

01-07-2014 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 Ron Harvey, Terry Wolf and Clerk to the Board Mary Grace Strauch. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Aaron Anderson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Harvey to approve the minutes for the December 17, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

Vouchers for December 2013 were paid as follows:

County Attorney Marcy Argeris met with the board to report that she will be working on the wording regarding the ELAP contracts.

A motion was made by Commissioner Harvey and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to convene into executive session beginning at 9:26 am with County Attorney Marcy Argeris as per state statute 16-4-405 to discuss possible litigation. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Harvey and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to convene into regular session beginning at 9:46 am. Motion carried. No decision was made.

Road and Bridge Working Superintendent Randy Chenoweth met with the board to report that the crew continues to service equipment as time permits and all are plowing snow when needed. Approval was given for Randy to attend a OSHA safety training seminar in Casper. Randy and Commissioner Harvey met with WYO Ben representative Joe Sylvester in regards to the Old Ten Sleep Highway and mining that will take place in the area. WYO Ben is willing to repair the roadway after the mining has been completed. It was discussed that ripping and blending the roadway would be acceptable. Mr. Sylvester will meet with the board this summer to discuss further. It was decided that the county will not be swapping county roads with city streets that need to be snow plowed from this day forward. The county will plow the county roads and not the city streets. Sanding material will need to be purchased for the coming season. Discussion was held on additional personnel being hired for the road and bridge. At this time the county is looking at possibly cutting back on positions and felt that hiring a full time employee was not possible. Due to the fact that one part time employee has left another part time person could be hired. Work will be done on Lane 12 ½ this spring.

Discussion was held on a meeting that Commissioner Harvey had with several members of the Upper Hanover and Hanover Canal regarding the road seepage issue on the Tie Down Road. Discussion was held on all entities working together to fix the issue and further discussions will be had with all involved to resolve the seepage issue before the water is in the canal.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reported to the board that he is continuing to work with Johnson Controls regarding a maintenance contract with the heating system. Tom will be working at the Ten Sleep Library and then begin working at the main building at the fairgrounds. Discussion was held on Tom estimating the cost to enlarge the Ten Sleep Library. He will get figures to the board.

Insurance Broker Tom Davis met with the board to discuss the percentages regarding the cost plus agreement that will be processed. At this time the board feels that all area hospitals should be treated the same regarding the percentage. Tom will have the contracts drawn up to these specifications.

Planner David Anderson reported that he will begin doing survey work on the Tie Down Road this next week. The final plan will be issued soon regarding the bridge work to be completed outside of Ten Sleep and the bidding process should begin soon.

A motion was made by Commissioner Harvey and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to provide for the first year a personal day off for all employees that participate in the wellness program through public health. The employees spouse must also participate in the wellness program within the first thirty days of the new policy taking affect. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve bond for Ron Overcast, Worland Recreation Board Treasurer, in the amount of \$5,000.00.
2. Authorize chairman to sign Family Planning Expense/Revenue report for November 2013.
3. Accept monthly reports from Sheriff's Department \$2,615.00, County Clerk 9,622.75, Clerk of Court \$1,330.00, Circuit Court \$7,436.36, Trial Balance and Cash Balance for Treasurer's office.
4. Authorize chairman to sign drawdown request in the amount of \$25,349.61 regarding the homeland security grant.

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

Hospital Board of Trustee members Dan Scheuerman, Ruth Bower, Sherry Stottler, Gil McEndree, Washakie Medical Center CEO Margie Molitor, and Financial Advisor by phone Will Douglas met with the board to discuss the financial statements and information that Will had received from Banner Health. Will would like to work through the financial statements that he has received and the finance committee will meet and discuss the findings. Discussion will need to be had on the liability to the county regarding the debt being backed by a lease

payment and discussion will need to be held on reserves that will be established for the hospital board of trustees for equipment. Also discussion will need to be held on the end of lease timeframe and the ability to extend the lease for several years at a time. Will reported that a letter of intent was not received yet but good information was received for him to review. The board will meet with the hospital board of trustees again on the 21st of January.

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

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Mary Grace Strauch
Clerk to the Board

Aaron Anderson, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners