

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 16, 2010**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTER COUNTY MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE COMMISSIONER’S BOARDROOM.

Commissioner Lynn Attebery called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Roll Call was taken:

Lynn Attebery	Chairman	Present
Jim Austin	Vice-Chairman	Present
Carole Custer	Commissioner	Present
Kris Lang	Deputy Clerk to the Board	Present

Also present was Nora Drenner reporter for the Wet Mountain Tribune and Beth Lenz of the Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments (UAACOG) and several community members.

AGENDA:

Call meeting to order
Pledge of allegiance
Roll Call
Amend agenda
Audience introduction
Approval of Minutes: February 25, 26, and March 1, 2010.

Old Business:

- Wetmore Project update/discussion.
- Acceptance of the January and February 2010 monthly expense report for the Sheriff’s Office.
- CSU Rural Technical Assistance Program for the Wetmore Community Park Project continued discussion.
- Confirm attendance at the Summit Meeting date of April 22, 2010, 6:00 PM.
- Confirm attendance at the Fremont County Department of Human Services Commissioner Training on March 30, 2010.
- Review and discussion regarding the Energy Coordinator Position and Application.

New Business:

- BOCC to schedule 2010 tour of the Jail/Detention Center.
- Review of the Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments (UAACOG) Statewide Strategic Use Fund Project Application – Sheri Warnock, UAACOG Resource Navigator.
- Custer County Community Economic Development Committee (CCCEDC) discussion. Representatives from the Town of Silver Cliff and the Town of Westcliffe in attendance.
- Weed Board - Christina MacLeod, Extension - Beverly Goertz Weed Training funding request.

12:30 PM Work Session

Jeff Ollinger UAACOG Water Quality Program 2005 Plan, Septage Planning Policy, ISDS Planning Water Smarts Publication presentation.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Custer:

To accept the posted agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Custer:

To approve the minutes of February 25 and 26; March 1, 2010 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Custer reported that the paperwork prepared for the transfer of funds between the Conservation Trust Fund and the County General Fund requested by Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder at the March 9, 2010 BOCC meeting has been revised to reflect that Commissioner Carole Custer was not present at the meeting. Commissioner Custer stated that the approved minutes from the February 16, 2010 Work Session and February 18, 2010 Work Shop required some edits. She outlined the edits necessary and requested that the minutes be amended to reflect the changes.

MOTION by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Attebery:

To approve the amended minutes from the February 16, 2010 Work Session and the February 18, 2010 Work Shop as outlined. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Custer:

To accept the January and February 2010 monthly expense reports for the Sheriff's Office as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Attebery requested that the BOCC schedule the annual tour of the Sheriff's facility. Following a brief discussion the Board agreed that the tour be scheduled as part of the April 7, 2010 BOCC meeting.

Commissioner Attebery reported that the Walmart Supercenter in Canon City, Colorado, has offered \$300 worth of safety goggles in various sizes for use during the demolition and clean-up of the Wetmore Project. The Walmart Supercenter in Pueblo West, Colorado, is providing the county with a \$50 gift certificate and the Valley Ace Hardware Store in Westcliffe, Colorado has offered a 20% discount on the safety items purchased for the demolition. He said that the McCasland Glass Company of Canon City has offered to remove the Lone Pine window from the building and deliver it to the museum at no charge. He commented that the Road and Bridge Department was in possession of a key to the building on the property and would assist with scheduled entrances to the building as necessary. Commissioner Attebery reported that the situation regarding the abandoned vehicles on the property has been turned over to the Sheriff Department. Commissioner Custer suggested that a representative from the Army Corp of Engineers be invited to the April 14, 2010 BOCC meeting in Wetmore to discuss the possibility of constructing a bridge over the creek area. She also suggested that representatives from the Road and Bridge Department attend the meeting for a community discussion regarding the proposed road realignment.

Beth Lenz, UAACOG Recycling, introduced herself and Sarah Green the Community Resource Navigator for Chaffee and Lake Counties. She said the UAACOG is applying for a Statewide Strategic Use Fund Grant through the Colorado Department of Health and Human Services. The grant would fund the resource navigator positions as well as provide funding for financial literacy, GED, GED Prep classes, ECE Cares parenting classes, etc.. Ms Lenz presented a letter of support to be signed by the BOCC of Chaffee, Custer, Fremont and Lake Counties.

MOTION by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To sign the letter of support as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Attebery signed the letter as Chairman of the BOCC.

Kris Lang, BOCC Administrative Assistant requested confirmation of the BOCC attendance at the Fremont County Department of Human Services Commissioner Training on March 30, 2010 and for the Summit Meeting on April 22, 2010. The BOCC agreed to have commissioner representation at both meetings. Ms. Lang proposed that a Board Assistant Report be titled and added to the BOCC meeting agendas to clarify or confirm information she requires from the BOCC in performing her job responsibilities.

MOTION by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Attebery:

To authorize the Board Assistant Report as an agenda item. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Custer addressed the energy coordinator position and application agenda item. She stated that Custer County should be directly involved in the process. She said she did not agree to have the Fremont County BOCC over see the process on behalf of Custer County. She said the Board should be informed and review this process with the Ennovate Corporation as part of the technical energy audit and project proposal; with the Charter Project Management team designated by the BOCC in May of 2009 and the community. She said she was in direct communication with Kathay Rennels, former Larimer County Commissioner and a new administrator at Colorado State University (CSU) regarding these concerns. Ms. Rennels is the Vice Provost for Outreach and Strategic Partnerships.

Commissioner Austin said he understood that the BOCC had agreed and supported having the Fremont County BOCC over see the process with the direct interaction and communication of Tommy Covington, interim CSU Extension Agent. Commissioner Attebery agreed. Commissioner Custer disagreed with the statements. She will present a list of objectives on behalf of the county for review and discussion at the March 31, 2010 BOCC meeting.

The BOCC recessed at 9:50 AM.

The BOCC reconvened at 10:10 AM.

Commissioner Attebery opened the meeting for comments and discussions regarding the Custer County Economic Development Committee. Joining the meeting was: Larry Weber, Town of Silver Cliff Trustee; Ginny Holloway, Town of Silver Cliff Treasurer/Clerk; and Dee Hoag, Southern Colorado Economic Development District (SCEDD).

Ginny Holloway, Town of Silver Cliff Treasurer/Clerk referenced the summary she presented to the BOCC on behalf of the Town of Silver Cliff. She said the Town Clerks of Silver Cliff and Westcliffe have been coordinating ideas and have found that each town wants to keep its own identity, while cooperating with other entities in the community. The priority is to develop a business pamphlet to provide to people interested in beginning or developing a business in the area. It was suggested that the 2011 Enterprise Zone funds be used to prepare that pamphlet.

Larry Weber, Town of Silver Cliff Trustee reported that the Board was presently focusing on the master plan; the mining day's celebration, improving the appearance of the highway 96 corridor coming into town, safe walk sidewalks and repairs to the town park. He commented that the present Trustee Board is very active and committed to the improvement of the town.

Nora Drenner, Town of Silver Cliff Trustee said the CCCEDC was an on-going process and that she would like to see a total of seven to nine board members with representation from the Town of Silver Cliff, the Town of Westcliffe, the Chamber of Commerce and the County. She proposed quarterly meetings be scheduled.

Dee Hoag, SCEDD gave a history of the Community Action Plan (CAP) assessment and felt the CCCEDC should move forward in that direction. She suggested that the CCCEDC should be specifically goal oriented. She felt the committee experienced a considerable turn-over that resulted in a breakdown of communication and commitment. She agreed that the committee members should be reduced and said that additional members could function under formed sub-committees.

Commissioner Custer said she supported having the CCCEDC move forward with the CAP process. She stated the committee required the staff support of a county extension agent. She suggested that a grant could be written for the county to hire a contract person or persons to provide that leadership and long term commitment to living and working in Custer County. Commissioner Custer stated that she still supported finding the funds with in the Custer County budget to have our next Extension Agent be a full time county employee that contracts with CSU Extension to deliver extension programs and services to county residents. She commented that she has spoken with CSU Kathay Rennels, and has shared the e-mail communication exchanges over the past six months with Ms. Rennels regarding the ongoing CSU program issues and concerns. Ms. Rennels is the Vice Provost for Outreach and Strategic Partnerships.

Commissioner Attebery said he agreed with the proposal to reduce the number of the CCCEDC with representation from the towns, Chamber of Commerce and the county. He commended the towns for their focus and goals and said the county needs to determine goals and objectives. He stated that he felt attracting new businesses to the area was a key factor. He stressed the need for business incentives. He commented that he had spoken with Colorado State Representative, Tom Massey regarding the issues.

Commissioner Austin suggesting involving the interim CSU Extension Agent in the CCCEDC. The Board agreed to meet with the interim extension agent for further review and discussion. The Board agreed that the initial committee should be comprised of the stakeholders with the addition of sub-committees as needed. The Board agreed to invite representatives from the UAACOG and Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to the next scheduled CCCEDC meeting.

The BOCC recessed at 10:45 AM.

The BOCC reconvened at 11:05 AM.

Christina MacLeod, representing the Weed Board and Beverly Goertz, Extension Office Manager met with the BOCC. Ms. MacLeod gave a summary from the February 22, 2010 Weed Board meeting. She presented a pictorial over-view booklet prepared by J.R. Phillips, Fremont County Weed Manager and asked for the Board's input. The Board agreed the brochure was well done and suggested that Custer County's name be specifically outlined on the cover. Ms. MacLeod said the booklets will be available through donation in the Extension Office. Ms. MacLeod asked for the Boards assistance and advice regarding reimbursement for the weed board volunteers who attend the training being offered by the Colorado Weed Management Association. She said in the absence of an extension agent in Custer County several weed board members have expressed a desire to attend additional training on behalf of the county.

Commissioner Attebery said the current weed budget for 2010 is \$5600. He remarked that in the past not all the funds budgeted for weed eradication were utilized. He proposed some of the educational training costs could be covered under the weed budget. Everyone agreed that weed eradication would remain the priority.

Commissioner Custer suggested that Ms. Goertz include funds for training for the Weed Board or any other Extension advisory group that may want to participate in skill upgrade training and education when she submits the 2011 budget request for the extension office. She said that for this year, Ms. MacLeod and Ms. Goertz might also inquire about accessing training funds from the Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation program and suggested that Ms. MacLeod contact them on behalf of the Weed Board.

The BOCC recessed at 11:40 AM.

The BOCC reconvened at 12:30 PM.

Kathy Reis, Town of Westcliffe Clerk addressed the BOCC and requested confirmation and approval to allocate the 2010 Enterprise Zone funds (\$3000) for the Colorado Main Street Program

MOTION by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To ratify the previous decision to allocate the 2010 Enterprise Zone funds for the Colorado Main Street Program. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder
Attest

Lynn Attebery
Chairman

BOARD OF CUSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION

March 16, 2010

12:45 PM

Commissioners Board Room

Present: Commissioner Attebery
Commissioner Austin
Commissioner Custer
Kris Lang, Deputy Clerk to the Board
Jackie Hobby, Planning and Zoning Director
Nora Drenner, Reporter for the Wet Mountain Tribune
Ginny Holloway, Town of Silver Cliff Clerk
Kathy Reis, Town of Westcliffe Clerk
Jerry Lacey, Round Mountain Water Sanitation District (RMWSD)

TOPIC:

Jeff Ollinger – Upper Area Enterprise Zone – Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments (UAACOG) Water Quality Program; the 2005 Plan; Septage Planning Policy; and Individual Sewage Disposal System (ISDS) Planning.

Mr. Ollinger announced that the UAACOG 2005 Water Quality Plan has been completed and that CD's and hardcopies are available for individual chapters or the entire plan on request. He presented the Board with a copy of the Water Smarts booklet; a well and septic system owners' guide to ground water in the Upper Arkansas Area. He said a box of 100 publications would be delivered to the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Department for distribution.

Mr. Ollinger said in 2007 the UAACOG completed a Water Quality Planning Policy. He said that the UAACOG will review and make recommendations on new outlying wastewater treatment facility site applications that would include strategic planning on the feasibility; long-term capability; treatment of the ISDS septage; and sludge management. He explained the UAACOG functions as the planner, Custer County functions as the manager and Round Mountain Water and Sanitation District (RMWSD) as the operator. He said he thought that RMWSD was presently in the concept phase regarding the construction of a septage dumping and storage facility. Mr. Ollinger asked Mr. Jerry Lacey to provide an update on RMWSD. Mr. Lacey said that the Board of RMWSD had toured several facilities and obtained an estimate of \$2 ½ million dollars for a new septage and storage facility. He stated that the RMWSD could not incur that cost at this time. Mr. Ollinger commented if the county approved a septage management planning policy and regulated the pumping of septic systems every three years or more often in the mandated sections of the county the additional fees paid to RMWSD would help offset the cost of a new wastewater treatment facility

A discussion ensued regarding the issue of whether the responsibility for the septage falls under the County or under RMWSD. Ms. Jackie Hobby, Planning and Zoning Director remarked that the pumpers are currently taking the septage to Canon City, Pueblo and Salida. She said the P&Z Department has spent numerous hours in review and conversations with RMWSD regarding options and alternatives of a septage dumping and storage facility. She commented that RMWSD main responsibility is to their district customers.

Mr. Ollinger addressed the potential health and safety issue that could arise from non-maintained septic systems. Ms. Hobby gave a summary of the Custer County Individual Sewage Disposal System (ISDS) Policy. She outlined the rules and regulations enforced by the P&Z Department regarding waste type, system type and water source information required in the septic permit application. She said the P&Z Department distributes informational homeowner's packets and provides public education and support. Ms. Hobby said the P&Z Department recommends engineered septic systems and requires electronic monitors on vault systems. She remarked that the P&Z Department and the local Real Estate Agents are recommending replacement of the older septic systems. She said that most residents are compliant and understand the importance of protecting and preserving the quality of the water in the county. Mr. Ollinger complimented Ms. Hobby and the P&Z Department for educating, assisting and supporting the community. He commented that Custer County appears to be advanced in their recommendations, rules and regulations regarding septage and ISDS.

The Work Session was completed at 1:20 PM.

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder
Attest

Lynn Attebery
Chairman