

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 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 Lynn LaGree. Roll call was taken, and the following were present:

Tommy G. Flower
William R. Canda
Jay Printz
Kelley Camper
Clint Smith

Chair
Vice-Chair
Commissioner
Clerk to the Board
County Attorney

AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS

Present in the audience were BOCC Administrative Assistant, Cara Evans; The Valley Beat reporter, Tracy Ballard; Tribune reporter, Elliot Jackson; Airport Manager, Bob Jolley; Airport Board Chair, Lynn LaGree; Jeanne LaGree; OEM Director, Meredith Nichols; HR/Finance Manager, Dawna Hobby; CSU Extension Director, Guinevere Nelson; and County Treasurer, Virginia Trujillo.

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

None

ATTORNEY ITEMS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STAFF REPORTS

AIRPORT REPORT

Airport Manager, Bob Jolley, met with the board to give the monthly report. Bob presented the board with the proposed insurance policy for the two courtesy cars.

MOTION by Commissioner Flower, to have the airport move forward with obtaining insurance from the Illinois National Insurance Company for the 2 airport courtesy cars. Motion carried unanimously.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (OEM) REPORT

OEM Director, Meredith Nichols, met with the board to give the monthly report.

PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY REPORT

Public Health Agency Director, Elisa Livengood, met with the board via telephone to give the monthly report.

HUMAN RESOURCE/FINANCE REPORT

HR/Finance Manager, Dawna Hobby, met with the board to give the monthly report. Dawna presented the board with handwritten checks for signing. There was discussion regarding how handwritten checks are handled. The BOCC felt that these checks should be approved before signing. Dawna explained that sometimes that is not always possible. The board will ratify the signing of these checks until a process is put in place.

MOTION by Commissioner Flower, to ratify all handwritten checks that were done January 1 through October 1, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Flower, to approve the handwritten checks as presented in the amount of \$15,369.28. Motion carried unanimously.

Dawna presented the board with the 2020 proposed budget. The budget hearings will be held October 15-18, 2019.

The board recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 10:44 a.m.

CSU COOPERATIVE EXTENSION REPORT

CSU Cooperative Extension Director, Guinevere Nelson, met with the board to give the monthly report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

County Treasurer, Virginia Trujillo, met with the board to give the monthly report.

MOTION by Commissioner Printz, to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of September. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

COURTHOUSE CHRISTMAS PARTY

County Assessor, J.D. Henrich, met with the board to discuss the annual Courthouse Christmas party. J.D. stated that last year was the first year that the BOCC approved a party outside the Courthouse, with the County paying for a portion of it. He informed the board that this worked well, and everyone would like to do that again.

MOTION by Commissioner Printz, to authorize up to \$350 for the Courthouse Christmas party, and to close the Courthouse from 12:00-2:00 p.m. on the tentative date of December 18, 2019. Motion passed unanimously.

CUSTER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL (CCHS) SCHOLARSHIP MATCHING FUNDS

CCHS Counselor, Troy Bomgardner, met with the board to ask if they would contribute toward matching funds for the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI). Troy stated that this scholarship was offered for the first time in Custer County last year and is needs based. He would like to offer it again this school year, giving two students \$3,500 each. To be able to offer two \$3,500 scholarships, he needs \$3,500 in matching funds.

MOTION by Commissioner Flower, to commit \$1,750 towards COSI matching funds out of the Community Outreach Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

CENTURYLINK FIBER

Tony Hasenack and Wayne Duncan, both with CenturyLink, met with the board to discuss the fiber being laid around the County for broadband. Most of the fiber being laid is underground except for areas that are rocky, or in terrain that is difficult to get through. In those cases, it will be above ground on poles, using as few poles as possible. During the September 30th BOCC meeting, several property owners met with the board to discuss the fiber being laid in Silver Cliff Heights. The property owners expressed their concerns regarding an area where they have put fourteen poles up in one section. The property owners stated they were never informed that the fiber in this area would be above ground, and they felt it affected the views. Tony informed the board that the area these poles are in would be not only time consuming, but very costly, to put the fiber underground. Tony stated that if they don't want the poles there, then CenturyLink would take the poles out and not lay fiber in that area. Commissioner Canda asked if it were possible for the property owners to pay for the cost to put it underground. Tony stated that was an option. Tony will meet with the property owners in that area to inform them of why they had to put in so many poles.

RESOLUTION 19-11

County Attorney, Clint Smith, presented the board with Resolution # 19-11 that places a moratorium on prescribed burns within the County until Ordinance # 19-02 can be revised regarding the handling of burn permits.

MOTION by Commissioner Printz, to adopt Resolution # 19-11 "A Resolution of Custer County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Colorado, placing a moratorium on the issuance of open burning permits in the Unincorporated areas of Custer County as authorized by Ordinance 19-02", with the addition of "not" in paragraph 2. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Having no further business, Commissioner Flower adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

BOCC Chair, Tommy G. Flower

Attest:

County Clerk & Recorder, Kelley S. Camper