

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 16, 2005**

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

Dale Hoag	Chairman
Dick Downey	Vice-chair
Kit Shy	Commissioner
Ric Ferron	County Administrator
Suzanne Coleman	Deputy Clerk to the Board

Absent: Debbie Livengood – Clerk to the Board

County Extension Agent, Gary Hall, met with the Board and updated them on activities in the extension office. Gary has written J.R. Phillips a memorandum concerning the need to spray for weeds along with GPS coordinates showing where he needed to spray for musk and Canada thistle. According to Mr. Phillips, it is too late in the year to spray for musk thistle, but there is still time to spray for Canada thistle.

There had also been a misunderstanding on where Mr. Phillips should be spraying for weeds. He has only been spraying on the east side of the county. As of today's date, Mr. Phillips has not submitted any bills for weed spraying.

Commissioner Hoag inquired if Vic Barnes had been spraying his property west of the willow schoolhouse for leafy spurge. There have been complaints from one of the neighboring ranchers.

The computer for the secretary of the Extension Office has quite working. They have ordered a new Dell computer for the office. The cost is \$498.95.

Mark Johnson, CSU Director, put together a handout on Referendum C & D for review. If Referendum C does not pass, 50% of the current staff could possibly be laid off next year. Currently there are only 105 individuals employed.

Silver Cliff Administrator, Sue Hutton, met with the Board regarding the 2005-06 Upper Arkansas Enterprise Zone Grant. There is \$3,000.00 available to the county and both towns for economic development. The county will receive \$2,000.00 of this money.

Road & Bridge Supervisor, Gary Havens, informed the Board that the fire ban signs were being taken down.

Roger Camper updated the Board on the progress the committee is making concerning the mill levy increase for Road & Bridge. This committee was inquiring if a 5 mil increase in mill levy might be considered instead of 3 mills. According to Gary Havens,

the projected cost for fuel and tires is going to be extremely high. A 3 mil increase will not allow for any projects to be done. The Board agreed to asked for 3 mil.

Sharon McKenzie, representing UAACOG, met with the Board regarding housing rehabilitation. She will be applying for funding for those who would like to apply for this money. There are no projects under her program presently in Custer County.

Len Langford met with the Board in reference to the possibility of posting a sign at the intersection of Hwy 69 and Rosita Road to advertise his business. According to Len, the Letter Drop Inn and Martin and Tope both have signs posted at this corner. The Board denied Len's request and will check on the other two signs that are posted.

Len also discussed the poor visibility of on-coming traffic at this same intersection. Commissioner Shy made a motion seconded by Commissioner Downey to have a letter written to the Department of Transportation asking that a sign be posted at the intersection of Highway 69 and Rosita Road stating "Slow Traffic" or "Dangerous Intersection". Motion carried unanimously.

Jesse Souza met with the Board to update them on RETAC. According to Jesse everything is going well. Las Animas will be receiving \$5,000.00 from the RETAC monies. These funds were approved on a reimbursement basis. Chuck Ippito is currently taking a paramedic course and funds from RETAC are being used to pay for this course.

Lynn Attebery, representing the Planning Commission, met with the Board to review the procedures to follow concerning the approval of the proposed subdivision regulations.

Christy Kesselring met with the Board in regards to an announcement that she received concerning an upcoming 2006 intern program being offered through CSU. Through this program a student from CSU would assist in the Zoning Office as part of his/her class work.

Commissioner Downey made a motion seconded by Commission Shy to pursue the intern program through CSU to be utilized in the Zoning Office. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business the Board adjourned.