

## 01-20-2015 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 Aaron Anderson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to approve the minutes for the January 6, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer and Library Director Karen Funk reviewed with the board the engineer's drawing for two new bathrooms to be located within the current library. Discussion was held on a safety issue with children and the way that the entryway has been designed. Tom will have the engineer make adjustments to the drawings and the board will view the area later this day. Estimated cost for the project is \$30,000.00. Discussion was held on utilizing the bathrooms that no longer work for storage. Tom reported that he will be sending in the specifications for the search and rescue building to the State Fire and Electrical Safety inspectors after he receives the specifications from Roy Decker. At this time there will not be anyone housed in the buildings it is strictly for storage. The door at the road and bridge shop will be installed this week and that project should be complete. Approval was given to purchase a door opener. Estimated cost is \$580.00.

Public Health Nurse Amanda Heinemeyer submitted for approval the Family Planning Annual Report. The December 2014 narrative was reviewed. Medicare payments have been received.

Homeland Security Director Kimball Croft reported to the board that the Continuity of Operations report must be completed electronically by September 15. Training sessions will be held in the near future for department heads. Discussion was held on a possible drainage issue if a quick melt off of the snow happens in the Sage Creek area. Also discussed was the island located just over the Highway 20 Bridge and issues with ice build up. Kimball reported that a deeper channel is needed but many issues must be resolved before this can be completed.

A phone call was placed to WYDOT District Engineer and a message left regarding further discussion on issues with the Winchester Bridge.

Historic Preservation Director Anna Venable and Board member Jim O' Conner met with the board to receive signatures on the grant agreement with Historic Preservation. Grant amount is \$5,214.05. Also discussed was the Winchester Bridge and if it was the oldest bridge in Washakie County. Jim O'Conner will look into this and report back to the board. Also discussed with Anna was other grants that may be available in regards to the hospital remodel project.

County Attorney John Worrall met with the board to discuss several issues with ELAP regarding denying payments to health care providers. There are several county employees that have received calls wanting payment and the provider is not willing to work with ELAP. John will be meeting with Washakie Medical Center CEO Jay Stallings and CFO Jennifer McMillan this afternoon to further discuss the issue.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to convene into executive session beginning at 11:16 am with County Attorney John Worrall to discuss personnel issues as per state statute 16-4-405. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to reconvene at 11:32 am. Motion carried. No decision was made.

The board, Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer and Library Director Karen Funk met at the Library to review the area where the new bathrooms would be placed. Also viewed were the old bathrooms and suggestions for making this a storage area. Tom will discuss with several contractors their availability and timeframe and cost for completing the project. Discussion was held on bonding and making sure the contractor has a performance bond to cover any issues.

Washakie Development Association Director Le Ann Chenoweth met with the board to discuss possible grants that could be applied for regarding the hospital remodel. The business ready grant is a possibility if there is job creation as is the State Lands and Investments Grant (SLIB). Le Ann has started the application process for the SLIB grant and she is awaiting answers from the director of the SLIB office before moving forward. The grant would need to be nearly completed by February 3, 2015.

County Attorney John Worrall met with the board to discuss the conversation he had with the Washakie Medical Center CEO and CFO. Several county employee accounts have had an administrative hold placed on them until further communication can be received from ELAP Services. John stated that Banner Health can not negotiate with ELAP or MBA health insurance because they do not have contracts with them and the only one that Banner Health can contact is the employee regarding claims. John will present a letter to the board for approval to go to ELAP and MBA regarding contracting with Banner Health so that discussions may begin regarding several employee invoices.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to appoint Justin Smith to the Worland/Ten Sleep Visitors Council. This is for an unexpired term that will end June 30, 2017.

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve bond for Ted Propp Jr., Colter Drainage District Treasurer/Secretary, in the amount of \$3,000.00.
2. Accept monthly statements for December 2014 for Clerk of Court \$1,622.50, Circuit Court \$6,254.00, Treasurer's Office Trial Balance and Cash Balance.
3. Authorize chairman to sign draw down request regarding the OJJDP/VOA grant in the amount of \$2,058.55.
4. Authorize chairman to sign draw down request No. 2 in the amount of \$256,025.59 regarding the hospital re-roofing project.
5. Authorize chairman to sign draw down request No. 7 regarding the firewise grant in the amount of \$5,865.71.
6. Accept basic financial statements ending August 31, 2014 with Absaroka Inc.
7. Authorize chairman to sign right of way easement with Hefenieder Trust to bore Washakie Ten.
8. Authorize chairman to sign Washakie County Family Planning Expense/Revenue report for December 2014.
9. Authorize chairman to sign HSGP 13 grant drawdown in the amount of \$573.14.
10. Authorize chairman to sign EMPG 14 grant drawdown in the amount of \$9,869.50.
11. Authorize chairman to sign HMEP and HSGP 14 quarterly reports.
12. All commissioners sign Family Planning Annual Report.
13. Authorize chairman to sign Grant Agreement with Historic Preservation Board and State of Wyoming.
14. All commissioners sign letter to employees regarding ELAP Services and claims.
15. All commissioners sign letter to ELAP and MBA regarding contracting with Banner Health Systems.
16. All commissioners sign letter to Val Busch regarding appointment to board.

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

The board has reviewed the minutes from January 2004 regarding clearing snow on the Nowater Trail. Ranchers in Ten Sleep have paid to have some of the Blue bank road opened up and have opened some of the Ten Sleep stock drive with their own equipment. At what point in time are we setting poor precedent by taking care of the BLM roads, and at what point in time are we actually competing with contractors who could be paid to open the road. This board of county commissioner feels that landowners and area ranchers should either clear the road themselves or hire it to be completed.

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