

07-07-2020 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 Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Keith Bower presented to the board an RT Communications right of way easement to bore Airport Road, Lane 14, and Lane 13. The crew will be working on the potholes on Road 11 and a culvert replacement on Road 13. One of the end dumps will be taken in for repairs. Gravel work will be completed on Road 83. Discussion was held on assisting with taking down a tree on Washakie Ave in the near future.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer discussed with the board the possibility of purchasing plexi-glass for the food booths. Estimated cost depends on how many food booths will be open during fair. Also discussed was receiving top soil if needed for the monster truck show. Approval was given to get the dirt from Wyoming Sugar if needed. Several trees will be trimmed before fair. The two four-wheelers that Tom received from the search and rescue have been repaired and are in good running order and Tom would like to purchase a winch and blade in the near future.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to convene into executive session with Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer beginning at 9:41 am to discuss personnel. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to reconvene into regular session beginning at 9:47 am. Motion carried. No action was taken.

Ambulance Director Luke Sypherd met with the board to discuss the ambulance budget and funding for a paramedic. There is \$37,000 in the budget for a paramedic. That could fund two part time paramedics at 24 hours per week. Discussion was held on an additional \$23,000 being added to budget for county support. Approval was given by the board to budget the additional funding with the understanding that funding availability could be very slim in future budgets and with encouragement to explore other funding options. Discussion was held on the CARES Act funding that may be available and several other grants that Luke has successfully had granted to the service.

Planner David Anderson discussed with the board the Lower Nowood Fencing project. David will work on getting figures together on actual costs and a list of private landowners. Commissioner Anderson will call several landowners in the near future to further discuss the project. David will prepare documents to go forward with the Road 580 project. Discussion was held on the Red Vista Village proposed subdivision and issues with the landowner doing work within the boundaries of the proposed subdivision before paperwork has been completed with a preliminary and final plat. David will verbally discuss with the landowner along with sending a letter regarding the subdivision regulations that must be followed. The board asked if David would be willing to attend a class and receive certification and be able to test the underground storage tank for the generator at the law enforcement center. He did not have an issue with this. Information on an upcoming class will be given to David.

County Attorney John Worrall and Planner David Anderson met with the board to discuss the legal notice regarding the bidding process for the library remodel project along with the timeline on receiving and awarding bids.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to convene into executive session with County Attorney John Worrall and Planner David Anderson to discuss possible litigation beginning at 10:39 am. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to reconvene into regular session beginning at 10:49 am. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to direct the county attorney to pursue a quiet title for ownership to the existing county library building and property. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to appoint Amber Tibits to the Aquatic Center and Laura Schwarz to the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve bond for Jimmy Phelps, Washakie County School District No. 2 Superintendent in the amount of \$1,000.00.
2. Accept monthly reports for Clerk of Court \$3,846.59, County Clerk 13,509.25, Treasurer's Office Trial Balance and Cash Balance.
3. Authorize chairman to sign Dept. of Health, Public Health Contract in the amount of \$50,000.00.
4. Authorize chairman to sign the right of way easement with RT Communications to bore Airport Road, Lane 14 and Lane 13.
5. Authorize chairman to sign the Annual Compensation Agreement with the University of Wyoming and 4-H Youth Development.

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 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