

09-19-2017 COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to approve the minutes for the September 5, 2017 regular and special meetings. Motion carried.

WYDOT Resident Engineer Dan McAfee and County Attorney John Worrall met with the board to review the Cottonwood Creek reconnaissance report. Discussion was held on the road alignment and the fact that the report states the county will be responsible for any of the realignment, historic preservation of the bridge was discussed and the wetlands designation. Dan stated that by signing the report does not obligate the county to spending any money. This is a BROS project and the county will be responsible for 9.5% of the expense of the new bridge but there will be no expense to the county until the Cooperative Agreement is signed by the county. At this time there is no timeline on when SHPO would even look at the bridge regarding the historic value and if there would be anyone that thought it was of historic interest. Dan will make a call to the contract specialist in Cheyenne to see if the language can be added that this report that it is a non-binding document. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to authorize the chairman to sign the Reconnaissance Report upon approval by the county attorney if the language is corrected about a non-binding report. Motion carried.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reported to the board that the secure hold remodel is progressing well and work should be completed by the end of November. The fence at the fairgrounds will be started within the next 10 days. Tom reported that there is a water pressure issue at the septage site that he continues to work on. Discussion was held on Tom taking part of his 2017 vacation in 2018 so that he can go to Texas to assist with flood relief efforts after hurricane Harvey. The board will look at the policy and make a decision at the next meeting.

Banner Health Representative Brad McCaslin, Kyle Majchrowski by phone, Hospital Board of Trustee members Kip Mathison, Wendy Press Sweeny, and County Attorney John Worrall met with the board for the quarterly hospital remodel update. The landscaping issues regarding the retention pond are being corrected and the cement issues have been corrected. Work continues on the security system and the grand opening will be held on October 10 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Brad stated that the contractors should be out of the room they have been using for their office by October 4. They will have the carpets cleaned.

Youth Alternatives Director Sarah Garcia and Grant Writer Sheri Gunderson met with the board and reported that they had lost additional funding with the VOA grant and they felt that next year there would be additional cuts with this grant. There are several other grants that they will be looking at for funding. Sarah reported that she has completed the life skills training and can begin to get a group together to begin this program. Sheri reported that the after school project bids are being accepted at this time.

Planner David Anderson met with the board and reported that a Floodplain Development permit application must be completed by the county and the city regarding the sand bar removal. David and Nick Kruger with the City of Worland can issue the permits after the application is completed. A call was placed to Superintendent of Public Works Brian Burky and they have the application documents and they will be completed today before work is to begin. Approval was given for Road and Bridge operator Stuart Bower to be the lead person on the sand bar removal.

A phone call was placed to District Engineer Pete Hallsten regarding the potential removal of dirt along the bridge over the river. A message was left.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to convene out of regular session and convene into Board of Equalization. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to authorize the chairman to sign the Order Denying the Appeal of taxpayers Reed K. and Linda K. Henrichsen. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the September 5, 2017 Board of Equalization minutes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to convene out of Board of Equalization and reconvene into regular session. Motion carried.

A phone call was received from Road and Bridge operator Stuart Bower regarding needing additional mats for the sand bar project. 60 more mats are needed at an additional cost of \$15,300.00. Approval was given to proceed with the additional mats.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to recess the meeting until 3:00 pm so the board can do interviews for a Road and Bridge Superintendent and possibly an operator. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to reconvene into regular session beginning at 3:10 pm. Motion carried.

Planner David Anderson presented the Flood Development Permit. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to authorize the chairman to sign the Flood Development Permit as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to authorize the chairman to sign the Notice to Proceed for McClellan and MacQueen to remove the sand bar. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to convene into executive session with Ambulance Administrative Assistant Sandy Beck and County Attorney John Worrall to discuss personnel. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to reconvene into regular session beginning at 4:44 pm. Motion carried. A workshop will be held with several individuals regarding several aspects of the ambulance service and moving forward after the death of the director.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to hire Stuart Bower as the new Road and Bridge Superintendent effective immediately with the salary of \$43,752.24. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to offer the operator position to Travis Halone with starting salary of \$33,323.46. Motion carried.

A phone call was placed to Mr. Halone and he will need to discuss the position with his wife and he will call Commissioner Wolf on Wednesday September 20 with an answer.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Authorize chairman to sign VOA draw down request in the amount of \$864.08.
2. Authorize chairman to sign Family Planning Expense/Revenue report for August 2017.
3. Accept monthly reports for August for Circuit Court \$8,146.00, Treasurer's office Trial Balance and Cash Balance.
4. Authorize chairman to sign Wyoming State Forestry pre-award documents for the 2017 Firewise grant.
5. Authorize chairman to sign the WEBT Medical, Dental, and Vision Benefit Document.
6. Authorize chairman to sign Cash Handling Policy for Public Health and Family Planning.

7. Authorize chairman to sign Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Americans with Disabilities Act regarding the Ten Sleep Branch Expansion.
8. Authorize chairman to sign Contract with Red Rock Family Practice and Nurse Practitioner Services with Family Planning.

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

Discussion was held on hiring part time help for the road and bridge to drive truck to remove the sand from the sand bar. Approval was given to hire two part time people at \$15.00 per hour. A phone call was placed to the Superintendent to allow him to hire the help.

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

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Mary Grace Strauch
Washakie County Clerk

Terrence D. Wolf, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners