

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 31, 2014**

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

Commissioner Allen Butler called the meeting to order at 9:13 AM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call was taken:

Allen Butler	Chairman	Present
Kit Shy	Vice Chair	Present
Lynn Attebery	Commissioner	Present
Kris Lang	Deputy Clerk to the Board	Present

Also present was: Joe Arbuckle, Brent Bruser, Jane Candelaria, Jack Canterbury, Carole Clemenson, Ellie Czarnota, Chuck Ippolito, Ken Lankford, Delwin Lester, Debbie Livengood, Michele Pedigo, Sue and Lockett Pitman, Ron Terry, Candi Sage and Paul Sage, reporters for the Sangre DeCristo Sentinel, Jillian Ward reporter for the Wet Mountain Tribune

AGENDA:

Call meeting to order
Pledge of allegiance
Roll Call
Amend agenda
Audience introduction
Approval of minutes
Public Comment
Commissioner Items
Executive Session
Old/New Business
Review vouchers and sign checks
Citizens Take Back EMS Committee – P. Sage
Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant – C. Coleman
State Lease No. AG 46158 – CR 254 –Cattle Guard – B. Jeras
Title 111 Funds USFS – J. Outhier
Transfer from Conservation Trust Fund to County General Fund – D. Livengood
Special Events (Liquor License San Isabel Land Protection Trust – D. Livengood (10:30 AM)
Staff Meeting

Commissioner Butler said that the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant and the State Lease No. AG46158 topics on the agenda would be postponed until a later date. He said that the Liquor License for the Special Events would be addressed at 10:30 AM as published and posted.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Shy:

To approve and accept the minutes of March 19, 2014 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Butler asked if anyone in the audience had a public comment to share. Hearing none, he continued with the meeting.

County payroll and accounts payable were approved from the following funds:

County General	\$183,828.51
Road and Bridge	\$ 65,649.47
Emergency Services	\$ 36,436.30
Human Services	\$ 21,469.49
Capital Improvement	\$ 1,271.79
Airport Fund	\$ 4,470.03
Tourism Fund	\$ 986.00
Self Insurance	\$ -0-
TOTAL	\$314,111.59

MOTION by Commissioner Shy, seconded by Commissioner Attebery:

To approve the March 2014 payroll and accounts payable. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Shy said that he would not be available for the April 16, 2014, BOCC Meeting at 9:00 AM in the Wetmore Community. He remarked that as a surveyor he was involved in a court case that date and requested that the meeting be rescheduled.

MOTION by Commissioner Shy, seconded by Commissioner Attebery:

To revise the BOCC meeting date from April 16 to April 15, 2014 starting at 9:00 AM in the Wetmore Volunteer Fire Station pending a confirmation from the county attorney approving the revised date. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Shy said that he attended the disaster table top exercise hosted by the Office of Emergency Management.

Commissioner Attebery reported on the Kiosk/Way Finding Signage in the Wetmore area. He stated that some of the dirt required for the project has been donated by Wet Mountain RV/Bobcat and Kagan and Sons.

Paul Sage, citizen addressed the Citizens Take Back the EMS Committee Agenda Item. He said the Custer County Clinic (CCC) and the Ambulance Corp. fall under the jurisdiction of the West Custer County Hospital District (WCCHD) and that there were serious concerns regarding the management of the Emergency Medical Service/Ambulance Corp. Mr. Sage said that the community suffers from a crisis of confidence in the WCCHD and the ambulance service it provides. He gave a presentation that focused on the failure of the WCCHD to provide the services outlined in the 1988 service plan between Custer County and the WCCHD; the failure to fund the ambulance corp; questionable liens against public property, the financial accountability of the 4.9 mill levy approved by the voters and possible violations of the Colorado Constitution. Joe Arbuckle, WCCHD Board Chairman, said this was the first time the WCCHD Board has heard these statements and that they should be given the opportunity to review and respond to the allegations. He said that the WCCHD Board has been open regarding an abundance of problems being experienced at the Custer County Clinic (CCC). He said that the WCCHD focused on the financial stability of the clinic and that it was in the process of a turn-around. He said that patient visits have increased 52% in the last year and felt that medical treatment at the clinic was more accessible to the citizens and community. He commended the WCCHD Board and the CCC Executive Director for this improvement. Mr. Arbuckle said that the ambulance corp. continues to be a financial strain on the clinic. He stood by his recommendation that the ambulance corp. should be severed from the clinic and the WCCHD and that the mission should be under the umbrella of the county, the fire department or the proposed formation of its own special district. Ellie Czarnota, Director of the Ambulance Corp. said she believed that EMS and the ambulances would be a good and cooperative fit with the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District (WMFPD).

An intense discussion ensued regarding the service plan between Custer County and the WCCHD. Delwin Lester, CCC Executive Director, Joe Arbuckle, WCCHD Chairman, Chuck Ippolito, WCCHD Treasurer, Brent Bruser and Lockett Pitman were in agreement that the service plan was historic, no longer operable and possibly illegal with regards to volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's). Mr. Sage said that the BOCC has been asking the WCCHD to review and revise the service plan for over a year. Mr. Arbuckle responded that the criteria for a service plan is continually changing and that it didn't make sense to revise the service plan at this time only to have to routinely change it. Mr. Lester and Mr. Ippolito agreed. The BOCC were not in agreement.

Chairman Commissioner Butler asked the BOCC if they had any comments to share before moving on to the next agenda item. Commissioner Attebery said that he would like to see the WCCHP Board listen and focus on the priority expressed by the citizens which is EMS. He said that EMS should be the number one priority and that the WCCHD should do whatever it takes to run the ambulance. The funding for the ambulance services should be taken from the top of the budget; afterwards the balance can be used for the clinic. Commissioner Shy said there were two issues being addressed one is the future of the EMS and that it is a crucial decision where the ambulance should be designated. The second issue is that the service plan between the Public and the WCCHD that stopped being followed without publication notification. He said that as long as there is a public process the community needs to be involved. Commissioner Butler said that the WCCHD needs to talk to the public with forums. He said that he is receiving a lot of calls from the public upset about the ambulance service and the service plan.

The BOCC recessed at 10:15 AM.

The BOCC reconvened at 10:30 AM

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder met with the Board and presented the special events liquor license application received from the San Isabel Land Protection Trust. The event is scheduled on June 1, 2014 at the Painted View Ranch from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. She said that all the paperwork has been completed and that the request for the event has been published and the property had been posted.

MOTION by Commissioner Shy, seconded by Commissioner Attebery:

To approve the liquor license for the special event hosted by the San Isabel Land Protection Trust at the Painted View Ranch on June 1, 2014 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Livengood requested that \$21,500.00 be transferred from the Conservation Trust Fund to the County General Fund. She also requested that \$34.65 be transferred from the County General Fund to the Conservation Trust Fund. She said that the \$34.65 was the accumulated interest for the Conservation Trust Fund.

MOTION by Commissioner Attebery, seconded by Commissioner Shy:

To transfers the funds as requested by the Clerk and Recorder. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Outhier, US Forest Service met with the BOCC to discuss the Title 111 Funding regulations. Following a discussion the BOCC agreed to contact the Rye Mountain Fire District and propose the placement of a cache near San Isabel Lake, Rye, Colorado for the storage of fire-fighting equipment. Mr. Outhier agreed that the structure could be placed on the property that houses the Forest Service office across the road from Lake Isabel. The BOCC instructed the Administrative Assistant to contact the Fire Chief at the Rye Mountain Fire District for support and confirmation for this project.

MOTION by Commissioner Shy, seconded by Commissioner Butler:

To move forward with Title 111 Funds for a cache/portable shed as agreed following confirmation from the Rye Mountain Fire District. The motion carried unanimously.

The BOCC recessed at 10:30 AM

The BOCC reconvened at 11:20 AM.

The department heads, elected officials, and staff met with the BOCC for the staff meeting. Present were: Mike Halpin, JD Henrich, Jackie Hobby, Dawna Hobby, Chuck Ippolito, Laura Lockhart, Debbie Livengood, Virginia Trujillo, and Robin Young.

The following topics were discussed:

- The formation of an employee recognition protocol committee
- The type of employee recognition for length of service
- The type of retirement acknowledgements
- Protocol that all county employees will receive the same recognition regardless of the department and or county office
- Confirmation that the recognitions are funded appropriately
- Confirmation that no taxpayer funding will be utilized for the events

Commissioner Shy suggested that a picnic be scheduled during the summer months to include all county employee's and their families as a unified social gathering. He specified that the funds for the event would not come out of the county general fund or taxpayer monies.

Commissioner Butler signed the Department of Local Affairs EIAF 7435 Custer County Community Building Improvement Preliminary Engineering Grant Application for \$12,000.00. The correspondence was reviewed and approved by the County Attorney.

Commissioner Butler asked if there was any more business to discuss. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 12:25 PM.

Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recording
Attest

Allen Butler
Chairman