

## 05-05-2020 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 and Terry Wolf, Clerk to the Board Mary Grace Strauch. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Aaron Anderson. All present at the meeting maintained the six feet distance as is needed for social distancing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes for the April 21, 2020 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Vouchers for April 2020 were paid as follows:

Road and Bridge Superintendent Keith Bower met with the board to discuss the possibility of the county purchasing guardrail for future projects. The guardrail is currently being replaced on Highway 16 and is available for purchase. Keith reported that they had adequate guardrail at this time. Estimated cost to have the 2014 Freightliner repaired is \$14,000.00. Approval was given to proceed with the repair. Discussion was held on using magnesium chloride on several county roads. Estimate is \$5,133.00 per  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile. Possible roads that will be as test areas are Lane 17, Nowater Trail, Banjo Road, and Road 82. The crew continues to work on potholes on Road 47 and the Landfill Road. Keith will meet with personnel at Black Hills Bentonite to possibly assist with cleaning the ditch on Road 580. Fill dirt will be placed along the corner of Lane 14 and Airport Road. This will go towards the county's cost share for this project.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reported that he will need to purchase a water mixer for the jail showers. Estimated cost is \$1300.00. A three phase motor for the jail for the gun range exhaust will need to be purchased. Estimated cost is \$1,500.00. Approval was given to purchase both. Tom will spray the weeds along the bike path. Discussion was held on purchasing a side by side and possibly a used four wheeler to be used at the fair grounds and the courthouse. These items will be discussed with the upcoming budget. Also discussed was trading in the walker mower for a different type of mower that could also be used for snow removal. Tom will check on prices.

Planner David Anderson and Glen Bobnick Senior Geotechnical Engineer with Inberg-Miller Engineers by phone and go to meeting presented the report of the bike path retaining wall failure. Boring holes were drilled in four areas and the gabion wall on the lower tier is failing due to the poor soil below the wall. The wall can either be rebuilt or a stabilizer in the way of compaction grout can be put underneath the area of the gabions and monitoring of the stabilization would need to be done. A cost estimate will be sent to the board for their review. Discussion was held on companies in the area that have the ability to place the grout. David reported that the patch work will be completed on Lower Nowood within the next week. The board asked David to look into the possibility of using the WYDOT safety grant for reflector posts on Lane 17.

County Assessor Kathy Treanor attended and Colton Cochrane with Midwest Connect called into the meeting to discuss the lease or purchase of a new postage machine. Two models were priced one with a built in scale that would weigh each piece of mail automatically rather than have to put each piece on a scale for the proper postage. The difference in cost if purchased is \$3039.00. Leasing options would

save \$300.00 for a year. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the Lease option for the In-700 machine that does not have the scale with one day of training available. Motion carried.

A proposal for new computers at Homeland Security were reviewed. Cost for all is \$3,246.98. These funds are available in the Homeland Security budget. Approval was given to purchase along with a new monitor and docking station.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Authorize chairman to sign Washakie County Library Ten Sleep Branch Expansion Performance Reporting.
2. Authorize chairman to sign 2020 Wildland Fire Management Annual Operating Plan.
3. Accept month reports for County Clerk \$9,453.00, Clerk of Court \$1,537.65,
4. Authorize chairman to sign Family Planning Expense/Revenue report for March 2020.
5. Approve Request for Proposals to be advertised regarding the Washakie County Firesmart Grant Annie Tolman Fuels Reduction Project.
6. Establish election districts for the primary and general 2020 election. 3-1 Ten Sleep District, 5-1 Methodist District, 5-2 High School District, 5-3 Community Center District, 5-5 Out of City Limits (Fairgrounds) District. No boundary adjustments. Alternative polling places may be established as per 22-9-125.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wolf left the meeting due to a conflict of interest regarding the selection of students for the county commissioner scholarship.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson, after removing himself from the chair to award the following students for the county commissioner scholarship. Commissioner Anderson stated that their has always been one scholarship awarded to a Ten Sleep student but there were no applications received. Breanna Pearl Parra, Jonathan Anderson, Dillon Wolf. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a letter from Justin Smith with the Ten Sleep Brewery regarding a beer garden and social distancing issues in regards to the variance that the county received from the state. The beer garden is not currently fenced but is in a designated area with boundaries. A phone call was placed to Sheriff Steve Rakness and he does not see any issues with serving beer in the beer garden area without there being a fence. A phone call was placed to Justin Smith to

further discuss the issue of not having the fence. Justin will send a drawing of the area in question that can be attached to the liquor license. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson, after removing himself from the chair, to send a letter to Justin Smith to attach to his liquor permit that due to the COVID 19 and social distancing the board is approving the serving of beer in the beer garden and allowing the variance of not having a fenced area. The variance will expire when the health orders have been lifted within the county and state. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson, after removing himself from the chair, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

(Seal)

Mary Grace Strauch  
Clerk to the Board

Fred W. Frandson, Chairman  
Washakie County Commissioners