

10-01-2013 COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Harvey to approve the minutes for the September 17, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

No actual bids were received from either funeral home regarding the Indigent Funeral burials and cremations. Both firms submitted their general price list to use as a cost for an indigent burial. The information was given to the County Attorney to review.

Vouchers were paid for September 2013 as follows:

County Attorney Marcy Argeris met with the board to discuss the information received regarding indigent funerals.

Discussion was held on the committees that have been formed between the commissioners and the hospital board of trustees to analyze information received by Banner Health regarding the hospital. A third committee to address the building should be formed.

Road and Bridge Working Superintendent Randy Chenoweth reported to the board that the crew continues to grade in Ten Sleep and Worland. Discussion was held on signage at the slab area on Lane 17 and Road 13 in regards to high water. Randy will look into wording for a sign and report back. Randy reported that the blue truck had been repaired and the gates have been erected at the county shop. Discussion was held on creating a snow removal policy. The board would like to review other counties policies before proceeding. The major concern of the board is how to classify each road in regards to importance of having snow removed. The road and bridge crew will work with WYDOT regarding repairs needed on the roadway that was used when the bridge was blocked to some traffic by WYDOT for several weeks. The board would like the crew to take off time during the week if they have worked their 40 hours for snow removal and not let the comp time build up if possible. The estimates for the culvert replacement from Nowood Construction were reviewed. No other estimates were submitted. A motion was made by Commissioner Harvey and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to accept the estimates from Nowood Construction in the amount of \$6,961.00 and \$7,481.00 to complete two portions of the culvert work. Motion carried.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reported that the handrails will be installed at the Courthouse the end of next week. Work to be completed in the evenings. The rock valve has been changed at the septage site building, the fairgrounds have been winterized and Tom

and road and bridge crew will be pouring cement next week at the Ten Sleep shop. Discussion was held on the remodel of the Ten Sleep Library bathrooms. Tom has received conflicting information from the library director regarding what it is that needs to be done. The director will be invited to the next meeting.

Planner David Anderson presented a draft consent form regarding Lane 6 and declaring it a county road. County Attorney Marcy Argeris will need to review. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Harvey to allow David to proceed to have the consents completed after approval is received from the County Attorney. Motion carried. David reported that there have been several concerns regarding the vacation of Lane 14. Those with concerns will be writing a letter. David continues to work on the church parking lot area regarding the draft lease and the agreement with the City of Worland.

Lea, Len and Pat Cannella, Road and Bridge Working Superintendent Randy Chenoweth and Planner David Anderson met with the board to discuss the Cottonwood Creek Road and the large rocks in the road way and the maintenance that has been done to the roadway. . A report was distributed to the Cannellas' regarding how much work has been completed on the roadway in the last two years. The Cannellas' would like to see the entire roadway graded not just portions. The board stated that with funding constraints and only so many road and bridge employees there is only so much work that can be completed on a roadway and the crew and commissioners prioritize the work and maintenance that is done on county roads.

County Clerk Mary Grace Strauch left the meeting and Deputy County Clerk Ruth took over taking the minutes.

Ten Sleep Town Council Members Jack Haggerty and Joel Sindelar, City of Worland Mayor Dave Duffy, Council members Mandy Horath and Jim Gill along with WDA Director Le Ann Chenoweth met with the board to discuss remaining consensus funding from one of the Ten Sleep projects. There is \$4,590.00 funding from one project left and \$410.00 from another project remaining. The Town of Ten Sleep would like to add this funding to their paving project. There were no objections to transferring the money to a new project. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Harvey to approve the resolution as presented by the Town of Ten Sleep regarding the transfer of funds. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the committees that have been formed with the Washakie Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees to further the progress of analyzing information received from Banner Health regarding the updating/renovation of the hospital. Commissioner Anderson is on the Finance Committee with Dan Scheuerman, Kip Mathison and Gil McEndree. Commissioner Wolf is on the policy committee with Anna Venable, Wendy Press Sweeny, and Sherry Stottler. A Building Committee will be formed and Commissioner Harvey and Kip Mathison have agreed to serve on said committee.

WDA Director Le Ann Chenoweth and Engineering Associates Engineer Heath Overfield met with the board to discuss a right of way easement for lot 1. Wyoming Gas and RT

Communications want to go into the back of Lot 1 which would require them to get an easement for 15 Mile Road. Discussion was held on if Lots 2 & 3 also needed an easement and Heath stated that it was not needed at this time. There was discussion of the meters being behind locked gates and that when the county fence was in the right place the meters would be outside the fence. LeAnn thought it was the best plan as it would be cheaper for the utilities. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Harvey to approve the easement to Lot 1 of the Fairview Industrial Park and for the commissioners to sign the easement if accepted by the County Attorney. Motion carried.

Northern Wyoming Daily News representative Jeanette Johnson asked if they had been contacted about a County technology office and Commissioner Anderson said he had heard about it but none have been contacted.

Community Center Director Steve Hunt, along with WDA Director Le Ann Chenoweth met with the board to further discuss the one cent sales tax and moving forward on the November ballot. When Steve and Frank Bowers met with the Town of Ten Sleep there was some resistance to the tax for so many projects. Mayor Duffy stated to Steve and Frank that if we do anything we want everyone together with representatives from Worland and Ten Sleep and the Commissioners. Discussion was held on creating a committee to work on the one cent tax, and to send out letters to those that were involved with the last one cent committee and schedule a meeting for November 5, 2013, which will be a county commissioner meeting to take public comments.

County Assessor Kathy Treaner requested a new map server program that would work with her GIS server program. Looking at a cost of \$4,000 to 5,000.00 and some add on maintenance. Kathy has \$2,000.00 available in her budget. Commissioner Anderson wanted to know how much time it would save in personnel time and to bring that information back to the board before a decision is made. Planner David Anderson is helping her locate points that are incorrect on the Public Land Survey System and this has been very helpful. Discussion was held on what work had been completed on county roads. Discussion was held on the health Insurance and the possibility of the employees paying a portion. The board thought the employees would have 60 days to review their options. A decision will need to be made by the employee before January 1. There will be an enrollment period specified to each employee.

Commissioner Anderson stated that he would meet and discuss the Indigent Funeral bids received with Veile Mortuary and Bryant Funeral Home.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Authorize chairman to sign Salary Contribution Agreement between the University of Wyoming and Washakie County regarding the 4-H Program Director.
2. All commissioners sign letter to Washakie County Assessor regarding a tax abatement for Split Rock Land & Cattle LLC.

3. Authorize chairman to sign right of way easement with Rocky Mountain Power to cross Lane 8.
4. Accept monthly reports from Sheriff's Department \$1,429.00, County Clerk \$13,124.25, Clerk of Court \$1,310.63.
5. Authorize chairman to sign draw down request No. 13 regarding the Fairview Industrial Park in the amount of \$52,640.00.
6. Approve bond for Sandra Bonar, South Flat Water and Sewer District Treasurer, in the amount of \$5,000.00.
7. Authorize chairman to sign 2011 Subaward Agreement regarding the Volunteers of America grant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Harvey 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 Harvey to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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Mary Grace Strauch
Ruth Reed, Deputy
Clerk to the Board

Aaron Anderson, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners