

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2019**

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 led by Tracy Ballard. 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 |

AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS

Present in the audience were Sentinel reporter, Jackie Bubis; The Valley Beat reporter, Tracy Ballard; Landfill Supervisor, Rusty Christensen; Road and Bridge Supervisor, Gary Hyde; VSO, John Carroll; IT Supervisor, Vernon Roth; Human Services Director, Laura Lockhart; CSU Cooperative Extension Director, Guinevere Nelson; County Sheriff, Shannon Byerly; and Courthouse Security, Mike Halpin.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

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

UPPER ARKANSAS WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT REPORT

Commissioner Flower reported that the water augmentation case has been turned over by the referee to the District II water judge.

ATTORNEY ITEMS

County Attorney, Clint Smith, reported on the various items he has been working on.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STAFF REPORTS

LANDFILL REPORT

Landfill Supervisor, Rusty Christensen, met with the board to give the monthly report.

ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT

Road and Bridge Supervisor, Gary Hyde, met with the board to give the monthly report.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER (VSO) REPORT

VSO, John Carroll, met with the board to give the monthly report.

MOTION by Commissioner Printz, to approve the VSO report for the month of July. Motion carried unanimously.

The board recessed at 9:55 a.m. and reconvened at 9:59 a.m.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) REPORT

IT Director, Vernon Roth, met with the board to give the monthly report. Vernon reported that he has converted all the Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management, and Search and Rescue phones to First Net which helps with emergency calls. He stated that by doing this, it will save the County approximately \$5,000 per year.

HUMAN SERVICES REPORT

Human Services Director, Laura Lockhart, met with the board to give the monthly report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

CLINIC BOARD/BOCC MEETING

The board discussed the joint workshop that the BOCC had with the West Custer County Hospital District board on August 5th. This workshop was held to discuss the Hospital Districts decision to not provide ambulance service to areas outside of the Hospital District, which includes the Wetmore area.

BROADBAND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH WESTCLIFFE AND SILVER CLIFF

Commissioner Canda reported on the Fiber Network Infrastructure Plan that would run fiber West on Highway 96 to Highway 69, and then South to I-25 which would complete the "circle" and bring broadband to the County. The cost to the county would be \$63,000. Commissioner Flower felt that both towns should share a portion of this cost since it would benefit them also.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was public comment from Jackie Bubis and Sheriff Byerly.

Having no further business, Commissioner Flower adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

BOCC Chair, Tommy G. Flower

Attest:
County Clerk & Recorder, Kelley S. Camper