

10-01-2019 COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the minutes for the September 17, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on information Commissioner Frandson has given to Library Director Karen Funk and board member Shelley Spence.

Vouchers for September 2019 were paid as follows:

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to convene into executive session with County Attorney John Worrall to discuss personnel at 9:44 am. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to reconvene into regular session beginning at 10:25 am. Motion carried. No action was taken.

Lindy Lynn, representative for Rep. Liz Cheney discussed briefly with the board the issues with the amount of water that is currently being discharged from Boysen Reservoir in regards to operations at Wyoming Sugar. It was understood by Commissioner Frandson that a diversion could be placed in the river if there was not enough water. Also discussed were the rock climbing issues in Ten Sleep Canyon and upcoming NEPA information.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Keith Bower reviewed with the board estimates received to have rip-rap moved at the slab on Lane 17. Estimates as follows: McClellan – Macqueen \$1,200.00, Copper Mountain \$1000.00, Nowood Construction \$875.00. Approval was given to proceed with Nowood Construction. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to authorize the purchase of seven cattle guards from True North. Estimated cost is \$15,806.00. Motion carried. Discussion was held on working on Road 60 into Shriver Park, Road 82, and Road 54 regarding dirt coming through in several areas. Discussion was held on using material from the Nowood Pit to do the necessary repairs. Keith reported that the crew is working on the snow plows. North Hillcrest project has been put on hold until the weather improves. The crew will begin to work eight hour days beginning October 7. Mowing has started in both Ten Sleep and Worland.

County Assessor Kathy Treanor met with the board to discuss the current salary scale and at what step she could start a new employee. The board felt that if there was someone available with experience they did not have to start at the beginning of the scale.

A phone call was placed to Homeland Security Assistant Chris Hazen regarding a generator that is up for bid with MDU in regards to having a generator available for the community center. Chris will be looking into any issues there may be with the generator before any bids are placed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve Resolution No. 344 regarding the county joining the Wyoming County Commissioners Association (WCCA) in regards to workers compensation. Motion carried. Commissioner Frandson reported that a great deal of research has been completed by the WCCA staff and he felt that this would save the county a great deal of money in regards to premiums.

Planner David Anderson met with the board to open bids regarding hiring an engineering firm to look at issues on bike path. The bids were from the following: Jorgensen Associates-Jackson, Inberg-Miller Engineers-Riverton, Strata-Gillette, WJE Engineers-Lakewood, CO. David will review each Statement of Qualification and report back to the board before the fee estimates are reviewed. Discussion was held on Architectural firms that other counties have used for remodeling or enhancing county libraries. Discussion was held on a scope of work that needs to be completed and the grant process.

Fire Chief/Warden Chris Kocher met with the board to discuss the contract with Mike Burrington in regards to him not completing the clean up of timber regarding the Firewise Grant. Mike has completed 4.25 acres and the contract was for 20 acres. Chris reported that the remaining acreage that needs to be cleared could be included in an upcoming spring project as there are still funds available. Chris will draft a letter for county attorney approval stating that Mr. Burrington's contract will be terminated and if he wants paid for the 4.25 acres he must submit an invoice.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Authorize chairman to sign Non-Disclosure Agreement with Hake Realty.
2. Ratify chairman signing US Dept. of Veterans Affairs Lease Amendment to increase the monthly rent.
3. Authorize chairman to sign Agreement with Washakie County School District No. 2 regarding the Washakie County Library.
4. Authorize chairman to sign Cooperative Agreement between WYDOT and Washakie County regarding a chip seal project. State Project No. ARSCT N361A05.
5. Authorize chairman to sign Cooperative Agreement between WYDOT and Washakie County regarding pavement patching on the Lower Nowood Road. ARSCT B205A01.
6. Accept monthly reports for Clerk of Court \$1,728.08, County Clerk \$10,956.00, Sheriff \$4,866.07.

7. All commissioners and Candy Treanor sign letter of employment regarding the Custodian/Groundskeeper position and salary details.

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

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Mary Grace Strauch
Clerk to the Board

Fred W. Frandson, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners