

## 01-16-2018 COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to approve the minutes for the January 2, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Game and Fish Regional Fishery Supervisor Sam Hochhalter discussed with the board upcoming public meetings that will be held to receive comments on migrating cutthroat trout into the several lakes within the Big Horn Basin area. The first meeting in Worland will be January 25 at 5:30 pm at the Fairgrounds conference room. Sam wanted the board to know that they will follow the recommendations of the public. There will be several more meetings within the Big Horn Basin.

Commissioner Frandson reported to the board that the ambulance committee has held discussion on both a director for the service and hiring an ambulance service and they will make a formal report to the commissioners at the Feb. 6 meeting.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Stuart Bower reported that the crew continues snow removal as needed and they are still putting up fire sign when time allows. Discussion was held on the Lower Nowood Road and continuing to work on snow and ice removal. Also discussed was truck traffic on the roadway in the early spring when the thaw begins. Stuart has done evaluations on the road and bridge employees. Cattle guard and wood plank bids were opened as follows: Alex Wheatcroft \$175.00 each for 4. Jim Roseberry \$152.00 each for two. Charles Humphreys \$350.00 for one 12 foot cattle guard. Jim Roseberry 29 wood planks. \$15.00 each. A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to accept all of the bids and allow Mr. Wheatcroft to pick the four cattle guards he wants and then Mr. Roseberry can purchase the remaining if he is still interested. Motion carried. Discussion was held on carrying over vacation time for one road and bridge employee. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to approve the carry over of 10 hours of vacation for one employee due to the required unavoidable snow removal. Motion carried.

Planner David Anderson discussed with the board the vacation of lots 2 & 3 in the Little Gooseberry Subdivision. The planning commission held a public hearing on January 8 regarding the vacation of the lots and recommends approval to the commissioners to vacate the lots. The easements will stay in place on this parcel of land. A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the vacation of lots 2 & 3 of the Little Gooseberry Minor Subdivision. Motion carried.

Public Health Nurse Amanda Heinemeyer reported to the board that they have purchased additional flu shots. Amanda continues to work with the state in regards to making a position a full time state position with the retirement of Bert Seaman. Public Health will be purchasing several basketballs and other play ground equipment for the elementary schools. Funds to come from the MCH grant.

Youth Alternatives Director Sarah Garcia and Grant Writer Sheri Gunderson reported that they have received several donations and continue to work on several grants for Youth Alternatives.

Banner Health CEO Jay Stallings and CFO Jennifer McMillan, Brad McCaslin and Kyle Majchrowski by phone, Hospital Board members Dan Scheuerman, Kip Mathison, Gil McEndree, Dean Carroll, Wendy Press Sweeny, and County Attorney John Worrall met with the board to review the current financial forecast regarding the hospital remodel project. There was an accounting error made by Layton and after discovering that error several projects in regards to the funding from the hospital board were put on hold until final figures come in regarding the current projects. Projections at this time are that there is \$6,457.01 overage in funds. Discussion was held on the replacement of the OR flooring due to flaws and warranty manuals for the project being available to the maintenance personnel at the hospital. Also discussed was the interest that has accrued on the bond funds and the amount still due from the bond funds for equipment.

Homeland Security Director Jeff Schweighart, Mayor Jim Gill, Public Works Brian Burky, Fire Chief Chris Kocher, Sheriff Steve Rakness, Police Chief Gabe Elliott, Ambulance Interim Director Gard Ferguson, Public Health Amanda Heinemeyer and Kami Neighbors and Road and Bridge Superintendent Stuart Bower met and discussed any possible upcoming ice jams and items that still need to be addressed regarding the jams and high water in the river. Discussion was held on the possibility of issues behind the Big Horn Coop area because the berm became saturated from last spring and much of the berm washed away. Also discussed was Jeff moving forward with the Code Red as a back up for Rapid Notify. Jeff has received a grant for the first year of Code Red. Approval was given for Jeff to move forward with the Code Red.

Landowners Steven Snyder, Tom McKinnon, Louie Pfrangle, Conservation District Director Tori Dietz, NRCS Representative Allan Croft and Road and Bridge Superintendent Stuart Bower met to discuss the possibility of closing in the ditch along Lane 12 and placing pipe to alleviate a big safety issue with the four way crossing. Because the upper ditch is so high if it was removed site distance for all oncoming traffic would be greatly improved. Steven is requesting the county flatten the ditch area from the cross roads to the west end of the field. The work can be used as in-kind match with the project and would reduce the cost of the landowners in the area in purchasing pipe and having the pipe placed. Discussion was held on the size of pipe that could be put in the area and the tight timeline if the project is to be completed before irrigating starts this spring. The engineering work will still need to be completed and there are two grants available to assist with the project through the conservation district with varying timelines. The grants will pay for 60% and Landowners pay 40%. The in-kind donation would work towards the landowner cost. Expectation of time for the road and bridge is 2 weeks.

Steven will take care of the hauling away of any necessary dirt and installing the pipe. The county will not be responsible for purchasing any of the pipe or placing the pipe. Steven will begin to work with all landowners in the area that utilize the current ditches for irrigation and another meeting has been set for Feb. 6 at 1:30 pm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the Technical Forestry Services contract in regards to the Firewise Grant. Motion carried.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Accept monthly reports for Circuit Court \$6,313.00, Treasurer's office Trial Balance and Cash Balance.
2. Approve bond for Ted Propp Jr, Colter Drainage District Treasurer/Secretary, in the amount of \$3,000.00.
3. Authorize chairman to sign draw down request for OJJDP grant in the amount of \$861.20.
4. Approve bond for Chris Schmeltzer, Secretary/Treasurer for the Washakie County Predatory Animal Board in the amount of \$5,000.00.
5. Accept Washakie County Basic Financial Statement June 30, 2017.
6. Approve bond for Joy Osbon, Worland Drainage District Bookkeeper, in the amount of \$25,000.00.
7. Approve bond for Tim Wright, Worland Recreation Board Treasurer, in the amount of \$25,000.00.
8. Authorize chairman to sign Code Red Services Subscription Agreement.

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

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

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Mary Grace Strauch  
Clerk to the Board

Terrence D. Wolf, Chairman  
Washakie County Commissioners