

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 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 9:05 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: Allen Butler, Mayor of the Town of Silver Cliff, Terry Nimnicht, Executive Director of the Wet Mountain Valley Community Clinic (WMVCC).

**AGENDA:**

Call meeting to order

Pledge of allegiance

Roll Call

Amend agenda

Audience introduction

Approval of minutes

Old Business:

Wetmore Project Update

Wet Mountain Valley Waste Minimization Project Update

New Business:

Benefits of a Federally Funded Health Center Discussion - Terry Nimnicht

Staff Reports:

Tobacco Prevention Education Coordinator – Jean Mavromatis

Treasurer – Virginia Trujillo

Road and Bridge – Dave Trujillo

Social Service – Laura Lockhart

**MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Attebery:**

To accept the posted agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Attebery commented that he did not have any updates on the Wetmore Project to report. Commissioner Austin commented that he did not have any updates on the Wet Mountain Valley Waste Minimization Project to report.

Terry Nimnicht, WMCCC Executive Director met with the BOCC and presented information and options for a proposed conversion of the Wet Mountain Valley Community Clinic (WMVCC) also known as the Custer County Medical Center from a Rural Health Care facility status to a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Mr. Nimnicht stated that the benefits to

being a FQHC include: an increased access to medical providers, a discounted prescription drug program, an option of free medical malpractice coverage, and an increase in Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement. Commissioner Custer shared that on 10/1/2010 all county residents will be able to enroll in the NACo Prescription Discount Program at no cost. Commissioner Custer asked if the conversion to a FQHC would increase the medical service staff: and/or result in a change in name or operation. Mr. Nimnicht responded that without additional revenue the services currently being provided by the District will gradually erode. He said that a memorandum of understanding between the District and the FQHC would ensure the name and operation of the existing facility would remain the same. He stated that the West Custer County Hospital District Board had unanimously passed a resolution in support of the conversion. He asked the BOCC for a letter of support. He said he had forwarded a sample support letter for the Boards review. After some BOCC discussion, Commissioner Custer agreed to make changes to the letter to include reference to the county's Public Health Agency.

**MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Custer:**

To prepare correspondence from the BOCC supporting the proposed conversion of the Wet Mountain Valley Community Clinic (WMVCC) from a Rural Health Care status to a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). The motion carried unanimously.

The BOCC recessed at 9:25 AM to meet with Laura Lockhart, Social Service Director in the Social/Human Service Department.

The BOCC reconvened at 10:16 AM.

Jean Mavromatis, Tobacco Education and Prevention Coordinator met with the BOCC and gave a report. She said the National Prevention Network Research Conference she attended provided useful and valuable information. She advised that September 19-25 is National Child Passenger Safety Week. She stated that Drive Smart Custer County and Southern Colorado RETAC were sponsoring a Child Passenger Safety event on September 25, 2010 from 10:00AM to 12:00PM at the WMVCC also known as the Custer County Medical Center. The event will outline the requirements and recommendations for car seats in Colorado. Certified child safety technicians will be on hand to inspect car seats. Ms. Mavromatis reported that the final interviews for the Prevention Coordinator position were scheduled on September 9, 2010. She said she would continue to remain involved in the public health agency following the appointment of a Prevention Coordinator. Ms. Mavromatis stated that Donna McDonnall and Gail Stoltzfus are currently unavailable to meet with the BOCC and that they asked her to distribute the Custer County Public Health Agency report for the month of August 2010 to the BOCC. The Board reviewed the report and noted that 83 childhood immunizations, 14 adult immunizations and 42 blood pressure screenings were completed as well as many other services in August 2010.

The BOCC recessed at 10:40 AM.

The BOCC reconvened at 10:50 AM.

Dave Trujillo, Road and Bridge (R&B) Supervisor met with the BOCC and gave a report. The work completed in August included: the grading of numerous roads; continuation of asphalt patching; mowing; and hauling of water. The work planned would be a continuation of the same. He reported that R&B employees completed the mine safety and health refresher training, conservation program and his staff updated training plan at the request of Colorado Technical Services Inc. Mr. Trujillo stated the Town of Westcliffe has expressed an interest in acquiring

the eight foot blade from the old John Deere tractor the county owns for alley maintenance. He suggested that the county donate the blade to the town. Commissioner Custer expressed concern regarding the public's perception of the county donating equipment without an explanation as to why this is being done. She said she supports the donation providing that in the R&B inventory log book it states why the donated equipment is being removed from the county inventory.

**MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Attebery:**

To donate the eight foot blade from the old John Deere tractor to the Town of Westcliffe following the completion of the appropriate paperwork to remove the item from the R&B inventory. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Trujillo reported that a public meeting regarding the use of magnesium chloride has been postponed and will be rescheduled when the appropriate representatives are available to give a presentation to the public. He stated that the following issues will need to be discussed and reviewed with the county attorney when he becomes available: the registration transfer of the fuel tanks at the Silver West Airport from R&B to the Airport Authority; the resale of fuel purchased by the county (R&B) and distributed to entities; and the abandonment of CR 190.

Virginia Trujillo, County Treasurer met with the BOCC and gave a report. She stated the beginning balance on August 1, 2010 was \$3,548,041.86 and the ending balance on August 31, 2010 was \$3,273,383.29. She said that she would be attending the Colorado County Treasurer and Public Trustee Association Annual Conference October 11-15, 2010 and would not be available to meet with the BOCC during the regularly scheduled budget hearings.

**MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Attebery:**

To schedule the treasurer office budget hearing on October 6, 2010 in conjunction with the monthly treasurer's report. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Custer stated that pursuant to a request from Laura Lockhart, Social Services Director for BOCC signature on some letters, she reviewed the approved 05/05/2009 BOCC minutes to clarify BOCC approval of signed contracts. The approved minutes did not reference all four DSS contracts and did not reference the state human services staff recommendations to the BOCC on 04/08-09/2009. Commissioner Custer requested Clerk and Recorder, Debbie Livengood review the audio CD recording and Ms. Livengood reported the recording was not usable. All three commissioners agreed that input from the county attorney would be necessary.

**MOTION by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Austin:**

To sign the Social Service Director letters following the confirmation that the contract between the Custer County Department of Social Services and the Custer County C-1 School District was reviewed and approved by the County Attorney and the BOCC at the May 5, 2009 BOCC meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Attebery:**

To adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

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Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder  
Attest

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Lynn Attebery  
Chairman