

05-02-2017 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 Ten Sleep Brewing Company representative Paula Fauth.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to approve the minutes for the April 18, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Paula Fauth with Ten Sleep Brewing Company presented a request for a malt beverage/dispensing permit for May 27, 2017. The board reviewed the proposed area for the dispensing area. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to approve the Malt Beverage/Dispensing License in the amount of \$10.00. Motion carried.

Vouchers for April were paid as follows:

County Attorney John Worrall discussed with the board Requisition No. 25 regarding the hospital remodel project. John reported that the project is on budget. CTA is working out several issues with Banner Health regarding their contracted amount and John will continue to monitor. Discussion was held on liability issues with the county in regards to the Lane 17 slab, closing the gate for safety concerns and the high water run off. A standard needs to be decided by the board on when to lock the gates. After reviewing the NOAA flood safety information 6 inches can knock over an adult, 12 inches can carry away a small car, 2 feet can carry away most vehicles. The board would like to make the standard for closing the gates at 12 inches.

Landowners and area farmers Dan Madden, Bill Haun, Nick Geis, Clint Lungren, Ben Nehl, Sheriff Steve Rakness, Attorney John Worrall, Emergency Management Director Jeff Schweighart and Road and Bridge Superintendent Randy Chenoweth met with the board to discuss the issue of the gates being locked on Lane 17 by the slab when there is very little runoff and the hardship on area farmers and safety issues of moving large farm equipment on South Flat Road that is so narrow in many places due to the guard rail. Discussion was held on if keys could be given out so that the gates could be opened and closed for big equipment to pass through. This is still a liability to the county and the person that has a key if the gates are left open and a small vehicle passes through and gets swept away. A sign will be placed closer to the South Flat/Lane 17 turn off and one placed at Road 13 when the gates are closed and Randy will send a text to those that want the notification that the gates are closed or open. Discussion was also held on extending the rip rap in the creek area to assist with the high run off. Also discussed was leaving the gates open and just putting up the signs and cones. The

board felt that the signs would just be run over again or moved out of the way and the liability issue would still be on the county. If someone needs through with heavy farm equipment and the gates are closed a phone call can be placed to Dispatch and either the road and bridge or the Sheriff's Department will open the gates. It was decided that the standard to have the gates closed would be 12 inches if the water is lower than that the gates will remain open.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Randy Chenoweth discussed with the board the damages to a 10 foot in diameter culvert on Little Cottonwood that has washed out. An estimate for putting in a new 10 foot culvert and head wall is \$9,785.00 and the county will provide the jersey barriers and the back fill. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to approve the placement of the new culvert by Nowood Construction in the amount off \$9,785.00. Motion carried. Randy reported that the estimated cost to extend the Lane 10 culvert is \$1,530.00. This will extend the culvert out 6 feet. This work will be completed as the Lane 10 Bridge is being repaired. Approval was given to proceed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to approve the Malt Beverage Permit for Ten Sleep Rodeo Association for May 29, 2017, amount of permit is \$10.00. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Chris Kocher and Homeland Security Director Jeff Schweighart met with the board to discuss the costs for the ice jam. Commissioner Frandson has met by phone with Homeland Security Director Guy Cameron regarding the expenses with the jam that totaled \$35,264.82. Discussion was held on holding future trainings regarding how expenses are to be authorized when an event occurs and what happens when an event is not declared a disaster. Also discussed was what is a threshold of funds that a county and city can incur for future events before funds need to be sought through the state. Wyoming Homeland Security has agreed to pay 85% of the costs and the City and County will pay 15% of the cost. All were very thankful of the work that Director Cameron has done in regards to covering the expenses. Discussion was held on the invoice that was submitted by the fire district regarding man hours. At this time there is no intra-county agreement in affect. This agreement needs to be re-visited and approved by all entities in the near future. The board feels that it is taxpayers money from one entity to the other if the invoice is paid. If the work had been done for another county the board does not have issue with the invoice being paid. The invoice was tabled at this time.

NOAA representative Tim Troutman presented to Homeland Security Director Jeff Schweighart a Storm Ready sign for the work he and others in the community have completed to make our county communication ready for weather disasters, water level monitoring with seven ways to warn the public of upcoming weather situations. Several weather radios were given out to public work places and schools so that any weather alerts can be sent out to the public. Along with the weather radios a weather spotter class was held.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Randy Chenoweth discussed with the board the costs for using the Lime and Brine for dust control compared to Dust Guard. The board would like to have the

cost put in a spreadsheet for the next meeting. The board approved the purchase of a new laptop for the superintendent. Randy reported the repairs on the roller were \$4,321.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to convene into executive session with Sheriff Steve Rakness to discuss personnel at 1:46 pm. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to reconvene into regular session at 1:48 pm. Motion carried. No decision was made.

Sheriff Steve Rakness reported that at his Sheriff's Association meeting it was stated that if WYOLINK was not continued the county would not be NIMS compliant for Homeland Security Grants. Those with dispatch centers may in the future try to go away from the WYOLINK due to the cost and the areas of non radio coverage. Discussion was held on the liquor license regulations that will be changing on July 1. The board will meet with the City of Worland and Town of Ten Sleep in the near future to discuss ordinances and resolutions.

The county commissioner scholarship applicants were reviewed and those that will receive the scholarship will be announced at Achievement Night.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to approve Requisition No. 25 regarding the hospital remodel in the amount of \$593,224.54. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Ratify chairman signing Wyoming Business Council Investment Ready Community Division Performance report regarding the Fair View Industrial Park Building.
2. Authorize chairman to sign Community Development Block Grant Agreement between Wyoming Business Council and Washakie County regarding the after school remodel project.
3. Authorize chairman to sign Request for Release of Funds and Certification regarding the after school remodel project.
4. All commissioners sign letter to Reed Oldenburg regarding old invoices being added to drawdown request.
5. Authorize chairman to sign draw down request No. 15 regarding the Firewise Grant in the amount of \$18,930.24.
6. Approve bond from Karen Geis, Weed and Pest Control District Secretary, in the amount of \$50,000.00.

7. Accept monthly reports from Sheriff's Department \$1425.00, Clerk of Court \$1170.06, County Clerk \$10,456.50.
8. Authorize chairman to sign Family Planning and Public Health contract.
9. All commissioners sign letter to Homeland Security regarding the reimbursement in regards to the ice jam.
10. All commissioners sign letter to City of Worland regarding the costs for the ice jam.
11. All commissioners sign letter to 4-H council regarding meeting at the fairgrounds to discuss the food booth.

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