

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 19, 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 9:05AM 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 Allen Butler, Town of Silver Cliff Mayor; Nora Drenner reporter for the Wet Mountain Tribune; and Dorothy Urban.

**AGENDA:**

Call meeting to order

Pledge of allegiance

Roll Call

Amend agenda

Audience introduction

Approval of minutes

Old Business:

Wetmore Project Update

Wet Mountain Valley Waste Minimization Project Update

Resolution for Preserve America

CCI request regarding the Colorado Social Service System

Airport Board Recommendations

Tobacco Education and Prevention Report – Jean Mavromatis

Worksite Benefit Specialist Presentation – Emery Ball

Veterans Cemetery Update – Charles Bogle

Work Session in Wetmore

**MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Custer:**

To accept the posted agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Custer presented a proposal in the amount of \$2,575 from Oakley Construction Inc. for work to be performed at the Hanssen Haus Resource Center (HHRC) for the Boards review and approval. She said the project was to install a new 36" swing out door at the back entrance of the HHRC for ADA compliance. Commissioner Custer stated that the funding for the project would fall under the Intergovernmental Agreement for joint funding of ADA compliant improvements with Garfield County and that additional funding would not be requested from Custer County.

**MOTION by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Austin:**

To approve the proposal as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Austin excused himself from the meeting at 9:15 AM. He rejoined the meeting at 9:25 AM.

Dorothy Urban requested that the Board reconsider adopting a resolution supporting the preservation of historic resources. She remarked that in order for Custer County to be designated as a partner for the preservation of historic resources, a resolution was required. She said that the designation would allow the community to apply for grant funding in the future.

**MOTION by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Austin:**

To sign and adopt the resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

CUSTER COUNTY RESOLUTION  
RESOLUTION # 15-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTER COUNTY, COLORADO SUPPORTING THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC RESOURCES.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Custer County feels that it is necessary and prudent for the County to recognize the Preservation of Historic Resources.

WHEREAS, Preserve America is a White House initiative developed in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservations, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the goals of this initiative include a greater shared knowledge about our Nation's past, strengthened regional identities and local pride, increased local participation in preserving the country's irreplaceable cultural and natural heritage assets, and support for the economic vitality of communities; and

WHEREAS, this initiative is compatible with our community's interests and goals related to historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, designation as a Preserve America Community will improve our community's ability to protect and promote its historical resources.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Custer County Board of County Commissioners will apply for the designation of Custer County as a Preserve America Community; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that Custer County will protect and celebrate our heritage. Use our historic assets for economic development and community revitalization. Encourage local citizens and visitors to experience and appreciate local historic resources though education and heritage tourism programs. Support the volunteer board to bridge together various county interests for the betterment of historic preservation and heritage tourism within Custer County.

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 2010

Lynn Attebery, Chairman

Jim Austin, Vice-Chairman

Carole J. Custer, Ph.D., Commissioner

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder, Attest

Jean Mavromatis and Linda Brigham met with the BOCC and gave a report on the Tobacco Education and Prevention Program. Ms. Mavromatis reported that the state had inquired on what county services would be reduced or eliminated as a result of the reduced funding under the State Tobacco Education Prevention Partnership (STEPP) Grant. She said her concern was the amount of information that would not be presented due to the elimination of the media funding.

Ms. Mavromatis gave a report on the national prevention network research conference; child passenger safety seat inspections; the department of behavior health webinar; the national child passenger safety week; and the health collaborative meetings that she had attended. She stated the Drive Smart and Interagency Programs would continue. Commissioner Custer thanked Ms. Mavromatis for all her efforts past and present along with her future volunteer time. Ms. Brigham said she has been orienting with all the various programs. She said her role would be multi-faceted following a campaign that allows the community to coordinate a prevention program as a community function. Commissioner Austin remarked that smokeless tobacco was a concern in Custer County.

The BOCC recessed at 9:50 AM.

The BOCC reconvened at 10:10 AM.

Charles Bogle, Chairman of the Custer County Veterans Cemetery Committee met with the BOCC and said he was concerned that the Department of Veterans Affairs would not be able to accept a transfer of gifted land from a private owner if Custer County was selected for the National Cemetery site in Southern Colorado. He proposed that if Custer County was selected that the county accept conditional ownership from the private land owner and subsequently gift the acreage to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Commissioner Custer stated that she was in full support of the proposal and wanted to remind everyone that Mr. Redmond's previous land generosity allowed the establishment of the county airport. She said that Mr. Redmond would want the county to continue to support the airport. She said the designation of the National Cemetery in Custer County will allow the Silver West Airport to become more sustaining. Commissioner Attebery expressed some county financial concerns regarding the survey, platting and property taxes on the referenced land.

**MOTION by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Austin:**

To accept the property transfer proposal if Custer County was selected for the National Cemetery site in Southern Colorado. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Austin said he still supported scheduling a public discussion with the US Forest Service and the Western Slope No Fee Coalition group. He suggested the public discussion follow a format allowing everyone to speak for a yet to be determined limited amount of time. Commissioner Custer stated the purpose of the public discussion was to provide the community with information and not enter into a debate situation. Commissioner Attebery agreed.

Commissioner Austin reported that the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) was scheduled to begin moving the dirt from the obstructing hill on Hwy. 69 north in approximately two weeks.

**MOTION by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Custer:**

To adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.

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Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder  
Attest

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Lynn Attebery  
Chairman

BOARD OF CUSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION  
Wetmore Community Center, Wetmore, Colorado  
October 19, 2010  
2:00 PM

Present:

Commissioner Attebery; Commissioner Austin; Kris Lang, Deputy Clerk to the Board; Allen Butler, Town of Silver Cliff Mayor; Terry Nimnicht, Wet Mountain Valley Community Clinic (WMVCC) Executive Director; Wetmore Community Center Board Members: Alden Gray; Burl Stearns and Jerome Weigel.

Commissioner Austin reported on proposed rumble strips to slow traffic in the Wetmore area. He said that the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) felt the rumble strips would be a noise factor and concern for the citizens and residents in the nearby areas. The Wetmore Community Board Members (WCBM) present agreed. Commissioner Austin gave a report on the installation of a second light in the Wetmore area. He said that CDOT had analyzed the intersection of Hwy 96 and County Road 395 and found no justification for the installation of a street light at this intersection. He said that if Custer County is willing to pay CDOT a monthly flat rate for the installation, maintenance and electricity they would be willing to write up a street light agreement. He said that the proposed solar light option would be a very expensive project. Commissioner Austin suggested the WCBM contact Dark Skies of the Wet Mountain Valley for options, ideas and assistance regarding the placement of a second light. The Wetmore Community Board Members present expressed a safety concern in not having a second light in the area and agreed to contact Dark Skies.

Commissioner Austin introduced Terry Nimnicht, Executive Director of the WMVCC and said he invited him to join the work session to explain the options related to the transfer of the WMVCC to a federally funded facility. Mr. Nimnicht reported on the proposed conversion of the Wet Mountain Valley Community Clinic (WMVCC) also known as the Custer County Medical Center from a Rural Health Care facility status to a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). He stated that the benefits to being a FQHC include: an increased access to medical providers, a discounted prescription drug program, an option of free medical malpractice coverage, and an increase in Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement. Mr. Nimnicht asked those present for feedback regarding a satellite doctor clinic in the Wetmore area. The WCBM agreed to discuss the proposal with the community citizens at the next available date.

Commissioner Austin excused himself from the work session at 2:30 PM.

Commissioner Attebery gave an update on the Wetmore project. He reported that the environmental testing results revealed the presence of airborne particles that will require abatement prior to the demolition of the building. Commissioner Attebery said he was in contact with the Colorado Department of Public Health regarding the process and the scope of work necessary to remove those materials. He confirmed that the state health inspectors were going to inspect the building at 3:00 PM today and that he would be in attendance.

The work session was completed at 2:50 PM.

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Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder  
Attest

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Lynn Attebery  
Chairman