

08-04-2015 COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

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

Jeanette King and Jamie Starbuck reported to the board the Lower Nowood Improvement and Service District would not be assessing a levy for the 2015-2016 fiscal year and an amended budget was presented with no levy showing.

Discussion was held County Attorney John Worrall on the process now that the tax protest with Chicago Properties and others has been appealed to District Court. Attorney Worrall has declared a conflict of Interest and will be advising Assessor Kathy Treanor that she be able to seek outside counsel.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the minutes for the July 21, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

Assessor Kathy Treanor and Tax Appraiser Candy Treanor met with the board to review the 2015 levys. Kathy stated that the Lower Nowood Improvement and Service District assessment was not included in the 2015 levys. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to adopt the 2015 Levys as presented. Motion carried.

Clerk of Court SuZann Whitlock discussed with the board the law library and if she was going to be able to keep her space in the first room of the library for document storage. SuZann reported that the cost to move the maps is \$1350.00 and approval must be received through the office of Judge Skar and the funds coming from his budget. Further discussion was held on what the law library space could be utilized for and SuZann wants to make sure that she is allowed her storage space where she is located at this time.

Mr. Bill Wilson met with the board to discuss the issue of barley field burning within the county and he would like the commissioners to impose a burn ban. Also present was Clint and Sarah Lungren and County Attorney John Worrall. Discussion was held on the DEQ and regulations they have for burning. Also discussed was possibly meeting with area farmers and discussing burning guidelines that possibly include how many acres can be burned in one day and discussing the weather information that is available before burning starts. The board would like to see the community working together to find a solution. Also discussed was the private property rights for area framers and best management practices.

Commissioner Anderson asked Clint Lungren if the Upper Hanover or Hanover Canal Board had decided on any type of fix for the seepage issue on Tie Down Road. Clint reported that the

seepage had quit and they were just going to hold off doing anything at this time and see if there were any changes next year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve Requisition No. 4 in the amount of \$155,134.69 regarding the hospital remodeling project. Motion carried.

Vouchers for July 2015 were paid as follows:

Road and Bridge Superintendent Randy Chenoweth reported to the board that the magnesium chloride will be placed on the Rome Hill Road on August 17, 18, and 19. Discussion was held on finding water for the project. Discussion was held on the wash out on Big Trails. A high estimate of \$16,840.00 was received from Nowood Construction to fix the washout. The crew will be able to assist with this washout to reduce the cost. Approval was given to proceed. Cost for mowing the county roads was \$8,800.00. JD Pumping is interested in doing the mowing yearly if a three year contract can be signed. Randy has not been able to find a tractor or mower to purchase. The board has taken this information under advisement. Randy reported that Washakie Ave would be mowed when the mower is back in Worland. Commissioner Anderson asked Randy to work on the road inventory list and what is needed to be done to each road such as culvert replacement and any upgrades that are needed. Estimated cost to purchase roto mill from WYDOT through the Ten Sleep Highway project is \$14.70 per square yard. Randy will get an amount of roto mill that is available before a decision is made.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reported to the board that the fire marshal will be inspecting the fire alarm at the Law Enforcement Center on August 14. A new air conditioning unit is needed for the Computer Room. Estimated cost is \$5,338.00. Tom will see if the condenser needs to be replaced or just the unit in the room. Approval was given to spend no more than \$6,000.00. Tom continues to discuss with a company the maintenance work on the elevators. Tom reported that the fair went very well. Discussion was held on the search and rescue/coroner building and the possibility of the two transfer ambulances being housed in the building also. Tom will have a blue print of the building by the next meeting to further discuss the space and what is needed for all entities. Discussion was held on a time frame for having all of the old law books cleaned out of the law library.

Ambulance Director Mike Bryant reported that he had an \$11,000.00 expense to the fuel system on one of the ambulances. He is in the process of getting a price to change out the chassis of the ambulance for a newer model and he will report back to the board.

Planner David Anderson presented the Notice to Proceed and contract to MP Excavating for the Wild Horse Culvert. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to authorize the chairman to sign the notice and contract. Motion carried. David reported that the bridge crossing the Nowood on the old highway will be worked on the 10th through the 20th of August. David will need to do survey work for the connection area between the new highway and the old highway in conjunction with the Wild Horse Creek

Culvert. He will then receive an easement from the BLM. Discussion was held on different prices for the Big Cottonwood Bridge replacement. David estimated that the pilings are two to three times the cost of the actual bridge and David would not recommend a bridge under 16 feet wide. David will proceed to do survey work for the bridge to get elevations and the GeoTech work can be completed on the abutments. Estimated cost is \$2,000.00 for the survey equipment. David will receive a price for the rental of the equipment for the next meeting.

A phone call was placed to BLM representative Kade Powell regarding a proposed gravel pit on BLM property. Kade has just come to the local BLM office and is unaware of any of the paperwork but he will have an answer by Tuesday, August 11.

LTAP representative Bart Evans, Road and Bridge Superintendent Randy Chenoweth and Planner David Anderson reviewed information for possible road upgrades through the LTAP program and WYDOT. Randy will proceed with a study and application on Lane 17 and Lane 12.

Washakie Medical Center CEO Jay Stallings reported to the board that Banner Health is still waiting for final approval from the Department of Health to move forward with the hospital remodel. Jay is hopeful that it will be received within the next three weeks so that some work can be completed before the weather turns.

Youth Alternatives Director Sarah Garcia reviewed with the board the help wanted ad that will appear for a part time grant assistant and the job description. Discussion was held on how much funding may be available to pay this person due to the fact that there is never a set amount of grant funding. A motion was made by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to authorize the chairman to sign the VOA grant application as presented. Motion carried.

Wendy Wiecki and Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer met with the board to discuss the possibility of Wendi using the big arena area for equine therapy with several of the residents of the Wyoming Boys School. This would be each week day from 10:00 to 11:30 and 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. There are four boys for each session and there is no clean up needed from county employees. There are 8 weeks left in the program that will run through October 14. This is a non profit organization and a form of therapy for the boys. Approval was given to waive the fee for the arena. If there is an issue with clean up the board will re-evaluate as necessary.

A phone call was placed to Tara Kuipers, University of Wyoming Extension Educator to discuss her facilitating several meetings with the commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to rescind the Rules and Regulations that were adopted in 2002 regarding a Washakie County Tax Appeal. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to adopt the Uniform County Board of Equalization Practice and Procedure Rules as set forth by the State Board of Equalization. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Authorize chairman to sign Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement between the Washakie County Sheriff's Dept and Big Horn National Forest.
2. Accept monthly reports for Sheriff's Dept. \$2,930.99, County Clerk \$13,905.50.
3. Approve bond for Tracy A. Glanz, City of Worland Clerk/Treasurer in the amount of \$500,000.00.
4. Authorize chairman to sign Memorandum of Understanding between Big Horn County Public Health and Washakie County Public Health.
5. Authorize chairman to sign Memorandum of Agreement regarding Irrigation Structure with Mark and Kacie Miller.
6. All commissioners sign letter to Mr. Jerry Walters regarding gravel purchase at Dull Knife Pit.
7. All commissioner sign letter to BLM regarding gravel purchase from Jerry Walters on Dull Knife Pit.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Randy Chenoweth reported to Commissioner Anderson that the cost for the roto mill is \$14.70 per yard and there is approximately 1000 yards available at an estimated cost of \$19,000.00. The board would like for the road and bridge crew to lay a base layer of gravel before placing the roto mill to allow for the roto mill to be used affectively. Approval will be given to proceed with the purchase of the roto mill.

The board asked Planner David Anderson and Road and Bridge Superintendent Randy Chenoweth to work on an agreement with Big Horn County regarding the maintenance on Lane 1.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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Mary Grace Strauch
Clerk to the Board

Aaron Anderson, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners