

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 3, 2011**

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
Allen Butler	Commissioner	Present
Kris Lang	Deputy Clerk to the Board	Present

Also present was Mark Evert, Dan Fox, Chris Haga , Pete Lopresti, Scott Lundstedt, John Piquette, Jake Shy, Kit Shy, Tim Thrun, and Nora Drenner, reporter for the Wet Mountain Tribune and her daughter Brooke.

AGENDA:

Call meeting to order

Pledge of allegiance

Roll Call

Amend agenda

Approval of minutes

Audience introduction

Public Comment

Old Business/New Business

Budget Presentation – John Piquette

Staff Reports:

Recycling Coordinator – Tim Thrun

Public Health – Donna McDonnall

Prevention Coordinator – Linda Brigham

Human Resource/Finance – Dawna Hobby

Road and Bridge – Dave Trujillo

Human Services – Laura Lockhart

Veterans Service Office – Lorraine Silva

Commissioner Attebery asked if there were any public comments.

Mark Evert asked Commissioner Austin for a summary of the Amish paths being proposed along highway 69 south. Commissioner Austin responded that as a member of the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) he had the opportunity to request that the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) review the safety issues on highway 69 south. He said that as a school bus driver along that route, he was aware of the dangers of not having a passing or pull off shoulder on the highway. He said that the safety issues became more apparent with the addition of the Amish buggies traveling on the highway. Commissioner Austin remarked that the project would add paths or shoulders along side highway 69 south from Hermit Road to Schoolfield Road. He said those paths would also alleviate the width restriction concern of the Timber Bridge on highway 69 south.

He commented that CDOT would contact the property owners along Highway 69 south regarding the right-of-way and easements for the project. He said that those easements and the project would be signed over to the county upon completion of the project. Commissioner Austin said that the CDOT project will bring approximately six million dollars into Custer County. Dan Fox said that as a result of transportation budget restraints, CDOT is no longer able to plow or remove snow from some of the state highways from 7pm to 7am and that presents a safety concern. He said he did not support a CDOT project that would allocate six million dollars to widen a state highway. Several citizens in attendance agreed. Mr. Fox also shared concern regarding the responsibility and liability of the county for those paths once the project has been turned over to the county. Jake Shy said that if the path was intended for recreational use that it should accommodate all methods and forms of recreational transportation. Kit Shy said he had safety concerns regarding vehicle cross over between the highway and the paths. Mark Evert said that the project appears to accommodate a small number of residents who travel the state highways by horse and buggy. He reminded those present that horse and buggy transportation does not contribute to the highway user tax fund. He expressed concern that transportation funding should be used for the project. Several citizens in attendance agreed. Pete Lopresti said that CDOT should focus on the widening of Timber Bridge to the required specifications instead of widening and constructing shoulders and paths along the highway. He asked if the BOCC had been given the opportunity to participate in the 35% plan review of the project. The BOCC responded they had not. Commissioner Austin agreed to contact CDOT for some additional information. He will request that CDOT schedule a public meeting regarding the project. Commissioner Butler thanked Commissioner Austin for his efforts on the project.

John Piquette, County Finance Officer presented the 2012 preliminary budget to the BOCC. He said the county budget hearings were scheduled for October 12 and 13, 2011. He reported that the preliminary budget submitted will need to be reduced by \$335,000 in order to balance. The 2012 balanced budget is scheduled for adoption on December 6, 2011.

Tim Thrun, Recycling Coordinator met with the BOCC and gave a report. He said the building at the recycling facility should be completed later this week. He said there are approximately 76 bales of cardboard scheduled to be picked up by Angel of Shavano Recycling LLC. Mr. Thrun announced that an open house is being scheduled at the recycling facility on November 15, 2011 and the public is welcome to attend.

Donna McDonnall, Public Health Nurse met with the BOCC and gave a report. She said that 7 childhood immunizations, 4 adult immunizations and 26 blood pressure screenings were administered in September 2011. She reported that 220 adult and 12 children flu shots were also administered. Ms. McDonnall reported that the Survive and Thrive Program has been completed. She announced that the agency has received a Project Public Health Ready (PPHR) certification plaque from NACCHO. She gave an updated on the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), the Health Care Program (HCP) for Children with Special Needs and the Flu Shot Clinics.

Linda Brigham, Prevention Coordinator met with the BOCC and gave a report. She said that information was being distributed on the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey (HKCS). She commented that the HKCS is a tool that helps our county's young people and focuses on health risk behaviors that are often established during childhood and adolescence and contribute to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth and adults in the United States. Ms. Brigham said that the school will offer the survey to students in grades 9 through 12 starting in mid October. She commented that the survey has been designed by the OMNI Institute. She reported that the prevention coalition is considering the implementation of a risk-prevention/health promotion consortium approach within the community.

The BOCC recessed at 10:55 AM.

The BOCC reconvened at 11:10 AM.

Dawna Hobby, Human Resource/Finance Manager met with the BOCC and gave a report. She said that Commissioner Austin's registration for participation at the Colorado Counties Incorporated (CCI) winter conference was completed. She remarked that Commissioner Attebery and Commissioner Butler would not be in attendance. Donna McDonnall asked Ms. Hobby for clarification regarding the liability of the Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) volunteers. Ms. Hobby responded that the volunteers were covered under the county insurance. Ms. McDonnall requested confirmation that the Public Health Agency is not a 501C3 Agency. Ms. Hobby confirmed that it is not.

Dave Trujillo, Road and Bridge Supervisor met with the BOCC and gave a report. He presented the tractor rental/loan contract with the Saddle Club for review. The BOCC agreed the rental contract should be reviewed by the county attorney. The road and bridge work completed in September included the grading and asphalt patching of numerous roads; mowing on the valley floor and Wetmore area roads; the hauling of water and gravel; and the Forest Service Agreement work on Music Pass and South Colony accesses. The work planned in October will include the grading of roads, the hauling of water and the Forest Service Agreement work at Gibson Creek Trailhead. Mr. Trujillo reported that the motor in the grader will require repair or replacement. He said that the main computer in the road and bridge office requires replacement. He said that the Town of Silver Cliff is requesting crack seal assistance from the department in 2012. The Board agreed the request would be taken into consideration during the road and bridge budget hearings. Commissioner Attebery remarked that the weed board has requested a more aggressive schedule for the mowing of weeds along county roads.

Laura Lockhart, Human Service Director met with the BOCC and gave a report. She presented the departments' allocations and monthly expenditures to the Board for review. She reported that a commodity distribution for the month of September 2011 had not been scheduled.

The BOCC recessed at 12:05 PM.

The BOCC reconvened at 12:35 PM.

Lorraine Silva, Veterans Service Office (VSO) Assistant met with the BOCC and gave a report. She presented the County Veterans Service Officers Monthly Report and Certification of Pay for August and September 2011 for a signature. Commissioner Butler signed the reports on behalf of the BOCC. She said that thirty-seven veterans were assisted at the VSO. Ms. Silva reported that preparations for the November 11, 2011 Veterans Day Celebration were in progress.

Commissioner Austin advised that the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has agreed to meet with the public to discuss and review the proposed shoulder/path project along side highway 69 south. He commented that he would like the topic as part of the agenda for the Summit Meeting tentatively scheduled on November 2, 2011.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Butler:

To adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder
Attest

Lynn Attebery
Chairman