

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 15, 2010**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTER COUNTY MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE WETMORE FIRE STATION, WETMORE, COLORADO.

Commissioner Lynn Attebery called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call was taken:

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

Also present were numerous community members.

AGENDA:

Call meeting to order

Pledge of allegiance

Roll Call

Amend agenda

Approval of minutes

Audience introduction

Old Business:

Status update on the Wetmore Project

Status update on the Wet Mountain Valley Waste Minimization Project

Cardboard Baler Discussion

Lake DeWeese Hydro Electric Grant Application Discussion

New Business:

Representation from the Veterans Service Office

Representation from the Hanssen Haus Resource Center

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To accepted the posted agenda. The motion carried.

Commissioner Attebery stated that Commissioner Custer was currently out of town. He said she had prepared a correspondence and asked that it be read into the record. Commissioner Attebery read the correspondence exactly as submitted. My dear Friends, Please forgive my absence tonight. I am in South Carolina with our Grandson Jacob who is graduating from Army Basic Training tomorrow. I am on the mend from my successful right shoulder replacement surgery. This road trip is allowing me to work on my recovery without overdoing it. Back home there was hard not to over work and stress out the muscles in the wounded wing. After Jacobs's graduation from Basic Training, we will be taking him to his next Army duty assignment and training at the Redstone Arsenal near Huntsville, Alabama. Our intention is to be back in Colorado and Westcliffe sometime on Thursday, September 23, 2010. My cell phone is with me and on (719-371-0076) and at night I have internet access in my motel room if you need to reach me. Enjoy this meeting, we have a great deal to share with your tonight. And know that I am with you in spirit and thought. Respectfully, Carole.

Commissioner Attebery reported he had received a response from Terry Shippy, Traffic Operations Engineer, CDOT Region 2- Pueblo regarding the second light in the Wetmore area. He distributed copies of the correspondence and read the response into the record. Mr. Attebery, This concerns Custer County's request for a street light at the intersection of Hwy 96 and County Road 395. You probably are aware that CDOT at the request of Custer County made arrangements with San Isabel Electric for the installation of a street light at the Junction of Hwy 96 and Hwy 67 at CDOT's cost for a flat rate. We analyzed the intersection of Hwy 96 and County Road 395 and found no justification for the installation of a street light at this intersection at CDOT cost. There were no night time accidents during our latest 10 year accident history. The speed limit is a low 25 mph and the traffic volume on County Road 395 is very low. Traffic volume on Hwy 96 is not increasing. We are willing to do signing enhancement at the intersection with a larger street name sign on top of the post office sign. If Custer County is willing to pay CDOT a monthly flat rate for the installation, maintenance and electricity we would be willing to write up a street light agreement. Please let me know. Sincerely, Terry Shippy. Following a discussion Commissioner Austin agreed to contact CDOT regarding clarification on the following issues: the dollar amount of the CDOT monthly flat rate for installation of another light; the options of a solar light installation; a possible addition of speed bumps; and reiterate that the request for another light in the Wetmore area originated with the Custer County Sheriff.

Commissioner Attebery reported that the environmental testing results from Dan Ogden Consulting on the building at the Wetmore Project revealed the presence of airborne particles that will require abatement prior to the demolition of the building. He said he was in contact with the Colorado Department of Public Health regarding the process and scope of work necessary to remove those materials.

Commissioner Austin gave an update on the Wet Mountain Valley Waste Minimization Project. He said the building plans have been approved and the building has been ordered. He explained that the steel framed engineered building will have a metal roof, baled cardboard walls and an exterior stucco finish. He said the next step will be the foundation for the structure. He remarked that the current cardboard baler could be temporarily set on the foundation while the structure is being built to reactivate cardboard recycling in the community until a permanent placement is applicable. Commissioner Austin said there is a citizen who presented a proposal regarding an exchange for the cardboard baler he owns. He said the citizen proposed a plan by which he would donate half of the agreed fair market value of the baler to the county and had asked that he be able to redeem the remaining value of the baler towards landfill dump fees. Rusty Christensen, Landfill Manager addressed the Board and shared his concern regarding the proposed trade or exchange of landfill space for the acquisition of a second cardboard baler. He said that he did not support the proposal. He stated that the landfill revenues are currently down and he did not want to add to the deficit by utilizing landfill space for a second cardboard baler that did not appear to be warranted at this time. Commissioner Austin said the Board had agreed to proceed with negotiations after confirmation that the baler is in working condition. He expressed concern that the owner of the baler is incurring repair expenses under the assumption that once the equipment is functioning the proposal will be accepted by the county. Commissioner Attebery said although he did not feel this was the appropriate time to acquire a second cardboard baler, he too was concerned regarding those expenses. The Board agreed to table further discussions on the topic until a later date.

Commissioner Attebery reported that the county attorney reviewed and approved the audit engagement letter submitted by Garren, Ross & DeNardo, Inc. He signed the correspondence as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

Karin Milisavljevich, Community Energy Coordinator introduced herself to those present. She said that she had been hired through Colorado State University (CSU) on behalf of the Governors Energy Office (GEO) to support the New Energy Economy as the Community Energy Coordinator (CEC) to serve Fremont and Custer Counties. Ms. Milisavljevich stated that her current schedule at the Hanssen Haus Resource Center (HHRC) in Custer County was Tuesday and Friday, however she can be contacted anytime at 719-276-7391. Ms. Milisavljevich presented the 2011 Advancing Colorado's Renewable Energy (ACRE) grant application for the Boards review and signature. She said the \$25,000 requested would fund a feasibility study to determine if DeWeese Reservoir can provide enough static water head flow to sustain a micro hydro facility. She remarked that the DeWeese Reservoir is managed by the Department of Wildlife and owned by DeWeese Ditch and Dye Company. She said the DeWeese Reservoir has been identified by the Idaho National Research Laboratory as a potential micro hydro generating site. She commented that numerous stakeholders within the community are interested in a feasibility study to ascertain the depth of the potential that DeWeese Reservoir has to offer the community as a secondary source of power. Ms. Milisavljevich remarked that the county attorney has reviewed and approved the application. Commissioner Attebery expressed concern that the correspondence in front of him listed the Board of Custer County Commissioners as the applicant instead of the owner DeWeese Ditch and Dye Company. He stated that any grant funds are considered county revenue and therefore the county is obligated to adhere to the TABOR restrictions currently in place.

MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Attebery:

To approve and sign the 2011 ACRE Grant Application as presented. The motion carried.
Commissioner Attebery signed the application as Chairman of the BOCC.

Donna Squire, Hanssen Haus Resource Center (HHRC) introduced herself and said she was hired as the part time Resource Navigator to those present. She said her goal was to increase the services provided at the HHRC and welcomed community input and suggestions. She reported that the current HHRC office hours are: Monday – Thursday 9AM to 1PM and on Friday 9AM – 12PM. She reported that the Veterans Service Office (VSO) has been relocated back to the 511 Main Street address in Westcliffe. Commissioner Attebery said the agenda included a VSO a representative, a representative was not in attendance at the meeting.

Commissioner Attebery gave a brief summary on the free prescription discount card available to Custer County residents through the National Association of Counties (NACo). He said that additional information was available in the Custer County Courthouse and at the HHRC. Commissioner Austin encouraged everyone to read and review Proposition 101; Amendments 60 and 61 prior to the election. He said these initiatives would drastically reduce a wide range of state and local services and have a direct negative impact on Custer County. He announced the passing of Sheriff Fred Jobe's son following a long medical illness. Commissioner Attebery thanked the members of the Wetmore Volunteer Fire Department for the use of the facility for the BOCC meetings.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Austin:

To adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder
Attest

Lynn Attebery,
Chairman