

03-04-2014 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 County Commissioner Aaron Anderson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Harvey to approve the minutes for the February 18, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

Vouchers for February 2014 were paid as follows:

Approval was given to County Assessor Kathy Treanor to purchase a new office chair. Estimated cost is \$300.00.

Mayor Dave Duffy met with the board to discuss different percentages of sales tax funding for the county and city and other entities that are interested in receiving funds. Several different funding scenarios were discussed and Dave will discuss this with the city council at their meeting this evening.

Road and Bridge Working Superintendent Randy Chenoweth met with the board and asked if they supported L-Tap completing a statewide study on the condition of county roads. The board wants L-Tap to continue on with the study. Randy will continue to maintain a portion of the Rome Hill Road because there are still residents that live in the area and use the road frequently. Discussion was held on starting 10 hour work days with the crew. The board denied the request and it will be re-evaluated at the next commissioner meeting. Randy reported that there are still issues with the new snow plow truck. The truck is still under warranty and they will work on the truck again after the snow season. Randy will be working with David in regards to a ROW on Road 54 and a fence line before approval is given to TCT West. Approval was received to replace two windshields in vehicles. Discussion was held on purchasing signs next month. Estimated cost is \$1700.00. Randy will be working on a list of culverts and cattle guards that will need replaced in 2014. Randy would like to try a magnesium based solution on several county roads this summer. He will continue to get prices and look at several more roads before a final decision is made on purchasing the solution. The board does not want the road and bridge to do snow removal on the Rodeo Drive. This is a city street and the city should be maintaining the roadway not the county.

Approval was given to purchase the cloud based Solution for PubWorks in the amount of \$1200.00 per year.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reported that the bathrooms at the Ten Sleep Library have been completed. Tom reported that the sewer line at the search and rescue

building is frozen at this time. Search and Rescue members are aware of the issue. Discussion was held on the generator at the fair grounds and the possibility of purchasing a bigger generator that can possibly support more than one building if there is an emergency. Further discussion will be held on this before any decisions are made.

Homeland Security Director Kimball Croft, IT Manager Bill Murphy and County Assessor Kathy Treanor met with the board to discuss the possibility of purchasing a new firewall for the county computer system. Homeland Security funds can be used to purchase the firewall but it is unclear if the same funds can be used for the maintenance. Kimball will look into if the grant will cover maintenance.

Clerk of Court SuZann Whitlock, County Assessor Kathy Treanor, County Attorney Marcy Argeris, and County Coroner Jeff Lapp met with the board to discuss setting elected official's salaries for the next four years. Commissioner Harvey proposed that the salaries be set at 90% of the averaged statewide salary. Commissioner Harvey is basing this information on the fact that the current salary scale for employees was based on 90% of the market value. The board would like to receive input from the elected officials before the final resolution is completed.

County Planner David Anderson reported to the board that the bid letting for the Nowood bridge is on schedule. Discussion was held on the cost to the county for paint removal and repainting the bridge. Because the paint is lead based a study will need to be completed and this could possibly cost thousands of dollars for this study. David will receive an estimate on the cost for the study and the board decided to wait until after the project is completed to decide on the painting project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Harvey and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to convene into executive session with Hospital Board of Trustees Ruth Bower, Kip Mathison, Anna Venable, Gil McEndree and by phone Financial Advisor Will Douglas and County Attorney Marcy Argeris as per state statute 16-4-405 to consider and receive information classified as confidential by law, and on matters concerning litigation to which the governing body is a party or proposed litigation to which the governing body may be a party beginning at 2:34 pm. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Harvey to reconvene into regular session beginning at 3:57 pm. Motion carried. The board is continuing to work with the hospital board of trustees and Banner Health on a term sheet that would allow expansion work. A letter of intent will begin to be drafted by attorneys. If the letter of intent is approved by all, that will begin the process of Banner Health looking into an architectural design for the facility.

Approval was given to authorize outside counsel to begin to work on a letter of intent with Banner Health.

BBQ representative Dale Wagner and Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer met with the board to discuss the issue of electricity at the fair grounds for the BBQ and for other fair events that will be held in the future. Tom will set up a meeting with an engineer and the state electrical inspector and discuss all issues that are of a concern regarding the electricity at the fair grounds and report back to the board.

Le Ann Chenoweth met with the board to discuss the possibility of applying for and the time timeline for a State Lands and Investments Grant application for a roof issue at the hospital. Discussion was held on the cost of the project and what information is needed for the application to be completed by the April 30, 2014 deadline. Further information will be gathered before a final decision is made.

Discussion was held on if the policy to provide \$1,000,000 coverage for an event at the fairgrounds was too high or unobtainable by some if they do not carry enough insurance on their current policy. The information was taken under advisement by the board for further review.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Authorize chairman to sign Washakie County Family Planning Expense/Revenue report for January 2014.
2. Approve bond for Jarrod Glanz, Washakie County Weed and Pest Control Treasurer, in the amount of \$50,000.00.
3. Approve monthly report for Sheriff \$2,012.00, County Clerk \$9,729.50, Clerk of District Court \$1,232.82 Circuit Court \$7,400.00.
4. Approve bond for Tom Brewster, Ten Sleep Rural Fire District Secretary-Treasurer, in the amount of \$2,000.00.
5. Authorize chairman to sign Understanding for Services regarding the 2013/2014 audit with Stine, Buss, Wolff and Wilson.
6. Authorize chairman to sign application documents regarding a DFC grant with Youth Alternatives.
7. All commissioners sign letter to Washakie County Assessor regarding a tax abatement for Jacobsen Ranch.

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

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Mary Grace Strauch
Clerk to the Board

Aaron Anderson, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners