

06-16-2020 COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

A virtual State Lands and Investments (SLIB) Grant hearing was held beginning at 8:00 am. Present for the hearing was Commissioner Frandson, Anderson, Wolf, Clerk Mary Grace Strauch, Grant Writer Sheri Gunderson, Representative Mike Greear and Library Director Karen Funk. Unanimous approval was given by the SLIB board to Washakie County for a \$500,000.00 grant to assist with remodeling the old Kennedy Ace Hardware building for the new county library.

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 Terry Wolf. 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 June 2, 2020 regular meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to award the county commissioner renewal scholarship to Payton McEndree. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to authorize the clerk to sign the Arca Search historical document contract upon approval of the county attorney. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to make the following board appointments: Kimberly Daniels-Hospital Board, Travis Filler-Worland Solid Waste Board, Mike Bies and Jim O'Connor-Historic Preservation Board, Judy Strauch and Theresa Livingston-Library Board, Mike Robinson-Planning Commission, Daniel Snyder-Ten Sleep Solid Waste Board, Caryn Ramirez and Chloe Haun-Worland-Ten Sleep Visitor's Council. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Keith Bower received approval for the purchase of a weed sprayer. Cost \$2,700.00. Approval was given to proceed with the repairs needed on the water truck. Estimated cost \$1700.00. Grader and pickup tires will need to be purchased out of the new fiscal year budget. Keith will receive estimates for those.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the weed mowing estimates for Nowood Construction \$9,000 and JD Pumping \$8,000. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the estimate from Tommerup Machine Shop to fabricate a drop hitch for the four walk and rolls. Estimated cost \$442.21 each. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on possibly have some of the weeds burned by the fire district along the bike path. Also discussed were two electrical issues that will be done at the county shop by an electrician.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer discussed with the board his role in the remodeling of the old Ace Hardware building. Discussion will be held on possibly having a meeting with TSP, Planner David Anderson, Attorney John Worrall and Tom to discuss how to move forward with the project now that approval has been received regarding the grant.

Public Health Manager Amanda Heinemeyer discussed with the board upcoming guidance from the state on how to handle a county fair due to COVID 19. Discussion was also held on possibilities of shots that may be required for those entering the seventh grade, flu shots and a possible COVID 19 shot that may become available later in the year. Library Director Karen Funk entered the meeting and discussion was held on hours of operation of the library and if the hours should be extended at this time. The Family Planning Bad Debt list was reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to accept the Family Planning Bad Debt list as presented. Motion carried.

Youth Alternatives Director Sarah Garcia, Grants Manager Sheri Gunderson and County Prevention Specialist Lila Jolley reported to the board that the diversion grant was granted but for only one year due to the possibility of funding cuts on the state level. The Drug Free Prevention grant has been submitted.

Thad and Beth Shaffer, Sheriff Steve Rakness, Deputy Mike Oberth, Fire Chief Chris Kocher, and Ambulance Director Luke Sypherd met with the board and a Civilian Life Saving Award was presented to Thad Shaffer for saving the life of a victim that had a vehicle accident in front of Shaffer's residence. All present congratulated Thad for his heroic efforts.

Assessor Kathy Treanor discussed with the board possible dates for a property tax protest. Discussion was held on a hearing officer. Dates will be evaluated.

Planner David Anderson reported to the board that the BLM had ordered the fencing for the project on the Lower Nowood. Further discussion was held on cost sharing with private landowners for fencing materials. Also discussed was receiving estimates from several area businesses that could complete the work of erecting the fence. David will meet with Clayton Cheeney with Nowood Construction in regards to the culverts on Road 580.

Historic Preservation Board members Mike Bies and Jim O'Connor, Historic Preservation Director Anna Venable and City of Worland Building Official Randy Adams met with the board to review the Service Agreement with High Plains Architect P.C. to complete the historic Worland Structure Reconnaissance Survey. Work will begin as soon as the agreement is signed and most work should be completed by the end of the year. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to authorize the chairman to sign the agreement as presented. Motion carried.

The board interviewed Mirian Hansen, Molly Lockard and Christy Schneider for the Clerk of District Court opening due to resignation of Clerk of Court SuZann Whitlock.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to convene into executive session beginning at 2:30 pm for personnel. Motion carried. County Attorney John Worrall entered the executive session beginning at 3:00 pm. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to reconvene into regular session beginning at 3:05 pm. Motion carried.

Present for the decision on appointing a new Clerk of District Court were Mirian Hansen, Molly Lockard, Christy Schneider, and County Assessor Kathy Treanor. The board thanked all three for applying for the position. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson for discussion to appoint Christy Schneider as Clerk of District Court. For discussion, Commissioner Anderson stated that there was a great deal of talent with all and a true talent in Molly for seeking the position. A call for the question was made by Commissioner Frandson to appoint Christy Schneider as Clerk of Court. Commissioner Wolf voted Aye, Commissioner Anderson voted nay, Commissioner Frandson voted Aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on taking additional comments regarding the WPLI draft documents.

Discussion was held with County Attorney John Worrall regarding the possibility of himself, Planner David Anderson and Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer and Commissioner Frandson working together to complete the remodel of the old Ace Hardware Building. A meeting will be set for these individuals to meet and further discuss.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Accept Circuit Court monthly statement \$2,302.00, Sheriff \$2,774.13, Treasurer's Office Trial Balance and Cash Balance.
2. Authorize chairman to sign the Law Enforcement Center Agreement with the City of Worland.

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 Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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Mary Grace Strauch
Clerk to the Board

Fred W. Frandson, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners

