

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008**

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

Kit Shy	Chairman
Dick Downey	Vice-Chairman
Carole Custer	Commissioner
Kris Lang	Deputy Clerk to the Board

Also present were commissioner candidates; Lynn Attebery, Jim Austin, Jerry Lacy, Tom Millikan and several community members.

7:00 PM Call meeting to order
Pledge of Allegiance
Approve August 29, 2008 Minutes
Old Business:
Board Administrative Assistant Report

7:15 PM Veterans Rural Health Care
Carol S. Kennedy, Commander American Legion Post 170

7:30 PM Custer County Noxious Weed Management Plan
Karen Crumbaker, CSU Extension Director
JR Phillips, Fremont County Weed Control Manager
New Business:
Stair Chair for Community Building

The meeting was called to order at 7:10PM at the Wetmore Fire Station and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

MOTION by Commissioner Downey, seconded by Commissioner Shy.

To approve the August 29, 2008 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Kris Lang, Deputy Clerk to the Board reported a Summit Meeting with the County and Towns of Westcliffe and Silver Cliff was tentatively scheduled for next month and confirmed the dates with the Commissioners. She said a telephone voice message and e-mail were sent to Matti Burt inviting her to attend a future Board meeting regarding her concerns expressed to the Planning and Zoning Director and presented at the September 9, 2008 BOCC Meeting. Ms. Lang stated that she has been in contact with Tim Harris Region 2 Transportation Director regarding a presentation at a future Board meeting. Commissioner Shy stated he was in contact with Mr. Harris recently regarding the installation of the security light at the Wetmore intersection. Ms. Lang advised that Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder had contacted John Lough from ACS regarding a contract presentation at a future Board meeting.

Ms. Lang requested approval to schedule Erica Mason of the Joffit Group for a conference call at a future Board meeting. She explained that Ms. Mason was requesting medical community service input from the Board in relation to the grant received by the Wet Mountain Valley Clinic. Commissioner Shy recommended that Terry Nimnicht, Executive Director also be a part of the conference call.

Carol Kennedy, American Legion Post 170 Commander presented the Veterans Rural Health Care Proposal. She stated the American Legion Post 170 and the Custer County Medical Center are pursuing rural health care for veterans in Custer County. They are seeking assistance from DVA VISN 19 in Denver and the VA Clinic in Pueblo.

MOTION by Commissioner Shy, seconded by Commissioner Downey
Authorizing the Board to sign the proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Shy instructed Ms. Kennedy to forward a copy of the signed proposal to US Senator, Ken Salazar.

Jerry Lacy advised he had attended a meeting at the Wet Mountain Valley Clinic with John Wallestad and Terry Nimnicht outlining the procedures of billing the Veterans Association directly for services provided.

Bob Dreher advised the House of Representatives passed the World Rural Veterans Healthcare Pilot Program.

Karen Crumbaker, CSU Extension Director presented the Custer County Noxious Weed Management and Implementation Plan. J. R. Phillips, Fremont County Weed Control Manager thanked Karen Crumbaker, Christina MacLeod and Bill Donley for all the time and effort they spent compiling the plan. He stated that Fremont County will revise their policy to reflect the outline of the proposed plan. Commissioner Downey outlined the enforcement contents of the plan. Commissioner Custer confirmed and quoted Section D, #2 if warranted; the Weed Manager will bring the case to the attention of the Custer County Weed Advisory Board. The Advisory Board may, if necessary, recommend the case to the Custer County Board of Commissioners for further action.

MOTION by Commissioner Downey, seconded by Commissioner Custer.
Approve the Weed Management and Implementation Plan as presented effective this date.
Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Shy proposed forwarding the approved plan to County Attorney, John Naylor for review and consideration of an adoption resolution.

Jerome Weigel inquired on the status of the security light at the Wetmore intersection to be installed by CDOT. Commissioner Shy responded that he has been in contact with Tim Harris, CDOT Regional Director regarding the issue and would continue to follow-up.

Commissioner Downey asked the attending Wetmore residents if the scheduled three meetings per year in the area were sufficient. The attending residents felt those meetings were adequate and special meetings could be scheduled on a need basis.

Commissioner Custer reminded the attending citizens that Custer County is now part of the recycling UAACOG recycling program. She requested input on the placement of recycling bins in the Wetmore area. The citizens agreed the first recycling bin should be aluminum followed by glass and paper products. Commissioner Custer will contact Beth Lenz to have the recycling truck driver stop at the Wetmore area and evaluate the proposed community building parking lot location for placement of the recycling containers. The citizens asked about plastic recycling and Commissioner Custer responded that plastic recycling is an issue, however in Westcliffe thanks to the High Country Recycling volunteers, plastic is picked up quarterly. Glass, aluminum, tin, newspaper and junk mail are picked up weekly in the summer and bi monthly in the winter months at the bins in Westcliffe. Commissioner Custer announced an E-Recycle event for electronics will be scheduled in April or May of 2009.

Lynn Attebery announced a scenic By-Way Workshop is scheduled on September 29-30 of 2009 in Pueblo. He encouraged attendance to help identify the requirements of signage placement in the County and remarked the State of Colorado controls sign placement.

Commissioner Shy advised placement signs for entry points into Counties are common. The State of Colorado and the placement of tourism signs and entry signs would likely be on private property. He gave an update of Zebulon Pike Interpretive sign placements and installation.

Commissioner Shy displayed a book of John Fielder photo's 1870-2000 that will be presented to George Colgate in appreciation for his time and efforts over the years to the county and more recently when he helped with revising the septic permit guidelines and regulations for our Planning and Zoning Department.

Commissioner Custer announced that Developmental Pathways in Aurora had donated two brand new stair chairs to the county. Stair chairs help mobility impaired persons to get from one level to another without having to walk up stairs. Developmental Pathways is closing their Aurora facility, and Carole asked them if they had some stair chairs available. One of the stair chairs is to be installed in the Custer County Courthouse the other at the Wetmore Community Building. Following a discussion with the Wetmore citizens present it was agreed the stair chair would better serve the community if it were to be installed on the stairs going up to the library.

Commissioner Custer reported that Colorado will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of the gold strike throughout 2009 with many events being scheduled. She will be coordinating with the celebration organizers and other Custer County groups to make sure our County events are included in the schedules and announcements throughout the year. She pointed out that more gold was removed from Colorado than California.

Commissioner Custer made a brief report on her site visit to Missoula, Montana where she chaired a National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) Peer Review Panel. The reason for this site visit is that NIDRR will be selecting a new Research and Training center to support state departments of Vocational Rehabilitation and centers for Independent Living in providing services to persons with disabilities living in rural environments.

Approved 09-30-08

Greg Tabuteau announced the Wetmore Fire Department Fund Raiser Dinner Dance is scheduled on Saturday, September 27, 2008 starting at 6 PM at the Wetmore Firehouse. Proceeds will benefit the Wetmore Volunteer Fire Department.

MOTION by Commissioner Downey, seconded by Commissioner Custer.

Adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM

