

Custer County Fire Advisory Board Minutes
Thursday, January 14, 2021

1) Roll Call

Administrative Assistant	Terri C.
Argyle	David M.
Buffalo Gap	
Commissioner	Jim L.
Custer	Matt S.
Custer State Park	
Dewey	
Emergency Management	Rob M.
Fairburn	Jim S.
Folsom	Scott E. & Dave U.
Battle Creek	Dale G.
Highlands	Luke C.
Pringle	Bob M. Sr.
State Wild Land Fire	John H.
Hot Springs	Dar C.
Pennington County Fire Dept	
US Forest Service	
Custer County	Susan A.

2) Call to Order

Chairman Matt Spring called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

3) Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of Emergency Management under New Business.

4) Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Scott E. and seconded by Bob M. Sr. to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

5) Old Business

A) Final 2021 Budgets – Terri C. distributed the approved 2021 budgets for all Fire Departments.

B) Update on P25 Radio Funding – Discussion was held on applying for a Homeland Security Grant to purchase P25 compliant radios for all departments. It was decided that one grant would be completed for all departments. Rob McWhorter, Acting Emergency Management, will help with completing the grant.

C) Update on Highlands Communications Issue – Discussion on the communication issue Highlands is having. There are a couple possibilities to solve this and they will be researched further to determine which will work best.

D) Work Plan for Hwy 385 Corridor Study – Jim S. updated the board on the proposed 385 Corridor Study he has been working on. Another meeting of those involved with this will be held the first week of February and more information will be provided at the next Fire Advisory Board meeting. Motion by

Dale G. and seconded by Scott E. to pay Jim S. \$25 per hour and state mileage for his time and travel for the 385 Corridor Study. Motion carried.

E) Auto Aid – Matt S. met with Steve M. from the Sheriff’s Office and the Zuercher program is up and running. The program still needs to be updated with different zones in the CAD system. Copies of the current Auto Aid document were distributed and each department is asked to review and let Matt S. know of any changes that need to be made.

a. Buffalo Gap Fire Department has stated they will only respond to fire calls and no medical calls. This issue will be discussed at the next Custer County Commission Meeting on January 27th. Fairburn Fire Chief, Klinton Rittberger, and Hot Springs Fire Chief, Dar Coy, will be invited to this meeting to help find a solution for this issue.

6) New Business

A) Election of Chairman – Motion by Scott E. and seconded by Jim S. to nominate Matt S. to continue as Chairman. Dale G. motioned and Scott E. seconded that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Matt S. as Chairman. Motion carried.

B) Request to distribute remainder of \$500,000 assigned funds from the county – Discussion was held on disbursing the remaining \$200,000 from the \$500,000 assigned money. It was suggested that this be tabled until after the 385 Corridor Study is complete. Matt S. would like all Departments to update their 5 Year Plans and identify their top needs. The updated 5 Year Plans and top needs will be discussed at the next Fire Advisory Board meeting.

B) Emergency Management – Rob McWhorter was introduced as acting Emergency Management. Rob is volunteering his time to help with the vacant Emergency Management position and stated he is available to help with any needs of the fire departments.

Public Comment – There were no comments from the public.

9) Announcements

- Jim S. stated Rockerville is willing to give tours of the well project that has been completed. Jim S. and Susan will be attending and anyone else who would like to attend is invited to do so.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Dale G. and seconded by Luke C. to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 11th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. – Location: TBD

Matt Spring, Chairman

**Respectfully submitted,
Terri Cornelison, Administrative Assistant**