

01-02-2018 COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

The Board of County Commissioners met at the above date beginning at 9:00 a.m. Those present were Chairman Aaron Anderson, Members Terry Wolf, Fred Frandson and Clerk to the Board Mary Grace Strauch. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Frandson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to approve the minutes for the December 19, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Vouchers for December 2017 were paid as follows:

Discussion was held on a new substance abuse policy for all county employees. If this is amended into the current policy it could save the county 10% each month on worker's compensation premiums.

County Attorney John Worrall met with the board to discuss legal issues with the hospital remodel project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to approve the payment of Request No. 31 in the amount of \$820,009.18 with the hospital remodel project. Motion carried.

County Attorney John Worrall discussed with the board a new contract with Wyoming Behavioral Institute. John will further review the document before moving forward with approval.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reported that the secure hold facility is open as of this day. WDA has laid the new carpet and the office space has been cleaned, the shelves have been removed and Tom will be painting the storage area. Effective January 1, 2018 the rental fee for the fair grounds facilities will be non-refundable unless the county commissioners approve a refund. The Ten Sleep after school project is moving forward.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Stuart Bower reported that the crew continues to do snow removal and work on the fire signs on West River Road. There will be several old cattle guards and timbers sold by sealed bid. Discussion was held on applying the lime-brine mix on Road 54 this coming summer and possibly on the Rome Hill Road.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Accept monthly reports for Sheriff's Dept. 1887.50, County Clerk \$7,817.50, Clerk of Court \$753.30.
2. Accept Worland Fire Protection District No. 1 Statement of Disbursements June 30, 2017.
3. Authorize Commissioner Anderson to participate in the BLM Wyoming Resource Management Plans regarding the Greater Sage-Grouse.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

State Representative Mike Greear met with the board to discuss upcoming bills that have or will be introduced this legislative session. Discussion was held on the state budget and direct distribution to towns, cities and counties, a possible statewide tourism tax, public purpose funds for low interest loans and extra-territorial issues with the city and county boundaries. Also discussed was the possibility of conservation districts and audits of their financial records and the added cost to the small districts that only receive one mill funding.

A public meeting to begin the discussion of a renewal of the county sales tax for the November ballot will be held on January 16 at 5:30 pm in the county commissioners meeting room.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

(Seal)

Mary Grace Strauch
Clerk to the Board

Terrence D. Wolf, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners