

01-03-12 COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

Vouchers were paid for December 2011 as follows:

Beth Wassum met with the board to discuss the recreation board opening. Discussion was held on the involvement that Ms. Wassum has with recreation within the county and what she could bring to the board. This information was taken under advisement.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Tete Weston reported to the board that the crew has been grading roads. Tete reported a washout on Cottonwood that will need to be repaired this spring. Discussion was held on using the scraper to dig the new pit for the Ten Sleep Solid Waste. Tete will see if the scraper can be used and if so they will use this for the pit. Discussion was held on receiving a permit from the Forest Service for rip rap for the old highway bridge wash out. Also discussed was possibly receiving a permit from the State Lands office for fill dirt that may be available closer to the project. Tete will need to receive estimates from Nowood Construction regarding the work that needs to be completed and the possibility of a permit by the next meeting. The project needs to be completed before April. Tete reported that there is a steering issue with the water truck that will be fixed.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reported to the board that the work would resume on the commissioner room remodel and air conditioning Wednesday, January 4. Tom will start on the shower project at the fair grounds. Tom is still working on carpet bids for the library. The rain gutters should be completed at the new road and bridge shop within the next two weeks.

Planner Bruce Frederick met with the board to discuss where the state land was located for the fill dirt for the old highway bridge project. Bruce will contact the State Lands office in the near future regarding this. Bruce reported that he received the signed right of way easement for the Septage Site. He has not received an answer regarding if the roadway can become a county road from the BLM. Discussion was held on the roadway that is located just past the airport that will become a county road. Bruce will request a plat from Airport Manager Gary Thompson. Discussion was held on the procedures to establish speed limits on county roads. The comment period is open until February 13. Bruce reported that an engineer's study is still needed before any changes in speed limit can be made. The board will meet with several other commissioners and discuss the issue of needing an engineer's study.

BLM Field Manager Karla Bird, BLM representatives Caleb Hiner, Mike Peterson, Paul Rau, Michael Phillips, Holly Elliott, Washakie County Conservation District Director Tori Dietz and board member Dan Rice, Greater Yellowstone Coalition members Barbara Cozzens and Charles Drimal, Washakie Development Association (WDA) Director Le Ann Baker and Diane Orme met with the board to discuss the Lands with Wilderness Characteristics. Discussion was held on why the characteristics needed to be updated and how they would be updated. Discussion was held on the guidance document that the BLM must use regarding characterizing an area. The guidance document will be reviewed by all and a meeting will be held in the near future with BLM representatives to further discuss the areas of concern and how a determination is made for that area and further input will be taken by the BLM regarding their determination of an area.

Library Board members Dolleen Grobe, Judy Morrison, Ruth Stephens, Library Director Karen Funk, Community Center Board member John Worrall, Community Center Director Steve Hunt, House Representative Mike Greear, and WDA Director Le Ann Baker met with the board to review the 2009 floor plan and proposed project budget for the new library. The commissioners would like to have the library become a part of the Community Center. Estimated cost savings would be 1 million dollars for the project and there would also be less square footage compared to a stand alone library, which is a maintenance savings in the future. The Library Board members do not see an issue with having the library attached to the center. Discussion was held on how the library would sustain itself if the Community Center were to close. Commissioner Harvey stated that this issue would be resolved as would the issue of sustaining the extension office, which is also a county operated facility. If this were to happen, the closing of the community center would not be immediate and issues could be resolved. Discussion was held on the library still being a county owned facility. The library Board will continue to look over the plans and hold further discussions. Discussion was held on the proper wording to have the project listed on the joint resolution for the one cent optional sales tax.

Bobby Swalstad met with the board to discuss the recreation board opening. Discussion was held on the involvement that Mr. Swalstad has with recreation within the county and what he could bring to the board. This information was taken under advisement.

Planner Bruce Frederick met with the board to review the status of proposed county roads that need to be completed. Discussion was held on doing a Request for Proposal regarding the roads from east of the Big Horn River and from Highway 16 East to the county line. Bruce will return with a list of roadways that he can complete by July 1. Bruce received approval to attend the state convention in Sheridan.

A phone call was placed to Matt Weatherly with Public Sector Personnel Consultants regarding the salary survey. Matt has not received information from several counties and will send an additional letter requesting the information.

A phone call was placed to Kristen Marcus regarding grant funding that may be available for the Ten Sleep Rodeo Association. At this time there is no funding available through the county. It was suggested the Kristen contact WDA Director Le Ann Baker for assistance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf with Commissioner Harvey abstaining due to a conflict of interest to appoint Becky Wassum to the Recreation District Board for a one year appointment and to send a letter to Bobby Swalstad thanking him for applying for the position. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. All commissioners sign letter to James T. Butterfield regarding a fair board appointment.
2. All commissioners sign letter to Bob Vines thanking him for serving on the Recreation Board.
3. Authorize chairman to sign Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$11,417.97.
4. All commissioners sign letter to City of Worland regarding a catering permit for Orion Hospitality, DBA Branding Iron Steakhouse.
5. Authorize chairman to sign Advance Environmental Services LLC contract regarding rent for a fair building shed.
6. All commissioners sign letter to Continental Resources Inc. regarding a donation for the Emergency Essential Buckets.
7. Accept letter from Washakie County Treasurer disclosing personal funds in depositories.
8. Accept monthly reports from Sheriff's Dept. \$2,096.50, County Clerk \$7,195.75, Clerk of Court \$1,832.50.
9. Approve bond for Joy Osbon, Worland Drainage District Book keeper, in the amount of \$25,000.00.
10. Authorize chairman to sign agreement with Cloud Peak Counseling regarding itemized bills for services.
11. Authorize chairman to sign proposed program budget for Homeland Security.
12. Designate the following as bank depositories: American National Bank, Bank of the West, Big Horn Federal Savings & Loan, Pinnacle Bank, Security State Bank, Summit

National Bank, US Bank, Wyoming Government Investment Fund and Wyoming State Treasurer – State of Wyoming.

13. Designate the Northern Wyoming Daily News as Washakie County's official newspaper for 2011.

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

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

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Mary Grace Strauch
Clerk to the Board

Ron Harvey, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners