

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2017**

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

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Flower at 9:00 AM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken and the following were present:

Tommy G. Flower	Chair
William R. Canda	Vice-Chair
Jay Printz	Commissioner
Kelley Camper	Clerk to the Board
Clint Smith	County Attorney

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS

Present in the audience were BOCC Administrative Assistant, Brenda Gaide; Wet Mountain Tribune reporter, Tracy Ballard; Sentinel reporter, Jackie Bubis; Recycling Coordinator, Dennis Sprecher; Wilson Jarvis; Road and Bridge Supervisor, Gary Hyde; Paul Sage; Linda Washington; County Sheriff, Shannon Byerly; Landfill Supervisor, Rusty Christensen; HR/Finance Director, Dawna Hobby; Veterans Service Officer, Tim Swartz; OEM Director, Cindy Howard; and Louis Devanney.

MINUTES

MOTION by Commissioner Printz, to approve the minutes from the November 22nd BOCC meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

The board reported on the various meetings they attended and individuals they met with.

ATTORNEY ITEMS

County Attorney, Clint Smith, has reviewed the contract between the County, the Sheriff's Office, and the Town of Westcliffe and recommends that the board approve it.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

None

STAFF REPORTS

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Road and Bridge Supervisor, Gary Hyde, met with the board to give the monthly report for November. Gary stated he had been contacted by someone wanting to purchase land on Blue Grouse Circle, which is a dirt road. If they purchase the property, they would like to chip seal a portion of the road at their expense.

MOTION by Commissioner Canda, to go ahead with the chip seal on approximately 200 yards of Blue Grouse Circle, providing the landowner provides the funding. Motion carried unanimously.

Gary informed the board that he will have approximately \$189,000 left in his budget at the end of the year. He would like to go ahead with the purchase of a backhoe. Gary got bids from Case, John Deere, and Cat. The backhoe that they currently have will go to the Wetmore Shop, and the backhoe that the Wetmore Shop currently has will go to the Landfill.

MOTION by Commissioner Printz, to allow Road and Bridge to pursue the expenditure of a John Deere backhoe from 4-Rivers Equipment, and transfer the backhoe from the Westcliffe Shop to the Wetmore Shop, and the backhoe from the Wetmore Shop to the Landfill. Motion carried unanimously.

Gary informed the board that in the past, the Road and Bridge employees have received a \$50 gift card to Ace Hardware as a safety award.

MOTION by Commissioner Printz, to approve up to a \$50 gift certificate from Ace Hardware per individual Road and Bridge employee, at the Supervisor's discretion. Motion carried unanimously.

LANDFILL/RECYCLING

Landfill Supervisor, Rusty Christensen, met with the board to give the monthly report for November. Rusty informed the board that the loader will need a new transmission before the end of the year. 4-Rivers Equipment quoted him approximately \$40,000. The board informed Rusty to get bids before a decision is made. Recycling Coordinator, Dennis Sprecher, informed the board that the County has made \$18,000 on cardboard recycling in 2017.

The board recessed at 10:44 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

HR/FINANCE

HR/Finance Director, Dawna Hobby, met with the board to give the monthly report for November.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

Veteran's Service Officer, Tim Swartz, met with the board to give the monthly report for November.

MOTION by Commissioner Printz, to approve the VSO report for November 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM Director, Cindy Howard, met with the board to give the monthly report for November. Cindy recommends that the board not pursue the One Rain weather alert system for the Junkins fire burn-scar area. She felt that the County would not be able to fund it. She felt that they should just pursue possibly using weather radios, and look at other lower cost solutions.

MOTION by Commissioner Printz, to have the BOCC Administrative Assistant draft a letter to the State stating that we are not capable of pursuing an early warning system at this time and the county will explore other options. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Canda, to establish a protocol to implement a plan for an early warning system. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CCEDC board member, Wilson Jarvis, met with the board regarding the CCEDC application for membership for the county. The cost for membership is \$5,000 and that would allow the county to have one voting member on the board. After discussion, it was the general consensus that the board did not feel it appropriate to have a paid membership to be a board member for a private organization. Jarvis would still like to see the County have one ex-officio member on the board.

SHERIFF/WESTCLIFFE CONTRACT

This is a yearly contract between the County, the Sheriff's Office, and the Town of Westcliffe for services that the Sheriff's Office provides to the Town of Westcliffe.

MOTION by Commissioner Flower, to approve the contract with the Town of Westcliffe. Both Commissioner Flower and Commissioner Canda voted in favor of. Commissioner Printz recused himself because of his involvement with the Town of Westcliffe as their Attorney.

CORE OF CHAPLAINS

Core of Chaplains representative, Eric Foster, met with the board to explain to them what the Core of Chaplains purpose is. He explained that they are a 501C(3) public entity that provides comfort and care to individuals in times of tragedy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was public comment from Louis Devanney.

Having no further business, Commissioner Flower adjourned the meeting at 12:49 p.m.

BOCC Chair, Tommy G. Flower

Attest:
County Clerk & Recorder, Kelley S. Camper