

## 05-07-2019 COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

The Board of County Commissioners met at the above date beginning at 9:00 am. Those present were Chairman Fred Frandson, and Commissioners Aaron Anderson and Terry Wolf. Also present was clerk to the Board Mary Grace Strauch. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by County Commissioner Terry Wolf.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the minutes for the April 16 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Vouchers for April 2019 were paid as follows:

Commissioner Anderson reported that Lee Jay Mascaro would like to put a poly pipe inside a galvanized pipe on Road 47. Approval was given to have Mr. Mascaro proceed with this project and Road Superintendent Keith Bower will view after the work is completed.

County Attorney John Worrall met with the board to discuss the funds that remain in the Zions Bank regarding the hospital remodel. Also discussed was if the county can proceed with a resolution regarding county roads and erecting signs regarding heavy truck and trailer traffic. John cautioned the board that he needs to review statutes on if the county can pass a resolution regarding this subject.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to convene into executive session with County Attorney John Worrall beginning at 10:32 am to discuss the purchase of real estate and contract negotiations. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to reconvene into regular session beginning at 11:07 am. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to authorize the chairman to negotiate the purchase price of real estate located in Washakie County. Motion carried.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reported that several picnic tables will be given to the Ten Sleep Library through a memorial fund. According to the agreement with Washakie County School District No. 2 the school is responsible for the grounds and they should be taking care of the picnic tables. Commissioner Frandson reported that they are moving forward with the sound system speakers and where they will be placed at the arena. Steel posts will be placed where needed for the larger speakers.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to convene into executive session beginning at 11:14 am with Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer to discuss personnel. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf

and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to reconvene into regular session beginning at 11:26 am. Motion carried. Tom will gather prices for lawn care services.

Contractor Jerry Bornhoft and Planner David Anderson met with the board to discuss the possibility of reducing the invoice for Bornhoft Construction regarding the usage of the septage site. Bornhoft has been hauling the sewage from the Ten Sleep lagoon. Most of the sewage was actually water. Bornhoft was to haul 8 to 15,000 gallons per day or a total of 780,000 gallons and after the project was completed, they had hauled over 1 million gallons. Mr. Bornhoft was asking for some flexibility on the invoice. Road damage would be the biggest concern of the board. The board will further review the subject later in the day.

Planner David Anderson presented the Highland Estates Subdivision vacation. The landowners would like to dissolve the subdivision and revert that land back to ag land to lower their property taxes. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to vacate the Highland Estates Subdivision as per planning commission approval. Motion carried. David discussed the property the county owns by the Otter Creek Grazing Association. Commissioner Anderson will be meeting with the Otter Creek Grazing board in the near future and would like to offer a trade for another piece of property along the right of way the county has for a possible turn around area. David will work on having information available to Commissioner Anderson for that meeting.

Fire Chief/Warden Chris Kocher met with the board to review the RFP for the 2018 Firewise Western States Fire Grant. The board did not have any issues with the RFP.

Fire Chief/Warden Chris Kocher, Ambulance Director Luke Sypherd, and Planner David Anderson reported that they had completed the work regarding emergency signs in the Worland area. Their recommendation would be for the road and bridge to start with Airport Road and the Lane 14 area. It is estimated at 115 signs will be needed for that area. Regarding the West River Road signs that have been completed, some of the areas need to have better separation of the signs so that it is clearer on what sign goes to what household.

Washakie County Conservation District Director Tori Dietz, along with on the phone Shane Hayden, Water & Civil Work Branch Chief met to discuss the possibility of lowering the water level in the river in August so that work can be completed on the Paxton Berm. In August generally flows are between 300 and 550 cfs. The Bureau of Recreation stated that they would work with the county and the Conservation District.

Washakie County Conservation District Director Tori Dietz discussed with the board if there had been any additional information received regarding the Federal 205 project. Discussion was held on if any money would need to be budgeted for the process. At this time the county has not heard any updates or a timeline. Also discussed was the possibility of just working on the 15 Mile sediment issues.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to convene into executive session with Homeland Security Director Kami Neighbors and Sheriff Steve Rakness to discuss personnel at 1:59 pm. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to reconvene into regular session beginning at 2:32 pm. Motion carried. There will be one part time director and one part time assistant. The upcoming budget will reflect the changes in funding categories for salary and benefits.

WYDOT District Engineer Pete Hallsten, Jack Hoffman Traffic Engineer, County Attorney John Worrall, and Sheriff Steve Rakness met to discuss the truck and trailer thru traffic on Lower Nowood and Washakie Ten. Discussion was held on the damage on both roadways, the safety issues with the speed of the truck traffic, funding sources that are available and possible signage on both ends of Washakie Ten and Lower Nowood. Data that has been collected regarding damage on the roadways was reviewed. Discussion was held on the difference between road damage and road deterioration. The county does not want to close the roads to the public they want to restrict the truck and trailer thru traffic. Also discussed was enforcement of any resolutions. WYDOT is willing to put up orange and black caution signs on the end of each of the two roadways that there is road damage ahead to please use caution and a suggestion was made to possibly have the county rent Digital Message Signs to place regarding road damage until the County Attorney can review if the county can legally pass a resolution regarding the issues on the roadways.

After further review, 10,000 gallons per day X 52 days will be used for Bornhoft Construction due to the project being an emergency situation and that most of the waste was water and not solids.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to appoint Chloe Haun to the Washakie County Visitors Council. Motion carried.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Accept monthly reports from Clerk of Court \$1,395.29, Sheriff's Dept. \$1,134.69, County Clerk \$12,116.50, Circuit Court \$6814.00, Treasurer's Office Trial Balance and Cash Balance.
2. All commissioners sign amended letter to Kami Neighbors regarding employment as the Homeland Security Director.
3. All commissioners sign letter to Wyoming Supreme Court regarding possible additional funding for courtroom security.
4. All commissioners sign letter to Andy Gienapp regarding a EMS sustainability Grant.

5. Authorize chairman to sign Cooperative Agreement with Clerk of District Court and Child Support Enforcement.
6. Authorize chairman to sign the 2019 Annual Operating Plan with the Washakie County Sheriff and Bighorn National Forest.
7. Approve RFP for the 2018 Firewise Grant.
8. All commissioners sign letter regarding signage on the Lower Nowood and Washakie Ten roadways.

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

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Mary Grace Strauch  
Clerk to the Board

Fred W. Frandson, Chairman  
Washakie County Commissioners