

02-18-2020 COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the minutes for the February 4, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Keith Bower reported that the crew had been doing snow removal. Discussion was held on the Lower Nowood regarding snow removal. The crew is out early and starts on that roadway first but there is a great deal of traffic. The crew continually cleans the road as they can throughout the day when it is snowing. Keith has received several calls about damage on Lane 10 near the canal bridge and work cannot be completed until spring. Discussion was held on Road 54 with several potholes that will need to be worked before the chip seal project is done the end of April. Discussion was held on employee tasks in Pubworks and updating the list to include specific projects and not use the "other" category.

County Assessor Kathy Treanor presented a voucher that was approved for fees to mail out the tax assessments.

Jacque Pike discussed with the board the possibility of having an evening meeting to discuss the library concept and timeline. Jacque had heard several complaints that all meetings are held during the day when people are at work. This information was taken under advisement by the board and a list of all of the outreach meetings they had already participated in and will be participating in the future was discussed. The concept pictures are now posted at the Library for all to view and the Library is open two evenings a week.

Homeland Security Director Kami Neighbors, Assistant Chris Hazen, and Sheriff Steve Rakness met with the board to discuss the issue with the locks not working properly at the courthouse. Discussed was replacing all of the key code locks and adding one to the ramp door and the possibility of adding one to the front door. Also discussed was the possibility of having the ability to do a lock down of all doors if the front door could be fixed to accommodate this. Estimated cost is \$8,500.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to replace the locks on four doors and possibly the front door for the estimated cost of up to \$8,500.00. Motion carried.

Also discussed with Director Neighbors, Assistant Hazen and Sheriff Rakness was moving the generator that is currently located at the 15th street site to the Ten Sleep Senior Center. No additional wiring is needed at this site. This would have the ability to run a portion of the new part of the senior center. There is currently a 50 KW generator at the fairgrounds and a 30 KW portable generator that can be used at the EOC at the fairgrounds with an upgraded transfer switch. Discussion was held on the possibility of having a generator for the Community Center Complex but the estimated cost to have the building wired was \$55,000.00, which is not a qualified expense for the grant. All of the wiring and costs involved in moving the 15th street generator would qualify for a SHSP homeland security grant. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to authorize the

Homeland Security Director to pursue the SHSP Grant for the costs involved in moving the generators. Motion carried.

Public Health Nurse Amanda Heinemeyer reported that she has received an invoice for \$1,600.00 to repair the generator at the Public Health building. Amanda will see if any of the charges are covered with her public health grants and she has budgeted \$1000.00 for maintenance. Discussion was held on the coronavirus and an area for quarantining people if necessary. There are two rooms at the Washakie Medical Center that would be available. People can also be quarantined in their homes if necessary.

Youth Alternatives Director Sarah Garcia and Grants Manager Sheri Gunderson met with the board to report that Prevention Night will be February 21 at the basketball games. Sheri reported that the Samsha funds with the Federal Government have been moved to the CDC and the process for applying for grants has been updated and requests for funds will need to be resubmitted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to authorize the chairman to sign the Wyoming Business Council Enhancement grant application outside of a meeting in order to meet the filing deadline of March 1. Motion carried. The Wyoming Business Council will meet in Sundance on May 7 to discuss and review the grant application and if approval is given the SLIB board meeting is scheduled for June 18 with mid August funding of the grant if approved.

Planner David Anderson discussed with the board the Lower Nowood paving with McGarvin-Moberly. The project is scheduled for the last week of April and paving right after the milling work is completed. There will be a width restriction on the highway and there is to be adequate notice to the public. Discussion was held on the Washakie Ave urban system proposed project. The recon report is needed and urban systems funds can be used but if they are this would start the project timeline and if it is not completed all funds would need to be paid back. If approved the county and the city can pay for the recon project, which is estimated to cost \$3,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to pay 50 percent of the cost of the recon report and the city pay 50 percent of the cost, and to invite three companies to submit for the project. Motion carried. Further discussion was held on Road 47 and the sluffing off issue. Discussion was held on the best possible way to proceed with the project, if it should be to bid out to a company that can engineer, design and build the solution or to bid out separately the engineering, design and building the solution to the project. David will be discussing further with Mike Robinson and possibly have an answer by the next meeting. Discussion was held on if a local contractor would have the ability to complete the project. David reported that the testing has been completed on the Cottonwood Bridge.

Justin Smith and Valerie Anderson reviewed with the board the Big Horn Basin Outdoor Recreation Collaborative group that has formed in regards to promoting, enhancing and developing sustainable outdoor recreation that encourages responsible use, personal well-being, and economic benefit to Washakie County and the Big Horn Basin area. One area of great interest would be the Willow Park trails and opening those up to summer time bike paths and the possibility of a BMX pump track in the Worland area. Additional information can be received by visiting the website at www.bborcwy.org.

Library Board member Terry Livingston reported to the board that the library board has had several requests to shut down their free Wi-Fi during the evening hours for safety reasons due to people parking along the library area.

HUB International Benefits Advisor Jon Martin, Benefits Consultant Brent Schwab, Library Director Karen Funk, Library board member Terry Livingston and County Attorney John Worrall were present for the health, dental and vision insurance proposal for Washakie County employees. The plan proposal was reviewed and costs with the current plan were compared. Discussion was held on current and proposed network plans, HRA benefits, and wellness programs. Renewal figures have not been received yet from the current plan and these will need to be compared when they become available and the Joint Powers Trust (Aetna) will need updated claims paid through March in order to adjust their proposal for the July 1 renewal.

County Attorney John Worrall met with the board to discuss the ownership documents of the current Washakie County Library. John will review the documents that have been recently updated and report to the board.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Accept monthly reports for January from Circuit Court \$5,787.00, Sheriff's Department \$14,146.84, Treasurer's office Trial Balance and Cash Balance.
2. Ratify all commissioners signing Business Recruitment Manager Letter of support for WDA.
3. Authorize chairman to sign Family Planning Expense/Revenue report for January 2020.
4. Authorize chairman to sign RT Service Agreement with Washakie County Extension office for one year.
5. Authorize chairman to sign letter to BLM regarding request to participate in the grazing regulations with the NEPA process.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf, 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 Wolf to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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Mary Grace Strauch
Clerk to the Board

Fred W. Frandson, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners