

## 05-19-2020 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 Road and Bridge Superintendent Keith Bower. All present at the meeting maintained the six feet distance as is needed for social distancing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the minutes for the May 1, 2020 special meeting and the May 5, 2020 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Keith Bower reviewed with the board a Montana Dakota Utilities right of way easement to bore several county roads. Work will be completed over the next two years. Keith reported that several of the seasonal roads still have some snow. The magnesium chloride will be placed on portions of four county roads on June 1 and effectiveness monitored. The crew has been working on grading roads and patching on Road 11 and Lane 13. Discussion was held on purchasing a weed sprayer to spray the gravel pits and cattle guards. Keith will receive estimates for a sprayer. Repairs have been made to the end dump and two others will be checked out.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reported that he had received the keys to the Ace Hardware building. There are still some things that need to be moved out of the building. Tom would like to save the ceiling tiles for the law enforcement center and some of the lights can be used in various areas. The Eagles will be able to use the fairgrounds facilities for events on June 13. The wedding reception that was scheduled has been moved to another date. Tom will be making several repairs to the waterlines with the heating system. Discussion was held on purchasing a small 4-wheeler for snow removal and work around the courthouse lawns.

Public Health Nurse Manager Amanda Heinemeyer met with the board to discuss the county wellness clinic. Wyoming Health Fairs have been contacted and discussion was held on their protocols regarding a blood draw due to the COVID 19 regulations. The county is waiting for a formal contract but it was stated that the health fair staff could do five people every 15 minutes with social distancing. There will be no iPad's to use due to sanitizing issues. Amanda will have her staff make the appointments after the formal contract has been obtained.

Youth Alternatives Director Sarah Garcia and Grant writer Sheri Gundersen reported to the board that a planned trip to Nashville with several students has been cancelled and will be held virtually. There is still a possibility of plans to do another activity in the future with the students. The youth activity brochure will not be printed this year, it will just be available online due to COVID 19 complications. Sheri reported that the TANF grant had been awarded. A big thank you was given to Sheri for all of her hard work on the Library remodeling grant application. It was greatly appreciated by the board. The Wyoming Business Council has approved the grant application and it will now be on the SLIB board agenda in June for possible approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to convene into executive session beginning at 10:28 am with Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer to discuss information that is classified as confidential by law. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to reconvene into regular session beginning at 10:35 am. Motion carried. No action taken.

Planner David Anderson reported to the board that the estimated cost for the bike path repair is \$176,000.00 including the costs for Inberg-Miller to oversee the project. . Estimated cost for the actual repair is \$132,000.00. Discussion was held on a cost for putting the bid package together and holding off on advertising until budgets have been reviewed for 20-21 fiscal year. David reported that another high risk highway grant could be obtained by the county for another project. The board would like to pursue the possibility of a grant for fencing an area on the Lower Nowood Road due to the large amount of cow versus vehicle accidents. David will work the BLM regarding the supplies for the fence and costs to install the fence. Also discussed was the possibility of Black Hills Bentonite employees assisting with the cleaning up of the area where the culverts will be placed on Road 580.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Accept monthly report for Sheriff's Department \$7,683.05, Circuit Court \$1,805.00 Treasurer's office Trial Balance and Cash Balance.
2. Ratify chairman signing DOWL standard agreement for professional services regarding the reconnaissance report for Washakie Ave.
3. Authorize chairman to sign Quarterly grant reimbursement request form for the Court Security.
4. All commissioners sign letter to VSP regarding Broker of Record.
5. Authorize chairman to sign Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. right of way easement for several county roads.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson 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