

02-07-2017 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 Commissioner Fred Frandson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes for the January 17, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Vouchers for January 2017 were paid as follows:

Thanks were given to Lowell and Punkie Peterson for their many years of service and community support in our county. A metal wall hanging was given to the board from the Petersons. The wall hanging was made by Ben Nehl several years ago. The board thanked them for the wall hanging.

A phone call was placed to Consultant Tara Kuipers regarding a timeline to meet with all Wyoming Public Lands Initiative (WPLI) appointees from Washakie, Hot Springs and Big Horn Counties to begin the process of educating the members before tours of several Wilderness areas are started. The first meeting will be held the week of March 13. Commissioner Anderson will be assisting with the initial meetings along with the planner. A draft charter will be sent to Tara to review in the near future.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to appoint the following to the WPLI Committee: Dan Rice – Agriculture/Ranch, Shawn Christenson-Sportsman, Justin Smith-Motorized, Bradley Lee Non-Motorized, Richard Kroger-Conservation/Environmental, Dru Bower-Energy, Dwight Mayland-General Public, and Karen Fenton-Local Conservation District. Alternates are as follows: Aaron Anderson-Agriculture/Ranch, Ron Harvey-Sportsman, Stan Wostenberg-Motorized, Kaylea Matlock-Non-Motorized, Chris Grimes-Conservation/Environmental, Ron Harvey-Energy, Ron Harvey-General Public, and Dan Rice-Local Conservation District. Motion carried.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reported to the board that all electrical boxes have been installed at the Homeland Security Building. Discussion was held on the need for a heater in the new part of the Big Trails shop. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to purchase a radiant heater in the amount of \$3,500.00. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the sewer issue at the courthouse. Tom thinks that it is possible this is a drainage issue and not a sewer line issue. There is some type of blockage about 60 feet toward Pioneer Square. Tom will meet with city personnel to discuss city ordinances on who is responsible for the sewer line and he will have a camera put in the sewer line to see if there are any other blockages. Tom reported that he can not go to Robertson Ave with a new line as suggested earlier.

Homeland Security Director Jeff Schweighart reviewed with the board the bomb threat from last week that was at the Worland High School. Jeff gave a presentation to the school students and personnel regarding that all threats must be taken seriously and the serious consequences that will be enforced when threats are made. Also discussed were upcoming meetings that Jeff will be holding. The new TV has been installed for upcoming presentation. Also discussed was what Washakie County needs to do in preparation for the upcoming eclipse that will be in August.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Randy Chenoweth, Fire Chief Chris Kocher, Assessor Kathy Treanor, Homeland Security Director Jeff Schweighart and Planner David Anderson met with the board to discuss the issue of replacing up to 400 fire number signs throughout the county. Discussion was held on a policy that needs to be put in place in regards to who is in charge of the signage, where the signs should be placed, on what roadways, and how replacement signs will be paid for. A working group will be formed at the next commissioner meeting to begin this process.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Randy Chenoweth reported that McGarvin and Moberly would like to crush 5000 cubic yards at Tom's Pit. Randy will further discuss this at the next commissioner meeting.

City of Worland Mayor Jim Gill and council members Lisa Fernandez, Dennis Koch, Mandy Horath, Washakie County School District No. 1 board members Duane Whitlock, Dean Dupree, Don Bryant, Anna Venable, School District personnel Jack Stott, David Nicholas, Aquatic Center Board members Kamme Jeffries, Aquatic Center personnel Robin Brown, David Villa, Attorneys Kent Richins, John Worrall, and interested parties Le Ann Baker, Lila Jolley, and Ron Sopko met with the board to discuss the Aquatic Center funding and the endowment funds. Many hours have been spent by a subcommittee of the school board, city, and county trying to work out an agreement in regards to the use of the endowment funds for operations at the aquatic center. The predicted interest rate for the endowment in the business plan has not generated the revenue that was expected. Discussion was held on the lack of membership at the center to assist with operations and maintenance and the fact that the endowment exceeded the amount that was voted on by almost \$750,000.00. Much discussion was held on the wording of the current Joint Powers Board agreement and how it limits the use of funds that are needed for the operation and maintenance at the aquatic center. There was also discussion on if the Joint Powers Board agreement could be amended to clarify and allow for the use of the endowment funds for operations and maintenance. Several draft agreements were proposed. The current draft agreement proposed by the school district allows for \$20,000 per year up to \$150,000 and a trigger point of \$35,000 in annual interest revenue before the joint powers board would then begin paying back money obtained from the endowment. Commissioner Wolf would like the school district to review their document and increase the amount of funding that can be made available and increase the trigger point at their next school board meeting.

Commissioner Anderson questioned the school board members and administration about whether or not the school board would maintain public hours and swim lessons for School District Number 2 if they were the ones with the sole responsibility of running the pool. It was indicated that they would maintain public hours and an opportunity for swim lessons for School District Number 2 even without joint powers membership by the city and county.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to withdraw the county from the current Aquatic Center Joint Powers Board Agreement. Commissioner Wolf removed himself from the chair and seconded the motion. Commissioner Wolf would like to see if the school board will increase the funds that can be made available for operations and increase the trigger point at their next school board meeting before further action is taken by the commissioners. Commissioner Anderson called for the question. Commissioner Anderson voted Aye. Commissioners Frandson and Wolf voted nay. The motion did not pass.

Prior to the end of the meeting, the subcommittee agreed to meet one more time to review the school board's draft agreement and make additional recommendations before being reviewed in the next school board's meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve Requisition Request No. 22 in the amount of \$666,608.26 regarding the hospital remodel. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to appoint Beth Voss to the Washakie County Hospital Board of Trustees. Term to expire June 30, 2018. Motion carried.

The board acknowledges that the Washakie County Hospital Board of Trustees will spend \$468,000 of hospital board funds for upgrades with the hospital remodel project.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Accept monthly reports from Sheriff's Department \$1,795.00, County Clerk \$7,896.50, Clerk of Court \$689.22.
2. All commissioners sign letter to Governor Matt Mead supporting the appointment of Landis Benson to the State Highway Commission.

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

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reported to the board that the sewer line will have a camera placed to see if there are any blockages and the city reported that the county is responsible to the main line. Also discussed was the possibility that the excess drainage is

coming from the roof by Circuit Court. Tom will be further investigate this issue. Blinds will be purchased from Kennedy Ace Hardware for the Homeland Security Building.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer and Road and Bridge Superintendent Randy Chenoweth met with the board and from this point forward neither will be accumulating comp time as they are in supervisory positions. All remaining comp time will be taken by both as time allows with their work schedule.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf after removing himself from the chair, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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Mary Grace Strauch
Clerk to the Board

Terrence D. Wolf, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners