

03-21-2017 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 the Ten Sleep FFA group.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes for the March 7, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

The Ten Sleep FFA group gave an oral presentation on Organic versus Non Organic crop and vegetation growing within Washakie County, discussing the pros and cons for both. This presentation will be given at the State FFA convention in the near future.

Washakie Leadership members Nikki Donahue and Patty Keller along with Road and Bridge Superintendent Randy Chenoweth reviewed with the board the watering system and plants that will be planted along the bike path on Airport Road near the parking area. The group has received in-kind donations such as road grader work to smooth the parking area, approval from landowners to use water from their head gate and place a water line to the plants that will then have a drip system, a grant for the purchase of the plants through the conservation district and people who have volunteered to assist with watering the plants throughout the summer. Discussion was held on if the water will have enough pressure to flow properly and the board asked that they have this checked before placing the 600 feet of waterline. A bore will be made under the path to get the drip system set properly. Randy will meet with the group and the price for the right of way easements with the county will be waived. There will also be a sign placed by the parking area. The county gave approval to move forward with the project.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Randy Chenoweth and Planner David Anderson met with the board to discuss the Lane 10 Bridge issue. There are several anchor bolts that have broken and the east side of the bridge has shifted 4 to 5 inches. WYDOT engineers and Inberg-Miller Engineers will be contacted to view the bridge before repairs are made. The main concern at this time is if the bridge is safe to travel over.

Commissioner Anderson reported that Road 580 needs additional touch ups in several areas with rotomill along with Road 54. If there is any additional rotomill available the Ten Sleep Landfill board would like to receive some for the road that was built to the transfer station. Randy reported that the Lane 17 gate has been placed.

Banner Health Representative Brad McCaslin, CEO Jay Stallings, Hospital Board Trustees Wendy Sweeny and Kip Mathison were present for the quarterly hospital remodel update. Brad reported that the ER had opened on Feb. 28, lobby completion will be September 2017, Partial Lab opening April 2017, Pharmacy May 2017, Business area June 2017, and the final lab opening will be September 2017. The budget was reviewed on the project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to convene into executive session to discuss possible litigation with County Attorney John Worrall at 10:44 am. This litigation is not pertaining to the hospital project in any way. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to reconvene into regular session beginning at 11:03 am. Motion carried. There was no decision made.

Public Health Nurse Amanda Heinemeyer reviewed with the board the annual report for Family Planning. Amanda reported that she had purchased with the Ebola grant funds a TV for Homeland Security and the meeting room at Public health for training events. Amanda also reported that she has applied for a grant to purchase a freezer for vaccines. Also discussed was a community walking challenge that Public Health would be conducting this spring. The cost for a group to join would be \$20.00 and at the end of the challenge the funds that have been collected would be given out for the first three places. This challenge will also be made available to people that are not in a group with additional prizes given out.

Youth Alternatives Director Sarah Garcia reported that the environmental review is still being completed regarding the Ten Sleep after school program grant. Youth Alternatives will be working on a brochure of activities for youth to do this summer. It was also suggested to have this information available on social media. Sarah reported that she has not heard on the funding for the VOA grant.

Homeland Security Director Jeff Schweighart reported that the Tier 2 reporting guidelines have been posted. An update on grant funding was given. Discussion was held on an upcoming meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers regarding the sand bar. Jeff reported that he continues to work on a communications plan for the county. There will be a weather spotter's class on April 13 at the Fair grounds. Jeff will be purchasing four weather radios for the area mayors and other key personnel.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to appoint Christy Swing and Marty Cross to the Washakie County fair board. Christy's term to end December 2017 and Marty's term to end December 2020. Motion carried.

BLM District Manager Kim Liebhauser introduced herself to the board, also present was Field Manager Mike Phillips and BLM Representative Sarah Beckwith. Discussion was held on the WPLI groups reviewing areas within Washakie County and the possibility of meeting with BLM representatives at future meetings to discuss the areas. Also discussed were repair and clean out of reservoirs. There is some funding available through the BLM to assist with the clean out

and the process is not that difficult if the grazers would like to have the work completed. The BLM does not have enough man power on staff to clean the reservoirs.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reported that the sewer line to the courthouse has been completed. The city will be working on their line in the near future. Tom has received an estimate to have the Chamber of Commerce building torn down. He will receive two other estimates before a decision is made. Also discussed was the marquee and if it will be moved. Prospector Engineering has met with Mark Russler regarding the secure hold area and several suggested changes were made. A call was made to Director Mark Russler and he was reminded that not many changes can occur in the project because of funding. He would like to see the kitchen area upgraded and an office put in and the detox room reduced in size. Tom will have a blue print completed soon for the personnel at Cloud Peak Counseling to review. Tom will be moving the extra sandbags out behind the arena area and will have them covered.

Fire Chief Chris Kocher met with the board to discuss an invoice in the amount of \$10,657.54 that the fire district submitted for reimbursement regarding the ice jam/flood last month. Chris reported that this manpower was needed throughout the week when other personnel was not available and through the annual operating plan the fire district has the ability to invoice the cost of the hours after the initial six hours of reciprocal protection. Commissioner Anderson feels that the fire district should not be billing the city and the county because the emergency services were being provided within the jurisdiction of the fire district. Commissioner Anderson feels the annual operating plan addresses service provided outside of an entity's jurisdiction. Washakie County residents are already paying taxes to the fire district and we are essentially just moving money from one Washakie County pocket to another. Chris stated when looking at multiple shifts and the work that needed to be completed that this is a legitimate expenditure through the agreement. In the future discussion will be held on there being a specific person from each entity that can be designated for an incident management team. Commissioner Anderson understands that if the hours worked are for another county that an invoice should be sent but not within the county. The board will allow the payment to be made at the April 4 meeting.

John Harrington, Roger Howe, Dan and Polly Cartwright, Cindy and Ray Raab, Planner David Anderson, Assessor Kathy Treanor and Tax Appraiser Nancy Quinn met with the board to discuss a camp ground that will be opening soon near most of those present for the meeting. David reported that there are no zoning regulations within the county and the only permitting needed with the county would be for a septic permit. There is permitting requirements through the DEQ if there are over 25 people camping for over a 60 day period. Also discussed was the possibility of WYDOT requirements for turning lanes for campgrounds. Also discussed was burning regulations with camp fires.

Planner David Anderson presented an amended plat for the Dead Horse Subdivision. This is to move the lot lines within the subdivision. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to approve the amended plat for Dead Horse Subdivision as presented. Motion carried.

The amended plat for the Grand View Subdivision was submitted by Planner David Anderson. This is to move a lot line within the subdivision. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to approve the amended Grand View Subdivision Plat as presented. Motion carried.

Planner David Anderson reported that the Urban System Program will have their annual meeting on April 12 and two residents from the county need to be appointed by the commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson that Commissioner Frandson will be the primary appointment with Commissioner Wolf being the alternate and the Planning Commission will appoint the second member. Motion carried. David reported that the earliest that Inberg-Miller can have someone on site to view the Lane 10 Bridge is Monday March 27. David will complete the necessary paperwork for the Big Trails shop renewal permit to the State Lands Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve bond for Duane S. Whitlock, Washakie County School District No. 1 Treasurer, in the amount of \$20,000.00.
2. Authorize chairman to sign Family Planning Expense/Revenue report for February 2017.
3. Authorize chairman to sign VOA drawdown request in the amount of \$1,512.14.
4. All commissioners sign a letter approving the beautification project on the bike path that is being completed by the Washakie Leadership group.

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