

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 4, 2020**

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 Jason Knudson. 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 BOCC Administrative Assistant, Cara Evans; Recycling Coordinator, Dennis Sprecher; Jason Knudson; Matt Carroll; Landfill Manager, Rusty Christensen; County Sheriff, Shannon Byerly; Tom Shepard; Undersheriff, Chris Barr; Courthouse Security, Mike Halpin; VSO, John Carroll; Human Services Director, Laura Lockhart; and Kit Shy.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

**MOTION by Commissioner Flower, to move “Fire Ban Ordinance” to the February 19<sup>th</sup> agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

**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**

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ITEMS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ron Beckner commented on the Chamber of Commerce.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **LANDFILL/RECYCLING REPORT**

Landfill Manager, Rusty Christensen, met with the board to give the monthly report. Rusty reported that the fees generated in 2019 from the \$1.00/cubic foot increase that commercial trucks pay, and monies from recycling that will go towards the landfill expansion are \$17,716.35. Recycling Coordinator, Dennis Sprecher, gave an update on recycling.

### **ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT**

Road and Bridge Supervisor, Gary Hyde, was not present, but sent his report in for the BOCC to review.

### **HUMAN SERVICES REPORT**

Human Services Director, Laura Lockhart, met with the board to give the monthly report. Commissioner Flower informed Laura that the Sheriff's Office vehicle that she was going to use to transport kids for visitation was not going to be cost effective to fix. Laura stated that she had already gotten a bid to purchase a new vehicle and would get a few other bids. The State will reimburse the County for the purchase over a five-year period.

### **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER REPORT**

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

**MOTION by Commissioner Canda, to approve the VSO report for the month of January. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **LIFTING THE MORATORIUM ON BURN PERMITS**

Fire Chief, Kit Shy, met with the board to discuss lifting the ban on burn permits because of good weather conditions. He stated that the ban will be lifted and burn permits will be issued under the old burn ordinance until the new ordinance is passed on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **REACH AIR AMBULANCE**

Matt Carroll, with AirMedCare Network, and Jason Knudson, with REACH Air Medical Services, met with the board to discuss the County contracting with AirMedCare Network for air ambulance services. The cost to the County would be \$20,274.49 annually. Any individual that lives within the boundaries of the County would be covered if they needed to be transported by an air ambulance.

The board recessed at 11:23 a.m. and reconvened at 11:28 a.m.

LANDFILL MANAGER CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

Six applications have been received for the Landfill Manager position. The interviews will be held on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Canda stated that he had not reviewed the applications yet and would like to hold off on deciding who to interview.

**MOTION by Commissioner Flower, to postpone the decision on how many applicants to interview until the February 5<sup>th</sup> BOCC meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

JAIL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS AND COSTS

County Sheriff, Shannon Byerly, reported that he is getting bids from three different companies to have the locks upgraded on the doors in the jail. He stated that there are twelve doors and the cost could possibly be up to \$1,800/door.

JUSTICE CENTER PROJECT

County Sheriff, Shannon Byerly, met with the board to discuss the next step in the Justice Center project of hiring someone to help with deciding where the funding will come from. The BOCC recommended that the entire committee meet to decide on how to accomplish this.

LETTER OF INTENT TO CDOT FOR BROADBAND

Commissioner Canda reported that the necessary changes have been made by the County and both Towns to the Letter of Intent for CDOT and it is ready to be signed.

**MOTION by Commissioner Canda, to approve the draft letter of intent to CDOT and send it to Westcliffe and Silver Cliff for their approval. Motion carried unanimously.**

TRANSFER OF FUNDS/ATTAINABLE HOUSING

County Clerk, Kelley Camper, informed the board that the amount for the transfer of funds that was done for Attainable Housing during the January 31<sup>st</sup> BOCC meeting was incorrect.

**MOTION by Commissioner Flower, to rescind the action of approving the transfer of \$1,854.48 that was done on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION by Commissioner Printz, to transfer \$1,165.00 from the Attainable Housing Fund to the County General Fund. Motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tom Shepard commented on the ambulance inspections.

Having no further business, Commissioner Flower adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

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BOCC Chair, Tommy G. Flower

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Attest:  
County Clerk & Recorder, Kelley S. Camper