

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 29, 2012**

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	Absent
Kris Lang	Deputy Clerk to the Board	Present

Also present was: Roger Squire, Lockett Pitman, Sue Pitman and Nora Drenner, reporter for the Wet Mountain Tribune.

AGENDA:

Call meeting to order

Pledge of allegiance

Roll Call

Amend agenda

Approval of minutes

Audience introduction

Public Comment

Old/New Business:

Review vouchers and sign checks

Liquor License Renewal – Wetmore Steakhouse, Wetmore, CO. – Debbie Livengood

TV Translator Information

Hydraulic Fracking Information – Tracey Garcia/Wayne Jones

STAFF MEETING

Commissioner Attebery asked if there were any public comments. Hearing none he continued with the meeting.

County payroll and accounts payable were approved from the following funds:

County General	\$169,815.00
Road and Bridge	\$291,253.70
Emergency Services	\$ 15,653.06
Human Services	\$ 20,042.07
Capital Improvement	\$ 12,268.98
Airport Fund	\$ 3,759.52
Tourism Fund	\$ 845.00
Self Insurance	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$513,637.33

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To approve the March 2012 accounts payable. The motion carried.

Roger Squire met with the BOCC and said that the National Telecommunication and Informational Administration (NTIA) will fund \$20,000.00 for the upgrade of the digital broadcast equipment. He presented the Board with the LARCAN Program customer information package for review. Mr. Squire explained that the LARCAN Go Digital Now Program will coordinate payment through the NTIA for the upgrade of the equipment. Commissioner Attebery and Commissioner Austin said that the project was not part of the 2012 budget and agreed that additional expenditures could be applied to the repairs and maintenance budget line item. The Board asked Mr. Squire to obtain a financial estimate for the county and report back to the BOCC.

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder presented the liquor license renewal for the Wetmore General Store and Steakhouse, Wetmore, Colorado. She stated that the application was completed and in order. She reported that the sheriff investigation report was without incident.

MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Attebery:

To approve the liquor license renewal as presented. The motion carried.

Ms. Livengood presented the BOCC with a copy of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Search and Rescue Fund Year End Award Application SFY2012.

Tracey Garcia and Wayne Jones of Round Mountain Water Sanitation District gave an informational presentation on hydraulic fracking. Ms. Garcia expressed concern regarding the possible contamination of the county's ground water reservoir (aquifer) water source during a hydraulic fracking process. Mr. Jones gave an oral report on the Huerfano County Community Forum objecting to drilling project of Shell Oil in Huerfano County. Commissioner Attebery stated that the Custer County Planning and Zoning (P&Z) regulations would require a Special Use Permit (SUP) prior to any hydraulic fracking. He said that the county had the capability to regulate the SUP and that conditions could be place on the SUP to address the various concerns. Lockett Pitman reported that the current Bloomberg survey revealed that the 65% of the U.S. public favor greater regulations of hydraulic fracturing. Sue Pitman asked if 1041 powers could protect the county. Commissioner Austin said that it would require language specific to Custer County. He said that the topic was being reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Director.

The BOCC recessed at 10:10 AM.

The BOCC reconvened at 1:00 PM.

The department heads, elected officials and staff met with the BOCC for the staff meeting. Present were: Rusty Christensen, Ron Fisher, Mike Halpin, JD Henrich, Jackie Hobby, Chuck Ippolito, Debbie Livengood, Laura Lockhart, Dave Trujillo and Virginia Trujillo.

The following topics were discussed:

Recycling Facility – currently operating in the black with a \$5,000.00 fund balance; plastic recycling in review.

Dennis Specher hired as the new Recycling Coordinator.

Courthouse Security – the glass front doors of the courtroom have been replaced with bullet resistant glass under the courthouse security grant fund.

Courthouse Capital Improvement Suggestions – replacement of the front windows in the treasurer office and commissioners boardroom; installation of a power operated mechanism to open and close the front doors of the courthouse; replacement of back door knob and lock of the courthouse; repair the leak in the ceiling near the back door of the courthouse and replace the soiled ceiling tiles; secure the handrail along the stairs leading to the upper level; install tiles in the first floor bathrooms of the courthouse.

IT Update – Century Tel is checking the old courthouse internet line due to the continued disconnections; a second internet line has been installed and the courthouse internet traffic has been split between the two lines.

BOCC Administrative Assistant – the job classification has been revised from full time to permanent part time effective April 1, 2012; the work schedule will coordinate with the regular scheduled BOCC meetings; the commissioners office phone line will forward to the clerk and recorders phone when necessary.

Research Fees – the Assessors Office, the Clerk and Recorder and the Treasurer Office research fees are mandated by Colorado Statute; the Planning and Zoning research fees are being reviewed.

Sun Safe Colorado Guidelines – forwarded to the Public Health Department.

Commissioner Butler joined the meeting at 1:30 PM. He apologized for his absence during the earlier portion of the BOCC meeting. He said that he had been delayed due to unforeseen weather conditions at the airport.

The staff meeting concluded at 1:55 PM.

Commissioner Austin shared his concern regarding the recent letter that the BOCC sent to the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District (UAWCD). He felt that the recommendations of the Water Assessment Committee (WAC) should have been included and addressed in the correspondence. Commissioner Austin said that not all the areas of Custer County qualify for a water augmentation plan. He proposed that retired USGS Geologist Doug Cain who participated on the WAC meet with UAWCD Engineer Ivan Walter to discuss and confirm the areas of Custer County that can be augmented and the areas that cannot be augmented.

MOTION by Commissioner Butler, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder
Attest

Lynn Attebery,
Chairman