

08-05-2014 COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Harvey and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the minutes for the July 21, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

County Assessor Kathy Treanor and Chief Deputy Nancy Quinn met with the board to review the 2014 Levys. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Harvey to approve the 2014 Levys as presented. Motion carried.

Vouchers for July 2014 were paid as follows:

Dan Frederick with Hedge Music discussed with the board what equipment upgrades would be needed if in the future commissioner sessions would be recorded. Dan will upgrade the wiring for the current system to allow the recorder to work properly.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Randy Chenoweth discussed with the board the sprinkler systems that continue sprinkling on county roads. Commissioner Wolf and Commissioner Harvey both have discussed the issue with several landowners and they do not feel that a letter should be sent at this time. Discussion was held on the Tie Down Road and the water damage that is continuing to happen on the county road due to seepage from the canal. The canal boards will be asked to a commissioner meeting in the future to discuss the issue. Randy reported that he has been mapping the signage, culverts and cattle guards for all county roads. Discussion was held on a lessee that wants to put a swing gate on the Cherry Creek Road. The board felt that if the lessee wants a swinging gate that approval should be sought through the commissioners not the road superintendent. Patch work will begin on Sesame Street in the coming week. Discussion was held on the possibility of purchasing cold patch material from Team Laboratory Chemical. Estimated cost is \$775.00. Also discussed was purchasing a cell booster for one of the road and bridge pickups. Estimated cost is \$149.00. Approval was given to this purchase and the purchase of the cold patch. Approval was given to proceed with a bolt bin supply with Kimball Midwest in the amount of \$2200.00. Approval was given to order the grader tires from Frontier Tire. Randy will discuss with the BLM a future site for a gravel pit around the 33 Mile Road.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reported that the fair week went well. A power pole was hit by the fork lift before the tractor pull and will need repaired. Discussion was held on tearing down the stage due to lack of use. Tom will be putting on siding on the top

of the barn before the BBQ August 15. Discussion was held on upgrading the bleacher at the arena area and grant funding that could be available.

Youth Alternatives Director Sarah Garcia received approval to attend a grant seminar in Laramie and one in Worland. The county will pay her mileage and expenses for the seminar in Laramie.

Sealed bids were opened at 1:30 pm regarding the Upper Nowood Road surfacing project. The bids were as follows: ES Merrill-Cheyenne \$447,000.00, PAB Good Trucking-Greybull \$201,500.00, Mountain Construction-Lovell \$490,000.00. The bids were taken under advisement and will be reviewed by the planner and road and bridge superintendent and awarded at the August 19, 2014 meeting.

Discussion was held on the need for the Grace Chapel Church which owns the property at Sunrise Subdivision across from the proposed bike path to receive a water line for their property. David will contact the church to see if there is an interest.

The bike path paving bid opening was postponed until August 19, 2014.

The August 19, 2014 meeting will begin at 11:00 am due to this being the Primary Election to open bids, award the road project and discuss/hire a road and bridge employee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Harvey to approve Resolution No. 316 changing the speed limit on Lane 10 from 40 mph to 45 mph. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Harvey and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve Resolution No. 317 changing the speed limit on Road 12 from 30 mph to 40 mph. Motion carried.

Eagle Med representatives Gary Robson, Keith Ervin, and Chuck Welch along with Fire Chief Chris Kocher, WDA Director Le Ann Chenoweth, Worland Ambulance Director Mike Bryant, Ten Sleep Ambulance Director Gard Ferguson, and Banner Health CEO Jay Stallings met with the board to further discuss the possibility of the county joining Eagle Med with a Municipal Site Plan to cover any person with a mailing address in Washakie County for one year. Estimated cost is \$41,845.00 per year for a site license. Discussion was held on how Medicare and Medicaid patients qualify for the services. Also discussed were the uninsured people of the county. If the county joins, a county resident also has the option of increasing their membership for \$35.00 per year to be covered throughout the United States for the service. Also discussed was if the service could be utilized if the county was not a member and the answer was yes. The service is not affiliated with any hospital. They have one helicopter and one fixed wing is available in Nebraska. The board would like to receive further information from those present before a final decision is made on participating.

A phone call was place to Attorney Steve Freudenthal. Also present was County Auditor Steve Stine and County Attorney Marcy Argeris. Discussion was held on the process of hiring a part time employee to assist with the request for proposals regarding the revenue bonds. As per new regulations that came into affect on August 1 the person assisting with the bonds must be an employee. Steve Stine did not have any issues with the proposal that Mr. Terry Casey become a temporary part time employee with no benefits. The hourly rate will be \$125.00 per hour for 20 hours per month or 5 hours per week. Travel expenses will also be reimbursed but not meals. Mr. Casey will receive a W-2 for his services provided. Approval was given to proceed with the part time employee with the funds to come from the General Account budget for Contract Professional Services. Mr. Casey will be in the Worland area next week.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Harvey to convene into executive session beginning at 3:35 pm to discuss with legal counsel possible litigation. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Harvey to convene into regular session beginning at 3:52 pm. Motion carried. The board will prepare a letter to the county clerk regarding executive session minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Accept monthly reports for Sheriff's Department \$4,595.00, County Clerk \$12,594.10, Clerk of Court \$1,948.61.
2. Approve bond for Washakie County School District No. 2 Board Chairman, \$5,000.00, Treasurer \$5,000.00, Clerk \$5,000.00 and Business Manager \$5,000.00.
3. Authorize chairman to sign 2014/2015 Provider Agreement regarding Juvenile Detention Center and Natrona County Legal Department.
4. Authorize chairman to sign TEAL Grant draw down request in the amount of \$3,636.00.
5. All commissioners sign letter to WYDOT regarding an electric sign being erected at the Chamber of Commerce building.
6. All commissioners sign a letter to the county clerk regarding executive session minutes.

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

Planner David Anderson reported to the board that he had been contacted by the Grace Chapel Church and they would like to receive a water line that will eventually be located under the bike path paved area and the church is willing to pay for the materials needed for the water line. Approval was given to move forward with amending the bid specifications for this additional item.

The meeting convened at the Crisis Center Lighthouse facility to view the area. Discussion was held on expanding the facility once the Homeland Security Director is moved to the new building. Discussion was held on upgrades that would be needed if there was an expansion. The board would like to tour the area on August 29 with other county commissioners from the surrounding counties so that better utilization of the facility can be had. Due to budgeting any upgrading that is to be done would need to be in the next fiscal year.

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

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Mary Grace Strauch
Clerk to the Board

Aaron Anderson, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners