

01-05-2016 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, Dale Wagner and Clerk to the Board Mary Grace Strauch. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Anderson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the minutes for the December 15, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

Vouchers for December 2015 were paid as follows:

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to approve requisition request No. 9 regarding the hospital remodel in the amount of \$605,239.82. Motion carried.

Ambulance Director Mike Bryant presented to the board a new pay scale for EMT's within the Ambulance Service. Approval was given to proceed with the increases.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the amended Lane 1 agreement with Big Horn County regarding maintenance on the roadway. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Randy Chenoweth reported to the board that the Lane 10 Bridge is on schedule for completion. The headwall on lane 14A has been completed. The board would like Randy to pre-approve large expenses before purchasing. A priority list was reviewed for upcoming projects which included Crushing (33 Mile-identify several areas in need) Chip seal 6 miles (Rd 11, LN 13, LN 14, Sesame Street, Tabi Drive, LN 10), Guard Rail Ten Sleep Road 54 and Lane 17, Lower Nowood asphalt resurface, Cattle guards and culverts. Discussion was held on the guardrail for Lane 17. If a fence is moved, the width of the road way will be 33 feet. The board would like to meet with area farmers and landowners at the site before the paperwork is completed with WYDOT for this project. Discussion was held on purchasing a snowplow for the Ten Sleep area and not using the grader. No decision was made.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reported that the law library has been cleaned out and there are still several bookshelves if needed for any of the offices. Several of the bookshelves, the gas stove and refrigerator from the fairgrounds will be sold at auction. The search and rescue/coroner building is proceeding to be completed. Tom has not been contacted by Rocky Mountain Power at this point regarding the electrical pole issue at the fairgrounds. Commissioner Wagner is working with Myron Casdorff with the fair board on several electrical issues at the fairgrounds.

Library Board Members Jennifer Ryan, Beverly Firnekas, Judy Morrison, Sharon Cochrun, Youth Alternatives personnel Sarah Garcia, Anna Venable, and Building Maintenance Director Tom Schmeltzer met with the board to further discuss the library condition and assessment update and master plan. The Library Board members have reviewed information from both TSP and CTA. They were more impressed with the CTA information but the cost \$14,000.00 more from CTA so the library does not have an issue with moving forward with TSP to finish the master plan. Tom reported that it would not be hard to add square footage to the current building. After the master plan is completed than discussion can be held on the funds available for the project and moving forward. Discussion was held on the Ten Sleep after school program and it being housed at the Ten Sleep Library. There are possible grant funds available for expansion of the building to house the after school program. Discussion was held on if the current after school program director would be a library employee or not. Additional information will be gathered regarding the grant application and other grant requirements and all will meet again in the future to discuss further.

Guardian Flight personnel Matt Strauss and Bill Hetzle reported to the board that the fixed wing aircraft being placed in Worland is right on schedule and may be placed by February 15. Also present for the meeting was Ron Sopko and Ron Harvey. Guardian Flight personnel are in communication with the hospital and contracts are being processed. Regular meetings will be held with the staff at the hospital, ambulance service. Wallet cards will be mailed to each county resident in the very near future. There is no membership fee to be paid by any county resident for this service. All citizens with a Washakie County address are covered automatically.

Planner David Anderson reported that the contractor has started to back fill the abutments on the Lane 10 Bridge and is on schedule for completion. David continues to work on several areas with the subdivision regulations before moving forward with a public hearing. David will complete several survey projects in February.

A phone call was placed to Frank Urman with Willis of Colorado regarding health insurance availability. The board will meet with Frank at the January 19 meeting.

Worland City Council members Dennis Koch, Jim Gill, Keith Gentzler, by phone Mandy Horath, Superintendent of Public Works Brian Burky, Washakie County School District No. Superintendent David Nicholas, Business Manager Jack Stott, school board members Dave Tommerup, Don Bryant, Duane Whitlock, County Attorney John Worrall, and WDA Director Le Ann Chenoweth met with the board to discuss funding options for the Worland Aquatic Center. Jack reported that the school district would like to offer a no interest loan from the endowment funds to assist with the cash flow for the aquatic center. City of Worland Mayor Dave Duffy had presented to Commissioner Wolf a spreadsheet that would allow the endowment to forward a certain amount of money each year to the aquatic center as an annual payment. At this time the endowment is \$4,450,000.00, which is \$750,000.00 over what was stated on the ballot question that was voted on by the public and the commissioners feel that the best option is to use a portion of the overage in the endowment for the aquatic centers cash flow issues. The county currently has a reserve of \$2.3 million to support all of the services they provide

compared to the \$4.45 million that is available for one non essential facility. Discussion was held on if the loan was not paid back who would be liable for covering the loan. At some point either the loan would have to be forgiven or the City of Worland, County of Washakie and the school district would be responsible for paying back the loan. The disbursement of funds option was also discussed. Discussion was held on possibly forming a working committee of city council, school board and county commission members to work on a solution regarding the proposals that were reviewed. There was no verbal commitment from the school board on wanting to move forward with the committee. Several city council members were willing to work on the issue to try to find a solution. After further discussion and still no commitment from the school board regarding a working committee a motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to approve the school boards proposal for a two year interest free loan. All voted against the motion and the motion failed. Commissioner Wolf stated that he hopes the three entities will try to form a committee to at least further discussion the issues.

Worland Solid Waste Board Chairman Travis Filler, Landfill Manager Gene Clame, Administrative Assistant Julie Cross, Worland City Council members Dennis Koch, Jim Gill, Keith Gentzler, by phone Mandy Horath, Superintendent of Public Works Brian Burky, County Attorney John Worrall, and WDA Director Le Ann Chenoweth met with the board to discuss a tonnage charge for the City of Worland. A spreadsheet was presented regarding the funds that are needed for the solid waste board to complete the digging of a new pit and to still have funds available for post closure, which is set by state statute. The new pit should last 5 years or more. Discussion was held on several different amounts to charge the city for dumping and how the cash flow is affected. A working committee was formed and will meet to further discuss the different funding issues and the solid waste board will make a decision on Monday evening, January 11, 2016 at their regular meeting.

WDA Director Le Ann Chenoweth, WDA board member Ron Harvey, Visitor Council members Tommy Newell, Amy Davidson, Jonna Abel, Justin Smith, Julie Cross, Chamber of Commerce Director Jenn Rasmussen, Chamber Board members Laurie Krump, Nikki Batson, Sheryl Ley, and Community Center Director Steve Hunt met with board to continue discussion from a meeting held in October to work together for the betterment of Washakie County. Discussion was held on sharing resources such as a store front, internet and possibly staff. Discussion centered around working with each other and not against each other and communicating with each other on upcoming events and projects being held in the community and benefiting the community along with promoting Washakie County for those that may want to visit our county. A working committee was formed of board members from each entity to meet often to discuss working together on the possibility of combining resources and a possible store front.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Accept bond for Jack L. Stott, Business Manager for Washakie County School District No. 1, in the amount of \$100,000.00.

2. Approve Homeland Security Grant draw down in the amount of \$5,311.08.
3. Accept bond for Steve Hunt Community Center Joint Powers Board Executive Director, in the amount of \$150,000.00.
4. Approve bond for Joy Osbon, Worland Drainage District accountant, in the amount of \$25,000.00.
5. Approve bond for Ron Overcast, Worland Recreation Board Treasurer, in the amount of \$5,000.00.
6. Accept monthly report from Sheriff's Department \$1,845.00, County Clerk \$12,011.75, Clerk of Court \$1,778.00.
7. Accept Washakie County School District No. 2 Financial Statements ending June 30, 2015.
8. All commissioners sign letter thanking Chris King for serving on the Community Center Joint Powers Board and the Planning Commission.
9. Authorize chairman to sign Services Agreement with Banner Health regarding sexual assault billings.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to authorize the chairman to sign the TSP agreement to continue with the Library Conditions Assessment and Master Plan for the cost of \$18,000.00. Motion carried.

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

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Mary Grace Strauch
Clerk to the Board

Aaron Anderson, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners