Kettle Lane and CR 140; completed major repairs to CR 150; graded numerous roads, and repaired and replaced the damaged signs. Mr. Trujillo reported the road signs are still being shot and damaged. He suggested that the Sheriffs Department publish a reward notice for information regarding the damaged signs. Commissioner Austin responded that he would contact the Sheriff regarding the proposed notice publication. Work planned: grader will be taken to CAT for an engine rebuild; haul clay to Cooper Gulch Road; plow snow; temporarily repair pot holes, and build a sand shed at the Wetmore Shop.

Commissioner Custer asked if the Road and Bridge Department has had an opportunity to use the new six wheeler vehicle recently purchased by the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Trujillo responded that they have not experienced any weather related emergency situations that would require the use of the vehicle. He reported the R&B Department staff are scheduled for CPR training on March 10, 2010. Commissioner Custer suggested for clarification purposes that the funds for the R&B Department training are listed as a separate R&B budget line item.

Commissioner Custer invited Nora Drenner, Reporter for the Wet Mountain Tribune to the table. Commissioner Custer said, "I am a Christian woman and as a Christian woman I know that it is imperative that I forgive those who have maligned me and trampled over my constitutional rights. The Tribune has printed lies, innuendos, and half truths and have not verified what the truth is. I want you to know Nora Drenner, that I forgive you, I forgive Jim Little and the Wet Mountain Tribune and I forgive Sheriff Fred Jobe and all the people who have been anonymous sources to you for the malicious gossip about me and my family. I hold you no ill will."

Commissioner Austin announced that a meeting has been scheduled on February 25, 2010 in the Cliff Lanes Community Room starting at 6:00 PM with representatives from the Boettcher Foundation to explore funding opportunities for Club America. He said that additional funding options would be available if an entity or joint entities assumed the deed. He proposed that the County and the Towns research these options. Commissioner Custer stated that the County would need to specifically review and identify any risks or liabilities of the proposed venture. Commissioner Attebery agreed.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Custer:
To adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 PM.

Debbie Livengood, Clerk & Recorder
Attest

Lynn Attebery
Chairman