

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 16, 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 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 and several community members.

AGENDA:

Call meeting to order
Pledge of allegiance
Roll Call
Amend agenda
Approval of Minutes
Old Business
Ennovate Corporation ARRA/NEED Grant
Staff Report
Emergency Management Report – Christe Feldmann
F&D International LLC Presentation
(Judicial Facility Expansion in Custer County)
SCED – Allison Cortner
CCI –Mike Smith

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To accept the posted agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Austin announced that representatives from the Boettcher Foundation were scheduled as part of a public forum to discuss the future of the Club America Facility on February 25, 2010 beginning at 6:00PM in the Community Room of Cliff Lanes. The public is welcome to attend and participate in the discussion.

Commissioner Austin said he was in the process of reviewing the feasibility and liability of moving the cardboard baler to county owned property.

Christe Feldmann, Office of Emergency Management met with the BOCC and gave a report. She stated the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) exercise held on February 6, 2010 was a success. She said she was working with Deputy Mike Halpin, Courthouse Security on a courthouse evacuation plan. She announced that Cristina Martinez and Kevin Houch from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will join the BOCC meeting on March 1, 2010 to discuss FEMA flood mappings. She advised the final revisions to the grant budget and timetable for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wild Land Fire Grant will be completed this week. She gave an update on the Homeland Security Grant, Citizen Corp Grant and Developing Regional Mutual Aid Plans.

The BOCC recessed at 9:50 AM.

The BOCC reconvened at 10:00 AM.

Commissioner Custer joined the meeting at 10:05 AM.

Todd and Teri Ficken of F&D International LLC gave a slide show presentation for the proposed Custer County Judicial Center Expansion Project. They would act as the project managers should Custer County elect to move forward with the expansion project and select F&D International LLC as the contractor. Also in attendance was: Custer County Judge Pete Michaelson; Sheriff Fred Jobe; and Deputy Mike Halpin; Rex Kindall with the District Attorneys Office; State Court Administrator, Walter Blair; Chief Probation Officer, Christopher Gastelle; and Investigator, Alex Walker. Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed the current judicial facilities are adequate but are presently operating at full capacity. The expansion of a judicial center would meet the needs of the predicted increase in caseloads; expanded sheriff department facility and would provide a secure prisoner detention area and space for the judges, district attorney, probation officer, legal representation, jury and staff. Mr. Ficken suggested that the first step in the process to build a facility would be to complete an assessment of needs or a phase 1 study to include evaluation of the current space, design requirements, work load growth projections and usage. Mr. Blair proposed a long-term feasibility study.

Commissioner Attebery thanked Todd and Teri Ficken for their presentation. He thanked all in attendance for their time. The Board agreed to further discuss funding options and review the next step under a capital improvement project.

Commissioner Custer excused herself from the regular meeting at 10:45 AM due to another appointment.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The BOCC adjourned from the Regular Meeting at 11:30 AM.

The BOCC reconvened as the Work Session at 12:30 PM.

The BOCC adjourned from the Work Session at 1:55 PM.

The BOCC reconvened to Regular Session at 2:00 PM.

Commissioner Custer re-joined the regular meeting at 2:00 PM. Also in attendance was Mike Smith of Colorado Counties Incorporated.

Commissioner Custer expressed concern regarding the process and funding distribution of the Governors Energy Office Community Energy Coordinator Grant. She said that Colorado State University (CSU) Extension was awarded the contract to hire an energy coordinator to service Fremont and Custer Counties. Commissioner Custer reported that Custer County had not been notified of the grant application and had not been asked to participate in the process of services that will ultimately be distributed to the county.

Commissioner Custer stated it was still her desire that Custer County hire a full time extension agent who would contract back with CSU rather than a CSU regionally appointed extension agent.

Commissioner Attebery presented the Custer County Government New Energy Economic Development (NEED) Grant Application prepared by the Ennovate Corporation for review and approval. The purpose of the grant is to help fund an Energy Performance Contract that would include health and safety improvement to several county buildings to meet current ventilation and electrical system code requirements.

MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Custer:

To move forward with the NEED Grant application prepared by Ennovate Corporation. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder
Attest

Lynn Attebery
Chairman

BOARD OF CUSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION

February 16, 2010 12:30 PM

Commissioners Board Room

Present: Commissioner Attebery
Commissioner Austin
Kris Lang, Deputy Clerk to the Board
Nora Drenner, Reporter for the Wet Mountain Tribune
Ginny Holloway, Town of Silver Cliff Clerk
Kathy Reis, Town of Westcliffe Clerk
Dee Hoag, SCEDD Board Member

Southern Colorado Economic Development District (SCEDD) with Allison Cortner

Ms. Cortner said that SCEDD is a non-profit organization whose membership is the 13 counties of Southeastern Colorado. SCEDD is a resource that has helped its member counties and communities find ways to position themselves to attract and accept new businesses. SCEDD helps with strategic planning and grant writing for improving infrastructure so areas are ready when a business comes calling. SCEDD also helps members by developing community profiles, peer development and Business Retention and Attraction programs. SCEDD helps businesses build and expand with small business loans through the Business Lending Center in partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Kathy Reis, Town of Westcliffe Clerk and Ginny Holloway, Town of Silver Cliff Clerk inquired if support from the SCEDD program was limited to the county since the membership is county based. Ms. Cortner responded that SCEDD can provide support and resources to the towns as well as the county. She suggested that the county and towns focus on common goals and growth goals. Commissioner Attebery said he would be willing to have SCEDD focus on helping and supporting the towns. Commissioner Austin agreed.

Dee Hoag, SCEDD Board Member said that she has and will continue to share information and literature from the SCEDD meetings with the towns.

Commissioner Attebery referenced the Summit Work Session of February 10, 2010. As a result of that meeting the county and towns will meet again on March 16, 2010 to identify and determine the needs and direction of the Custer County Community Economic Development Committee (CCCEDC).

Ms. Holloway said it was frustrating when organizations and entities are working toward different and separate goals. She stated the Town of Silver Cliff is willing to work with all the organizations and entities.

Ms. Reis said the Community Action Plan (CAP) of the CCCEDC was too broad and had not included participation or input from the Towns of Silver Cliff and Westcliffe. She stated the community needed tangible results. She inquired if there was a clearing house to search for and market businesses into the area. Ms. Cortner responded a clearing house was not available. She said once the community identifies the type of businesses it would like to attract, SCEDD can provide technical search assistance. She said SCEDD would function as a back office to economic development and would amplify but not articulate projects.

Colorado Counties Incorporated (CCI) with Mike Smith

Mr. Smith asked the BOCC to identify the top issues of concern. Kris Lang, BOCC Administrative Assistant presented Mr. Smith with a written outline prepared by Commissioner Custer. Commissioner Attebery identified the CCCEDC and energy issues in the county buildings. Commissioner Austin identified the recycling program and lack of power at the county landfill.

Mr. Smith reported that CCI will be offering an on line resource data base and asked the BOCC what programs and projects they were most proud of. Commissioner Attebery referenced the snow removal blower recently purchased by the Road and Bridge Department; the road maintenance to prevent washboards and the snow fences made from the actual snow. He commended the establishment of the Hanssen Haus Resource Center (HHRC). Commissioner Austin referenced the county wide recycling program and the exploration of using recycled materials for the construction of a building at the county landfill.

Commissioner Custer joined the Work Session at 1:45 PM.

Mr. Smith remarked that issues being faced at the state level included Health and Human Resources, Administration Title 2-3 and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding. He asked the Board to identify what state issues affect Custer County. Commissioner Attebery responded that medical marijuana has been a topic of concern. Commissioner Austin added water and land use issues. Commissioner Custer referenced a recent situation when ARRA grant funds were awarded to the Chaffee County Extension Agent through CSU to provide personnel that CSU will employ and supervise to perform work in Custer and Fremont Counties. She said it was not until the grant was awarded that the Fremont and Custer County Commissioners even heard about it. She said that when they met with the Extension Agent to discuss the situation, we were threatened that if we did not accept the grant we were at risk of not being funded for future ARRA projects.

Mr. Smith asked how CCI conferences could be improved. Commissioner Attebery responded that he felt the CCI conferences provided valuable information and outsourcing. Commissioner Austin agreed. Commissioner Custer suggested that photographs be added to the names in the CCI handbook for identification purposes. She agreed with the current scheduled statewide winter conference but suggested smaller regional conferences during the summer months with focuses on regional issues.

Mr. Smith asked the Board to provide a brief background description for the CCI data base. Commissioner Attebery described his background as real estate, tourism and ranch management. Commissioner Austin described his background as law enforcement. Commissioner Custer described her background as holding both CDE Academic and Vocational Education administrator and teacher credentials (K through graduate school), professional grant writer; and peer reviewer for the US Department of Education and the US Department of Health and Human Services as well as state advocate for quality education and social service programs. .

The Work Session ended at 2:00 PM

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder
Attest

Lynn Attebery
Chairman