

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 6, 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 9:10 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 Allen Butler, Mayor for the Town of Silver Cliff and Dave Englen.

**AGENDA**

Call meeting to order

Pledge of allegiance

Roll Call

Amend agenda

Audience introduction

Approval of minutes: September 15, 2010

Old Business:

Wet Mountain Valley Waste Minimization Contract

Wetmore Project Update

US Air Force Low Altitude Tactical Navigation Proposal in Southern Colorado Discussion

South Colony Basin - San Isabel National Forest Recreational Fee Discussion

Public Health Monthly Report

Worksite Benefit Specialist Presentation – Emery Ball CANCELLED

Treasurer Monthly Report

Treasurer Budget Hearing

Veterans Service Office Monthly Report

Road and Bridge Monthly Report

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

To accept the posted agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

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

To approve the minutes of September 15, 2010 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dave Englen addressed the BOCC and stated he supported the US Air Force Low Altitude Tactical Navigation (LATN) proposal. He said he was representing his son who has over twenty two years as a combat helicopter flight pilot. The similar flight training his son received saved his life while flying in Afghanistan and Iraq. Mr. Englen said he felt that denying military access for training over our community would result in unnecessary military pilot deaths and be counter productive. He said he understood there is a huge amount of local resistance to LATN proposal and asked the Board to carefully evaluate all aspects of the program.

Commissioner Austin said he hoped the public would take the time to review the proposal before making a decision. Commissioner Custer said the discussion was an on-going process. The Board thanked Mr. Englen for attending the BOCC meeting and sharing his thoughts and opinions.

Commissioner Custer suggested that the BOCC schedule an evening meeting that would include the Western Slope No Fee Coalition group and representatives from the US Forest Service regarding the South Basin Recreational Fee proposal. She said this venue would offer the public information on both sides of the issue. Commissioner Austin agreed. The Board instructed the Administrative Assistant to schedule a coordinated public meeting with the parties involved.

Donna McDonnall, Public Health Nurse met with the BOCC and gave a report. She said that 46 childhood immunizations and 8 blood pressure screenings were administered in September 2010. She said that Linda Bingham PhD was the selected applicant for the job of Prevention Coordinator. She remarked that Ms. Bingham comes from a strong background of gathering, interpreting, and applying data as well as experience in grant writing. The public health team welcomes her experience and expertise.

Commissioner Austin excused himself from the meeting at 9:35 AM and returned at 9:45 AM.

Ms. McDonnall asked the county to consider hiring Rhonda Myers on a part-time basis. She said that the current funding for the position would be ending soon. Ms. McDonnall stated that the assistance provided by Ms. Myers has been invaluable to her and the public health agency. Commissioner Custer pointed out that the public health agency will be presenting their preliminary budget request on October 13, 2010. She suggested that Ms. McDonnall include that request in her department budget for 2011. Ms. McDonnall reported that she attended a regional conference of the Medical Reserve Corps in Colorado Springs. She reported that the Project Public Health Ready (PPHR) has been completed as required by the state. Ms. McDonnall expressed concern in having to commit so many resources to meet state and federal expectations. She felt the state and federal branches of government do not consider the assets a small county has to offer or the successful past experiences they bring to the table. Commissioner Custer asked whether a letter from the BOCC would help at some level. Ms. McDonnall responded that the state was aware of the regional opposition. She thanked the Board for their support and agreed to prepare draft a letter to Joan Henneberry, Executive Director of the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing for the review and signature.

**MOTION by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Austin:**  
**Authorizing Donna McDonnall to prepare a letter to Ms. Henneberry for the Boards review and signature. The motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Austin expressed concern that the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) do not meet quarterly as the local Public Health Agency (PHA) and local Board of Health (BOH). Ms. McDonnall said Resolution 09-01 was adopted on February 10, 2009 confirming the BOCC as the local PHA and local BOH. She said that as the Director of the Custer County Public Health Agency, she felt her monthly reports and meetings with the BOCC met the requirements. Commissioner Austin said he will seek clarification from the state on the requirements.

Bob Squire, Town of Westcliffe Manager addressed the Board and shared concerns regarding the proposed installation of the back ramp at the Hanssen Haus Resource Center (HHRC). He stated that installation of a back ramp is not an ADA requirement. He remarked that he foresees problems resulting from the area being dammed up by the concrete steps and ramp. Mr. Squire proposed wood steps for the back egress and the concrete ramp for the front egress. Commissioner Custer stated that she wanted two concrete egress ramps at the HHRC; one at the front entrance/exit and the other at the back entrance/exit.

The BOCC recessed at 10:20 AM and met at the HHRC for review and evaluation of the proposed concrete egress ramps.

The BOCC reconvened at 10:45AM.

Virginia Trujillo, County Treasurer met with the BOCC and gave a report. The beginning balance on September 1, 2010 was \$3,273,383.29 and the ending balance on September 30, 2010 was \$3,227,841.54.

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

**To accept the County Treasurers report for September 2010 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

The BOCC met with Virginia Trujillo, County Treasurer to review the 2011 department budget request.

Lorraine Silva, Veterans Service Office Assistant met with the BOCC and gave a report. She presented the county veterans service office monthly report and certification of pay for July and August 2010 for approval and signature. Commissioner Custer signed the reports as presented. Ms. Silva reported that the American Legion had changed procedures for accepting and processing invoices. She said that Anna Orgeron would now be the main contact source. Ms. Silva remarked that she believes a little under \$9,000 was spent. She reported that the Mobile Vet Center –Readjustment Counseling Services were still coming up and servicing the veterans needs twice a month. There were no home visits this month.

Donna Squire, HHRC Navigator joined the meeting and asked Ms. Silva who functioned as the previous Navigator for the HHRC for information and assistance on the entities she had contacted for possible rental space in the HHRC. Ms. Squire said that any information Ms. Silva could provide would assist her in the goal of securing rental space from the various entities. Commissioner Custer recommended that Ms. Squire start from scratch and contact and re-contact all the applicable entities. Ms. Squire confirmed with Ms. Silva that the American Legion, Post 170 would prepare an inventory of the furniture and items they left in the HHRC and that the American Legion would provide thirty days notice to the HHRC Navigator prior to removing these contents. Ms. Silva responded that Jerry Lacy has assumed that responsibility.

Dave Trujillo, Road and Bridge Supervisor met with the BOCC and gave a report. He outlined the work completed: patching asphalt and repairing cattle guards on numerous roads; repaired several culverts; graded numerous roads; hauled 468,500 gallons of water; provided maintenance work at the south pit and in-kind work for the recycling project at the landfill site. Mr. Trujillo said the work planned is not limited to but would include grading roads and hand patching roads.

Mr. Trujillo reported that Kagan & Son LLC has received the bid for the Isle Mine reclamation and has submitted a proposal to keep CR 271 maintained during the reclamation. He said the search for a water tank is continuing. He reported that the estimated cost to crush the chips and gravel was \$31,500. Commissioner Austin shared a concern he received regarding the road condition of Piute Road in the Cuerno Verde subdivision. Mr. Trujillo responded that the road was not a county maintained road and the road and bridge department did not have the funding or the man-power to maintain non-county roads. He said it was unfortunate but that there were other non-county maintained roads in various subdivisions throughout the county sharing the same concern.

Commissioner Custer excused herself from the meeting at 11:25 AM.

Commissioner Attebery stated for the record that the Worksite Benefit Specialist Presentation was cancelled earlier this date by the facilitator Emery Ball and would be rescheduled at a later date.

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

To adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.

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Debbie Livengood, Clerk and Recorder  
Attest

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Lynn Attebery,  
Chairman