

04-18-2017 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 and Fred Frandson and Clerk to the Board Mary Grace Strauch. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Road and Bridge Superintendent Randy Chenoweth.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes for the April 4, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Randy Chenoweth reported to the board that the waterline on Lane 8 would need repaired immediately. The crew will be working with the property owners to do the necessary repairs. The crew will be repairing the culvert and cattle guard on Rd 82. Almost half of the grading has been completed. Discussion was held on using lime and brine on a portion of county roads to see if how the product works for dust control. Randy reported that he had discussed with other counties and was not sure the product worked that well. Commissioner Frandson stated there is some cooked lime available to the county for \$4.00 per truck load and the board would like to have two places chosen and the product tried. Approval was given to purchase grader teeth. Estimated cost is \$3,800.00 for three sets. Commissioner Frandson reported that he counted 30 pot holes on Lane 13 and Road 11 that need repaired this spring.

Jerry Harvard with McClellan and Macqueen and Road and Bridge Superintendent Randy Chenoweth discussed with the board the issues on the Lane 10 Bridge. Jerry reported that there was too much bentonite in the surrounding ground and the flow fill was placed in the wrong area when placing the bridge. Jerry felt that the needed repairs can be made by his crew by the end of May at no charge to the county. With the improvements this will allow the drainage that is needed in the area. A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to give approval for McClellan and Macqueen to proceed with the needed repairs to the Lane 10 Bridge. Motion Carried. Jerry also presented estimates on removing the sand berm in the Big Horn River by the bridge.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reported that the blue prints and bid package should be completed this week for the secure hold facility remodel. Tom met with the dump manager and they did not feel they could waive the fee for dumping the material from the Chamber of Commerce building. Tom asked the board to possibly discuss with the solid waste board because it is taxpayer to taxpayer funds. Johnson Controls had met with Tom and all of the past issues have been fixed with the heating system. Tom reported that he will work on the search and rescue fence and sprinklers and new grass at the conference room building.

Discussion was held on the issue with stains on the VA flooring. Tom will have the wax stripped and the area will be cleaned and mats will be placed in the areas in question.

Public Health Nurse Amanda Heinemeyer reported that the new vaccine freezer has been ordered. Amanda will be purchasing long white tables for the conference room through the Bio Terrorism Grant. The Title ten funding has been received. The board does not have any issues with the Department of Health funding procedures. Amanda will be creating a facebook page for the upcoming walk challenge.

Youth Alternatives Director Sarah Garcia and Grant writer Sheri Gunderson presented the draft TANF grant application. A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to authorize the chairman to sign the application. Motion carried. Sarah reported that the VOA funding had been cut by \$17,028 this coming fiscal year. They will continue to look for additional funding with other possible grants.

A phone call was placed to Cloud Peak Counseling Director Mark Russler and he stated that he would send the county a copy of the contract with Department of Health regarding the funding for the secure hold as soon as he has a signed copy. Voucher for the first \$70,000 can be done directly through Cloud Peak Counseling and the county and then pay the additional expenses for the project. Fremont and Park county have both committed \$6,000.00 to the project.

Planner David Anderson and County Assessor Kathy Treanor reported that several people have contacted them in regards to new fire number signs. In the future after David has had initial contact with a landowner he will contact the Assessor's office with the name.

A tour of the hospital was taken by the board and several of the hospital board members.

Mayor Jim Gill, Superintendent of Public Instruction Brian Burky, Engineer Mike Donnell, road and Bridge Superintendent Randy Chenoweth and Homeland Security Director Jeff Schweighart met with the board to discuss the removal of the sand bar. There is approximately 1.7 acres of bar that needs removed. Estimated cost with the NRCS office is \$4.18 per cubic yard to remove the bar. Estimated time is between 229 and 286 hours. If the berm is removed the county and city would use their available trucks to haul the sand away. Discussion was held on available funding for the project. The State Lands and Investment emergency grant will be investigated by Mike Donnell. Also discussed was the four back flow valves the city needs to purchase. A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to go to bid on the removal of the sand berm pending approval by the city council to pay for half of the cost to remove the bar with an estimated cost of \$30,000 from each entity. Motion carried. The city council will meet this evening and discuss this expense along with a letter to the Army Corp of Engineers regarding a Section 205 that would allow Washakie County to become a pilot program for ice mitigation. Also discussed was removing a portion of berm at the Riverside Park do to concerns of the spring run off and additional water flow from the river. Brian did not feel the berm would last long if there was a flood in the area because it is mainly sand.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Randy Chenoweth discussed once again with the board the placement of lime and brine on two areas of county road. Randy does not feel this will work based on the information received from other counties. The board would like Randy to produce at the next commissioner meeting costs for lime and brine, lime and magnesium chloride and any other dust guard products.

The board reviewed the Army Corp of Engineers letter regarding the county being a pilot program for ice jams. The chairman will sign the letter if approval is received from the city council to proceed. A call was placed to Casi Crites with Homeland Security in regards to the ice jam expenses and repayment to the county. A message was left and a text message was sent by Commissioner Wolf regarding several questions the county had in the process and procedures questions on the expenses. Also discussed were the Emergency Operation Plan and the last time it had been updated and if a mutual aid agreement had ever been signed. A signed mutual aid agreement has not been found.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to approve Requisition No. 24 regarding the hospital remodel in the amount of \$775,822.80. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Accept Community Center Joint Powers Board Financial Statements Cash Basis June 30, 2016.
2. Ratify chairman signing Service Agreement with RT Communications regarding the Emergency Management broadband.
3. Authorize chairman to sign VOA draw down request in the amount of \$328.58.
4. Authorize chairman to sign Family Planning Expense/Revenue report for March 2017.
5. Authorize chairman to sign AlSCO Service Agreements for Law Enforcement Center and Courthouse.
6. Authorize chairman to sign RT Communications agreements regarding the Search and Rescue, Building Maintenance, Family Planning and Road and Bridge.
7. All commissioners sign a letter to Hot Springs and Big Horn Counties regarding possible funding for the secure hold facility.

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