

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 2nd, 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
Debbie Livengood	Clerk to the Board

Also present: Wet Mountain Valley Tribune reporter, Nora Drenner.

The meeting was called to order at 8:45am.

The pledge was recited.

Sharon McKinsey, representing UAAOCG, met with the Board to discuss three different projects that she is working on: 1) "Housing Rehabilitation Program" which is a home improvement program. This program directs its efforts toward the preservation of housing for low to moderate-income households in Fremont, Chaffee, Lake, Custer, and Teller counties. It is currently funding twelve homes. There are nine in Florence and three in Canon City. 2) The Colorado Division of Housing has requested that a "Housing Needs Assessment" be completed within the three counties in the UAACOG region. The expectation of this program is to provide COG with the opportunity to develop programs and policies that would be beneficial to the region as well as the individual communities within a specific county. 3) The third project is the "Homebuyer Financial Assistance Program". This program is designed to help first-time homebuyers with financing. An applicant must first seek financing through a participating local lender. If the borrower does not meet the requirements of the financing company they will refer the customer to UAACOG. Sharon requested three letters of support from the Board, one for each of the projects that she had mentioned above. A housing needs survey has been funded by the state for our three counties at \$47,500.00. The Board agreed to write these letters.

Commissioner Shy made a motion seconded by Commissioner Custer to approve the minutes of February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board scheduled a site tour with Mr. & Mrs. John Riding, and Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Brothers for April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am. The Board will meet both parties at the site.

County Road & Bridge Supervisor, Dave Trujillo, met with the Board to give his monthly report.

**WORK COMPLETED IN MARCH**

- Snow removal

- Repair chains
- Began grading roads
- Started major rebuild on County Rd. 220
- Began fence repair at Geary's

### **WORK PLANNED**

- Work on County Rd. 220
- Grading roads
- Continue with fence repairs
- Begin patching/chip seal

Discussed in general the applications that have been received for an equipment operator at the shop with a starting salary of \$10.70 per hour. Dave also remarked that he has received a lot of applications for a part-time secretary.

The Board asked Dave Trujillo to start doing road counts.

The Board asked Dave to find out how much they could sell the CAT grader for; how much of a trade they could get for it; and how much the CAT Dealership would sell it on consignment. After gathering all of this information, they would like Dave to give this information to Dennis Hunt at CTSI.

Commissioner Downey asked Dave to contact the Road & Bridge Supervisor of Montrose County and find out how the process of working with Dennis Hunt of CTSI worked for their county.

The Board met with the Social Service Department.

Christy Kesselring met with the Board to give her monthly report.

Commissioner Shy made a motion seconded by Commissioner Custer to accept Christy Kesselring's proposal on commuting expenses after she moves to Pueblo. This will include all fuel costs, and any other incidentals such as oil changes, flat tire, etc. due to the commute. Motion carried unanimously.

Reviewed the Special Events Permit application after Christy had made the suggested changes by the county attorney. The Board also reviewed and made some changes. This draft will be given back to the Planning Commission Board to review.

Charles Bogle, Bob Senderhauf, Jim Blevons, Clint Englehart, Cindy Howard, and Lynn Attebery, met with the Board to continue the discussion on the proposed lodging tax. Commissioner Custer made a motion seconded by Commissioner Downey to support the lodging tax initiative as part of the November 2007 ballot. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business the Board adjourned for the day.