

July 17, 2012 COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

The Board of County Commissioners met at the above date beginning at 9:00 am. Those present were Chairman Ron Harvey, Members Terry Wolf and Aaron Anderson, and Clerk to the Board Mary Grace Strauch. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Road and Bridge Superintendent Tete Weston.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2012/2013 budget. There was one minor change regarding the Assessor's employee salary being adjusted for vacation pay for those retiring and several cash carryovers were made regarding the grants. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to adopt the budget for 2012/2013 with the changes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Harvey left the meeting due a family emergency.

Commissioner Anderson will be the acting chairman.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Tete Weston reported to the board that the new location for the proposed gravel pit would need to be flagged and then the pit area could be reviewed by the BLM personnel. Discussion was held on additional tree trimming that would need to be completed along Washakie Ave and the weeds that need to be mowed in the area. Discussion was held on several areas that need to be blade patched and cold mix will be needed. Tete reported that he would also need to purchase additional tack oil. Discussion was held on moving forward with the gravel crushing that Tete had proposed. Tete will check with WYDOT regarding excess material they may have available. Tete will find out if there is a minimum amount that the proposed company will crush and report back to the board at the August 7 meeting. Discussion was held on the estimates that Tete had received on purchasing culverts. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the purchase of culverts in the amount of \$21,962.00. Motion carried.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer and Planner Bruce Frederick met with the board to discuss the water issue on Lane 12 in regards to covering the ditch with the bike path. Estimated costs to lay a pipe from the upper ditch are \$5880.00. Estimates to place a vault to hold the water is \$5550.00. Bruce has not received any calls back from two landowners that use the water in the upper ditch to clarify if the water can be used for the property owned by Kurt Nielson. Discussion was held on having the NRCS engineer view the area and before a decision is made.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reported that there is a difference of \$1900 in the mini split air conditioning unit and the portable unit that is need for the Law Enforcement Center. Approval was given to put have the portable unit delivered and a credit given to the county for the mini split that was returned. Tom reported that he will be hiring Talon Tharp for the week of fair. Tom reported on vandalism at the fairgrounds the past two weekends. He has withheld the deposit made for the fair grounds rental. The shower room has been completed. Discussion was held on several issues with the shooting sports and where items are stored. Tom will continue to work on this issue. The road and bridge will be watering the parking lot area during the fair.

Public Health Nurse Lori Schaal met with the board to review her budget that will be sent to the State Department of Health. Discussion was held on revenues and expenses regarding public health. Discussed was the siding on the building and the cracking of the paint in one area. This area will be watched to see if the damage gets worse. Discussed were the costs that county pays for public health to be located in Washakie County. Lori has completed the cost analysis and will provide the county with a copy.

BLM representative Pam French met with the board to discuss the new proposed site for a gravel pit. Pam explained that the hold up on the new site was with the BLM not county personnel. Pam hopes that the area can be finalized by the end of September but this is a very tight time line.

Homeland Security Director Kimball Croft and Worland Solid Waste Board member Stan Wostenberg asked that in the future the solid waste board be notified before the burn ban is placed so that arrangements can be made regarding the burning of wood piles at the county pit. Stan stated that he has DEQ permits that allow him to burn. He felt that proper notification was not given. Fire Chief Chris Kocher was not present for the meeting due to a family emergency. Chris had sent the board an email stating that all burn bans supersede any DEQ permits for burning. The board asked if the wood could be piled at this time and when the restriction is lifted the pile can be burned. Stan agreed with this but felt the pile would be very large at that time. Stan will need to coordinate with Fire Chief Kocher when the pile is burned.

Homeland Security Director Kimball Croft, Landowners Dave McKamey, Christopher Scheuerman, John Bush, Dan Madden and Jim Hefenieder met with the board to discuss the burning ban in regards to being able to burn grain stubble fields. The board stated that they would not make that decision without discussing the issue with Fire Chief Chris Kocher. The fields will need to be burned before the next commissioner meeting, which is August 7. Discussion was held on possibly holding a special meeting to further discuss the ban and the possibility of a waiver for agricultural burning.

Homeland Security Director Kimball Croft reported that the draft Emergency Management Plan is available for their review. Discussion was held on receiving comments from the county attorney, sheriff and fire chief. The board will review the draft and a meeting has been sent for

all to discuss the draft at the October 2 meeting. Kimball reported on two courses that he will be taking.

Worland/Ten Sleep Visitors Council board members Christiane Gee and Tommy Newell presented to the board a power point presentation promoting Washakie County. This has been shown to many different organizations and is available for anyone interested.

Matt Grant Community Coordinator with Rocky Mountain Power and Ryan Butler introduced themselves to the board.

Tobacco Coordinator Mary Buchanan and Grant writer Ginger Largent met with the board to receive approval for a designated smoking area at the fair grounds. At this time the buildings and grand stands are smoke free but the area behind the grand stands where the alcohol is served is not. Mary would like an area away from the grand stands as the designated area. After discussion regarding the right to smoke and how it affects those around them it was decided to purchase several large portable ashtrays and place them in one spot with a sign that states "Smoking Area". The board wants the smoking area to be voluntary at this point.

Grant writer Ginger Largent met with the board to discuss the equipment that will be given to the county since the tobacco grants have been transferred to the State of Wyoming. The board stated that they would like all of the equipment that is owned by the county after the offices have received their new equipment.

A picture was taken at the Ambulance Bay with the new ambulance and Director Mike Bryant showed the board the new ambulance functions.

Wyoming Infants and Children (WIC) Kathleen Nichols Clinic Supervisor met with the board and reported on the many clinics and wellness classes the organization provides to Washakie County residents.

IT Director Bill Murphy and Assessor Kathy Treanor met with the board to review the estimates received for a new server for the courthouse. Three estimates were received as follows: Pinecove Consulting \$23,323.24, Keystone \$18,925.00, Mountain West \$17,273.00. There is an additional charge with software company CSA regarding the migration of data from the old server to the new server. That estimated cost is \$1900.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the low bid from Mountain West Computers and receiving a concrete amount from CSA regarding the migration of the data. Motion carried.

Discussion was held with IT Director Bill Murphy regarding the library possibly using the old server from the county and having thin client computers made available for the library. Bill will meet with library staff to further discuss this issue and report back to the board at a later date.

Washakie Development Director (WDA) Le Ann Baker met with the board to review a report that needs to be completed regarding the county assessment that was held several years ago. Le Ann had a copy of the information that was sent to the Wyoming Rural Development office several years ago. She will update this information and have the commissioners review the information before completing the form.

A phone call was placed to Powder River District Ranger Mark Booth regarding the AT&T cell phone tower and if it would be placed in the near future. Mark reported that AT&T had put this project on hold and he would forward any additional information he had to Commissioner Wolf.

Planner Bruce Frederick and Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer met with the board to further discuss the water issue on Lane 12. Bruce has not been able to contact landowners that utilize the upper ditch water. A phone call was placed to Dave Deutz at the State Engineers office regarding how to find out who is in charge of the upper ditch water. Dave stated that John Trent Scheuerman was the president of the Upper Hanover and he would need to be called. A call was placed to John Trent Scheuerman and he stated that once the water leaves the head gate they do not have any control of where the water goes.

County Attorney Marcy Argeris, Planner Bruce Frederick and Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer met with the board to discuss the damages caused to the land owned by Kurt Nielson regarding the hay in the pasture and the issue with the landowners having to put in a water line to provide city water to the home's lawn. Marcy stated that she felt this was the correct procedure to follow with paying for the water line that was placed and the lost hay. A phone call was placed to Sally Miller and she and John Nielson met with the board to discuss the restitution. The cost for the yard system was \$1300.00 and there is approximately 250 bales received from the pasture each year. Sally will bring in the invoices for the yard system and an amount of bales that were baled last year and the board will pay them for their damages. John Nielson stated he had spoken to one landowner regarding the upper ditch and he did not have a problem with them using the water. The county will need to meet with those that use the upper ditch to see if water is available so that the waterline can be placed and possibly have an engineer view the area to see if a vault would work or if the water line would be the best solution. The silt will be cleaned out of the pipe at this time to see if now that there is less waste water the pump will work longer.

Planner Bruce Frederick presented two draft letters regarding the removal of fences in county right of way. Approval was given by County Attorney Marcy Argeris to proceed with the letters.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Authorize chairman to sign VOA/OJJD drawdown request in the amount of \$1290.09.
2. Authorize chairman to sign Provider Agreement with Natrona County and Washakie County regarding Juvenile Detention.

3. Authorize chairman to sign statement that there are no conflicts of interest regarding Black Hills Bentonite and the Washakie County land use plan.
4. All commissioners sign agreement with Worland Senior Center and Ten Sleep Senior Center for Human Resource funding.
5. Accept monthly report from Circuit Court \$10,868.00 for the month of June.
6. Authorize chairman to sign Extension of Lease Agreement with WYDOT regarding the rental of the fair grounds.
7. All commissioners sign Public Health Budget.
8. All commissioners sign letter to Tina Mayes and Linda Brown regarding removing a fence in the county right of way.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. 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

Ron Harvey, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners