

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 23, 2020**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTER COUNTY MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE COUNTY ANNEX BUILDING.

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

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

Due to the Courthouse closing on March 18<sup>th</sup> because of the COVID-19 Coronavirus, this meeting was held remotely. Only Commissioner Canda and Peggy Miller were present at the Annex. Commissioner Flower, Commissioner Printz, Attorney Smith, and Clerk Camper were present via phone.

**AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS**

Present in the audience were Dave Aiken; HR/Finance Manager, Dawna Hobby; IT Director, Vernon Roth; and Public Health Agency Director, Elisa Livengood.

**COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

The board reported on the various meetings they attended and individuals they met with. Commissioner Flower reported that Road and Bridge Supervisor, Gary Hyde, would like to put his employees on a half time schedule. Half would work Monday and Tuesday, and the other half on Wednesday and Thursday.

**MOTION by Commissioner Printz, to implement reduction of the Road and Bridge workforce, with regular pay, to comply with the Governor’s directive. Motion carried unanimously with amendment.**

Amendment added the wording “with regular pay”.

**UPPER ARKANSAS WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT REPORT**

None

**ATTORNEY ITEMS**

County Attorney, Clint Smith, reported on the various items he has been working on. He is drafting an employment agreement for County Sheriff, Shannon Byerly, that would require new

deputies to commit to thirty-six months of employment with the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office pays for the training of new deputies, and then once they have their training, they leave to work in other counties. Shannon would like for them to commit to thirty-six months of employment to help recoup those training costs.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 20-08**

**MOTION by Commissioner Printz, to adopt Resolution # 20-08 "A Resolution of Custer County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Colorado, adopting a procedure for emergency meetings by the Custer County Board of County Commissioners and by the Custer County Board of Health". Motion carried unanimously.**

**RATIFICATION OF CANCELLATION OF MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> BOCC MEETING**

On March 17<sup>th</sup>, the Public Health Agency Director, Elisa Livengood, informed the BOCC that a person had been in the County Building on March 16<sup>th</sup> that could possibly be infected with the COVID-19 Coronavirus, and that several employees had come into contact with this individual. Elisa informed the board that the County building would have to be closed to the public until further notice. The BOCC made the decision to cancel the March 18<sup>th</sup> BOCC meeting.

**MOTION by Commissioner Printz, to ratify the March 17<sup>th</sup> action of cancelling the March 18<sup>th</sup> BOCC meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

**RATIFICATION OF COURTHOUSE CLOSING**

**MOTION by Commissioner Printz, to ratify the March 17<sup>th</sup> action of closing the Courthouse, excluding the Court Office, effective at 8:00 a.m. on March 18<sup>th</sup>, pending further developments. Motion carried unanimously.**

**PURCHASE OF HUMAN SERVICES VEHICLE**

Human Services Director, Laura Lockhart, received three bids for the vehicle she would like to purchase. The dealerships that she received bids from are: Lindner Chevrolet, \$32,500; Mike Maroone Chevrolet, \$40,306.20; and Perkins Dodge, \$34,209.45.

**MOTION by Commissioner Flower, to accept the bid from Lindner Chevrolet, in the amount of \$32,500, for a 2020 Chevrolet Traverse. Motions carried unanimously.**

**FINANCIAL STATUS OF COUNTY**

There was discussion regarding the financial status of the County during this closure. HR/Finance Director, Dawna Hobby, reported that, even though the County is not currently bringing any

money in, once we are able to open again, that money will catch up. Commissioner Flower voiced his concerns on the long-range effects of the tax base.

**MEETING FORMAT FOR MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup> BOCC MEETING**

At the recommendation of IT Director, Vernon Roth, the March 31<sup>st</sup> BOCC meeting will be held using free conference call. Items of business that were on the March 18<sup>th</sup> agenda will be moved to the March 31<sup>st</sup> agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was discussion between the BOCC and Public Health Agency Director, Elisa Livengood, regarding re-opening the Courthouse and how things might work moving forward.

Having no further business, Commissioner Flower adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

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BOCC Chair, Tommy G. Flower

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Attest:  
County Clerk & Recorder, Kelley S. Camper