

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 20, 2007**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTER COUNTY MET IN
REGULAR SESSION WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dick Downey	Chairman
Kit Shy	Vice-chair
Carole Custer	Commissioner
Ric Ferron	County Administrator
Debbie Livengood	Clerk to the Board

Also present was Nora Drenner, reporter for the Wet Mountain Tribune.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am.

The pledge was recited.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Shy made a motion seconded by Commissioner Custer to approve the minutes of the January 31st, February 5th, 6th, and 20th. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Custer reported that she had attended a CCI Steering Committee meeting in Denver last Friday, March 16th. She informed the other two commissioners that she had left a copy of her comments of the meeting in their boxes.

Commissioner Shy reported that he had received a draft of the survey that the Building Code Committee had put together for the commissioners review. He e-mailed a copy to both Commissioner Downey and Commissioner Custer. Commissioner Shy said he found nothing wrong with the draft survey and that Mr. LeRoy would be meeting with the Board for their input.

Commissioner Shy mentioned the proposal that Chris Riggs had presented to the Board in regards to writing grants for the county. After some discussion, the Board agreed to notify Chris and let him know that they are interested. However, it will take some time to get the finances worked out.

Commissioner Custer reported that she attended the meeting on recycling that was held in the commissioner's room last week. She reported that another bin would be added for tin and aluminum. This group is currently working on a logo that would identify Custer County.

Commissioner Shy reported that Golder Associates, the engineer for the landfill, will be meeting with him and Rusty Christensen on March 23rd in regards to starting the process for an alternative cover for the landfill.

Rusty Christensen will be checking on prices to have an unfinished frame for a building built at the landfill that would replace the old trailer that is used now for an office. The new building would be built on the back of the existing building on the concrete pad that is already there.

Christy Feldmann, the OEM Director, will be working with J.D. Henrich and Christy Kesselring to develop a plan to assign addresses and provide signs through the CERT program, the Zoning Office and the Road & Bridge Department.

Discussed a piece of property that the county owns in Rosita. Commissioner Downey will contact Mick Kastendieck and ask him to do a market study on the property and Commissioner Shy will prepare a map of the parcel.

The scheduled meeting for May 15th has been changed to May 21st.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Custer made a motion seconded by Commissioner Downey to renew the liquor license for the Wetmore General Store and Steakhouse. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Shy made a motion seconded by Commissioner Custer to renew the 3.2 license for Wet Mountain Goods Store. Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Brown and Ivan Widom met with the Board to give a presentation on 2-1-1 for Southeast Colorado. This is a new and free service that is being provided to residents of Southeast Colorado who “need help” or “want help” obtaining information. The 2-1-1 program for Southeast Colorado covers an eleven county region, which includes Baca, Bent, Crowley, Custer, Fremont, Huerfano, Kiowa, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers and Pueblo Counties. These counties cover an estimated population of 275,000 people. Out of the eleven counties in this region, six of these counties currently have this service. The Senior Resource Development Agency in Pueblo is where the service is housed. Currently the hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm. The goal of this organization is to have this service available seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. The 2-1-1 number is meant to compliment 9-1-1. It allows a person to call for help and find out information that is needed that is not an emergency. There is also a 2-1-1 website available. Mr. Brown and Mr. Widom requested three items from the Board. Their first request was that the Board adopts a resolution supporting 2-1-1 for Southeast Colorado. The second request was to designate a representative from Custer County to be a part of 2-1-1 Advisory Council and thirdly to designate an individual to collect data from our county and supply the data to the 2-1-1 organization.

Commissioner Custer made a motion seconded by Commissioner Shy to adopt a resolution in support of 2-1-1 for Southeast Colorado. Motion carried unanimously.

CUSTER COUNTY RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION NO. 07-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTER COUNTY, COLORADO TO SUPPORT 2-1-1 FOR SOUTHEAST COLORADO

WHEREAS, the County of Custer is within Colorado Region 7, of the 2-1-1 for Southeast Colorado service area; and,

WHEREAS, the needs of the citizens of Custer County are to be assisted through the services of 2-1-1 for southeast Colorado; and,

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 for Southeast Colorado provides free phone calls and a website for those in need to locate and take advantage of services; and,

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 for Southeast Colorado is expanding to provide service in all eleven counties in Region 7; and,

WHEREAS, the residents of Custer County will be assisted by the 2-1-1 calling service when it goes live in our area; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Custer County that:

1. 2-1-1 is a valuable service for the residents of Southeastern Colorado.
2. 2-1-1 is a free service that will provide the residents of Custer County with opportunities and assistance that have not been available in the past.
3. A representative of Custer County will be appointed by the County Commissioners to work with the 2-1-1 for Southeast Colorado Advisory Council to further the efforts of 2-1-1 to provide quality service for Custer County residents.
4. A representative will be appointed by the County Commissioners to collect local data regarding resources available in Custer County.

RESOLVED, ADOPTED AND SIGNED THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH 2007, AT WESTCLIFFE, COLORADO.

CUSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Richard L. Downey
Chairman

Debbie L. Livengood
Clerk and Recorder

Clint Englehart and Dave Trujillo met with the Board to discuss damage to fences throughout the county due to the snowstorms this winter. Dave estimated it will cost approx. \$5,200.00 in materials alone to fix all the damage that was done. Kaye

Rocheleau, UPS Coordinator, will refer any individuals that she has scheduled for useful community service to Mr. Trujillo at the county shop to help fix fence. The Board will contact CTSI (the county insurance company) to see if they will help with any of the damage costs.

Clint and Dave also discussed chip seal and patching material. According to both Clint and Dave patching material alone has increased more than 30% from what it was budgeted for this year.

Dave expressed his concern that with the budget that was approved for 2007 and the increased prices of materials he will not be able to do all of the chip seal that was scheduled for this year. It is his intention to chip seal Horn Road, Rosita Road, and two miles of road in Wetmore. County Road 255 and Copper Gulch road will only be patched this year, along with other numerous roads that need to have an overlay of material.

Commissioner Shy suggested that Dave reduce the dollar amount that was budgeted for patching material, and chip seal by 30%. Dave will decide where to best use the materials. Commissioner Downey and Commissioner Custer agreed.

Bill LeRoy, chairperson for the Building Code Committee, met with the Board and presented a final draft copy of the Building Code Survey they have completed. He asked that the Board review the document and if there are no problems with the document to give the committee approval to mail the survey out. The survey will be mailed to all individuals that have purchased a residential building permit in the last five years. This information will be supplied to the committee by the zoning office.

Commissioner Shy made a motion seconded by Commissioner Downey to approve survey #05067 as presented by the building code committee to the public by mail. The county will supply the postage, envelopes, and the reproduction of the survey for mailing. The building code committee will stuff the envelopes. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Shy made a motion seconded by Commissioner Custer to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

**CUSTER COUNTY RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION NO. 07-04**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTER COUNTY, COLORADO TO VACATE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF PROCTOR STREET IN THE UNINCORPORATED TOWNSITE OF ROSITA, COLORADO

WHEREAS, Custer county is a political sub-division of the State of Colorado; and,

WHEREAS, Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) grant certain powers to Colorado Counties; and,

WHEREAS, CRS 43-2-303 specifically grants Boards of County Commissioners the authority to vacate all rights, title, or interests, of a county to any roadway in any unincorporated portion of the county; and,

WHEREAS, Custer County has identified the following streets as no longer required for public use in Custer County;

1. A portion of a platted but never constructed, city-street known as Proctor Street in the unincorporated town-site of Rosita, Colorado. Between the North line of Hoyt Street and the South line of Pine Street.

WHEREAS, no public or private property will be land-locked by the contemplated action; NOW,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of CRS 43-1-202.7, this Resolution before us will be recorded with the Custer County Clerk and Recorder.

RESOLVED, ADOPTED AND SIGNED THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH 2007, AT WESTCLIFFE, COLORADO.

CUSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DICK DOWNEY
CHAIRMAN

DEBBIE L. LIVENGOOD
CLERK & RECORDER

IT Tech, Chuck Ippolito, met with the Board to report on his activities in the office. He is currently working on a program for the landfill. This program will simplify the data input process that Rusty Christensen will be assuming due to the retirement of the county administrator.

Commissioner Shy made a motion seconded by Commissioner Custer to approve the purchase of a Dell Laptop Computer, an extra battery, carry case, and an extended three-year warranty in the amount of \$1,026.00 with funds from the landfill budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Custer publicly “Thanked” Rusty Christensen for attending the meeting that was held last week in the commissioner room on the recycling program and making a presentation to the group.

Chuck Ippolito has also developed a program for the zoning office to simplify their notification process for public meetings/hearings. At the request of the extension agent,

he has added that office to the county website; and developed a program to simplify the vouchering process for the human resource/finance director.

Chuck will also be attending a GIS training in Colorado Springs on March 29th and 30th. Chuck has been working on updating addresses in the GIS system, while Brian has been working on updates of the roads. Chuck is also looking at a program that would allow him to produce a “map book”. This document could be used by the sheriff department, fire department, and ambulance service, along with other agencies to find out how to get to a particular address. Chuck gave a brief update to the Board concerning RETAC.

County Assessor, J.D. Henrich, and Charlie French, met with the Board to discuss two items. The first item mentioned was that the brick wall on the east side of the courthouse towards the roof is coming down. Commissioner Shy mentioned that he had contacted Nate Schlabach and asked him to come look at the situation. It appears to Mr. Schlabach that there is a problem with the gutter backing water up onto the roof. According to Nate, if we get the gutter fixed, he will be able to fix the bricks without having to remove them.

The second item J.D. brought to the attention of the Board was an addressing problem in the Cristo Vista Sub #5 area. According to J.D., in 1980 the county hired the phone company to address roads in the county. When the assessor’s office pulled the information on Cristo Vista #5 plat it states “Insufficient Information To Address Vacant Lots”. The assessor’s office has since taken over the addressing of properties and is trying to correct the problem in Cristo Vista #5. There is currently a long stretch of road in that filing named “Vista De Agua”. J.D. is requesting that the Board leave the name of the road as it is and break it up into Vista De Agua Loop, Vista De Agua Road, and Vista De Agua Trail. By making this change it would correct the problem of addressing lots in this subdivision.

Commissioner Shy made a motion seconded by Commissioner Custer, that for public safety reasons and to correct an addressing problem in Cristo Vista #5. The current road names will be changed per the recommendations of Commissioner Custer, J.D. Henrich the County Assessor, and Charlie French. Motion carried unanimously. (Below is a map of Cristo Vista #5 showing what the names changes to the road are and where they are located in the subdivision.)

The Board adjourned for lunch.

Jerry Lacy, Veterans Service Officer for Custer County, met with the Board along with six other individuals, all from the American Legion here in the county. Jerry started his presentation with a little background about himself and why he is so interested in helping the veterans. He went on to inform the commissioners about the current status of the veterans office, stating that the American Legion is currently giving the VSO \$155.00 a month for supplies, stamps, utilities, etc., and that the Rotary Club is transporting veterans to their doctor appointments. Jerry informed the Board that he has been researching house and senate bills looking for a way to find funding to help with the veterans needs. The American Legion is applying for \$30,000.00 from a trust fund that is part of the tobacco grant that can be used for veterans. If the American Legion is awarded these funds, it has to be used on veterans only. There can be no administration fees used from these funds. The American Legion will not know if these funds have been awarded until mid May.

Jerry Lacy was also requesting \$777.60 to be used for Amber Hansen, Assistant VSO, and himself to attend a spring training conference in Lakewood on April 11th through April 13th.

Commissioner Shy made a motion seconded by Commissioner Downey to transfer \$277.00 from the salary line item of the Veterans Service Office budget to the travel line item for the purpose of paying for the training conference for the Veteran's Service Officer. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Custer reviewed the job descriptions she had written for the Human Resource/Finance Manager and the new position of Board Administrative Assistant.

Human Resource/Finance Manager, Dawna Hobby, reported that our health insurance with CEBT premium has increased by 17% for this next fiscal year (July 1, 2007 through July 1, 2008).

Commissioner Shy made a motion seconded by Commissioner Downey to renew the contract with CEBT from July 1, 2007 through July 1, 2008 as presented by Dawna Hobby. Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Riggs asked the Board to write a letter of support that could be attached to a grant application that will be submitted to DOLA for a Mineral Energy Impact Grant that Round Mountain Water & Sanitation District is applying for. The Board agreed to write a letter of support.

Commissioner Custer made a motion seconded by Commissioner Shy to share an employee with the clerk's office to act as the Board's Assistant for three hours a day. After a period of thirty days from the date of hire this agreement will be reviewed to see how this arrangement is working. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Shy made a motion seconded by Commissioner Downey to adjourn at 4:30pm. Motion carried unanimously.