

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 2, 2014**

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

Commissioner Allen Butler called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call was taken:

Allen Butler	Chairman	Present
Kit Shy	Vice-Chairman	Present
Lynn Attebery	Commissioner	Present
Clint Smith	Attorney	Present
Kris Lang	Deputy Clerk to the Board	Present

Also present was Kristi Geroux and Paul Sage reporter for the Sangre De Cristo Sentinel.

AGENDA:

Call meeting to order

Pledge of allegiance

Roll Call

Amend agenda

Audience introduction

Approval of minutes

Public Comment

Commissioner Items

Executive Session

Old/New Business

Courthouse Security Grant – K. Geroux

Staff Reports: Human Resource/Finance, OEM. (EMPG Grant Signature) Treasurer, Road and Bridge

Preliminary Budget for 2015 – J. Piquette

Commissioner Butler asked if there any public comments. Hearing none, he continued with the meeting.

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

To approve the minutes from the September 17, 2014 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board started the meeting by wishing Commissioner Butler a Happy Birthday.

Commissioner Attebery said that Governor John Hickenlooper will visit the Westcliffe community on Friday, October 3 to help celebrate the kick-off of the Art Hullabaloo.

The BOCC agreed to add Attorney Comments to the agenda in the future. That topic will enable Attorney, Clint Smith the opportunity to address the Board.

Approved 10/22/14

Commissioner Butler said that Colorado Counties Incorporated (CCI) is requesting that each county appoint one 2014 Legislative Committee member. He said the Legislative Committee was formed to develop proposed policy statements for consideration by the full membership and to develop and adopt priorities for CCI's legislative agenda. There are 63 CCI member counties of the Legislative Committee.

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

To appoint Commissioner Shy as the Legislative Committee member at CCI. The motion carried unanimously.

Kristi Geroux, Administrative Assistant of the Sheriff's Office addressed the BOCC and requested approval for the Court Security Grant for 2015. She said that the grant is a continuation and has been active for six years. She commented that this year the organization has said they will probably only be able to fund salaries and no equipment. Ms. Geroux said that the grant application is being processed on-line. The grant will cover the continued salary for the court security officer.

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

To approve the grant application for the court security officer with a caveat that a request for funding for exterior security cameras be added to the application. The motion carried unanimously.

Senator Larry Crowder joined the meeting and met with the Commissioners and those present in the audience.

Dawna Hobby, Human Resource/Finance Manager met with the BOCC and gave a report. She asked for confirmation regarding the Colorado Counties Incorporation Winter Conference. Commissioner Butler and Commissioner Shy will attend and require lodging. Commissioner Shy will attend but not require lodging. The Board agreed to extend an invitation to Bob Kattnig, however the county would not be responsible for the cost.

Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer met with the BOCC and gave a report. The beginning balance on September 1, 2014 was \$4,091,351.31 and the ending balance on September 30, 2014 was \$4,136,979.03

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

To accept the Treasurers Report for September 2014 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Trujillo presented the Public Trustee Quarterly Report for the Boards review.

The BOCC recessed at 9:55 AM

The BOCC reconvened at 10:05 AM

Christe Coleman, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Director met with the BOCC and gave a report. She presented the Board with the EMPG Grant Award correspondence for signature. She stated that the grant had been previously approved and the request for a signature was merely a formality. The Board agreed that the Chairman of the BOCC sign the correspondence. She also presented the Board with copies of the 2013 and 2014 South All Hazards Region Pre-Disaster Grants. She said that Pueblo County was the fiscal agent for the funding and that she was submitting the paperwork for reference and filing as required under the Custer County Grant Policy and Procedures. Commissioner Attebery reminded Ms. Coleman that some future funding towards the Wetmore Community Center Project was being requested through OEM. She responded that she will add those parameters into the 2015 grant cycle.

Approved 10/22/14

John Piquette, Chief Finance Officer presented the BOCC with a copy of the 2015 preliminary county budget. He stated that the mil levy of 20.245 mils is required under the Tabor Amendment. He remarked that the BOCC will need to reduce the submitted and proposed budget requests by more than \$154,000.00 in order to balance. He confirmed the budget hearings are scheduled for October 6, 7 and 8 of 2014.

The BOCC recessed at 11:00 AM.

The BOCC reconvened at 11:25 AM.

Rusty Christensen, Road and Bridge Supervisor and Roger Squire, Assistant Westcliffe Road and Bridge Supervisor met with the BOCC and gave a report. The work completed in September 2014 included the grading of numerous roads, the hauling of water and gravel, and the mowing of numerous roads. Mr. Christensen said that the asphalt patching completed in 2014 was approximately 2540.94 tons. He said that the repairs and replacement of the shop waste tank at the Wetmore Road and Bridge Shop has been completed and the appropriate correspondence has been submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency. The work planned for October will include but not be limited to pot hole patching, grading of roads, application of mag-chloride, the cleaning of ditches and culverts and the hauling of gravel. Mr. Christensen said the section of Hermit Road at the Grape Creek Crossing will require major improvements. The repair and replacement of equipment was discussed and Mr. Christen said that the department is working on updating the equipment replacement program. Mr. Squire said the department continues to receive calls regarding ATV/UTV usage on the county roads. The Board said that the topic is currently being discussed in several levels of government. They said that several counties have enacted their own ATV rules and regulations. Commissioner Shy said it will involve and require a group effort involving several agencies and entities within the county before a final decision can be made.

Rusty Christensen, Landfill Manager reported that two more water and three more gas quarterly samples at the old Westcliffe landfill are required by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. He anticipates that all the required testing should be completed in 2015 and the site can officially be closed. Mr. Christensen said there was a truckload of recycled cardboard ready for pickup. He commented that the old tires at the property have been hauled away.

Commissioner Butler asked if there was any more business to discuss. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 12:25 PM.

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Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder  
Attest

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Allen Butler,  
Chairman