

## 10-06-2020 COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

The Board of County Commissioners met at the above date beginning at 9:00 am. Those present were Chairman Fred Frandson, Members Aaron Anderson and Terry Wolf, Clerk to the Board Mary Grace Strauch. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Fred Frandson. All present at the meeting maintained the six feet distance as is needed for social distancing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the September 15, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

A public hearing was opened at 9:00 am to increase the funding with the Forest Service grant in the amount of \$15,000.00. There was no one present for the hearing. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to close the hearing at 9:01 am. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the increase in funding in regards to the Forest Service Grant for \$15,000.00. Motion carried.

Vouchers for October 2020 were paid as follows:

Wyoming County Commissioner Association Director Jerimiah Rieman was present for the morning session.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Keith Bower reported that there was a culvert collapsed on Lane 16 that the crew is working on and they will continue to do patching in the Ten Sleep area and Chukar Drive and the Winchester Road. The mowing will be completed in Worland this week and they continue to mow in Ten Sleep. The grading on Rome Hill Road has been excellent. There is one area of this roadway that is in need of gravel and Keith will view the area in question.

Commissioner Wolf reported that he had met with James Klessens with Forward Cody to discuss the possibility of the four counties creating an economic development district. There would be an initial cost to the four counties to be eligible for additional funding from the U.S. Economic Development Administration. If the district was formed this would allow additional funding to become available to the counties for economic development after an updated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy is completed.

Discussion was held on the Lane 17 ½ road petition and the Lane 18 ½ vacation. The board would like to discuss this further at the October 20 meeting.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reported to the board that the heat has been started and is working in all buildings. The fairgrounds has been winterized. Discussion was held on revising the fairgrounds rental policy to describe and control overnight camping and the rental of the grassy area.

WYDOT personnel Mike Miller and Randy Merritt and several by phone, Attorney for Washakie Rural Dave Clark, Washakie Rural personnel Julie Cross, Mike Neuffer, Ben Hake, County Attorney John Worrall, Planner David Anderson met with the board to discuss the placement of the new bridge on the Winchester Road. With the new alignment, the Washakie Rural waterline will be under that bridge

wings. Discussion was held on several options for Washakie Rural are to attach the waterline to the new bridge, possibly purchase additional right of way from landowners and move the waterline, put the waterline under the riprap area. Much discussion was held on moving the alignment of the bridge farther south but then the bridge wings and riprap would be in the railroad right of way. Also discussed was the possibility of the county receiving additional right of way from the landowners and allowing Washakie Rural into the county right of way. If the bridge replacement project does not go forward the county will have to pay back the entire expenses to date for the project, which is \$194,000. There are federal design regulations that must be followed. Discussion was held on the possibility of moving the water channel but WYDOT does not want to move the channel because it would cause downstream issues. All entities will get estimates on costs for the several options that were discussed.

Emergency Management Director Kami Neighbors met with the board to discuss the cost estimates regarding the Section 205 project with Army Corp of Engineers. Cost to the county would be \$375,000 if the study is completed. This would be just to do the study it would not be to alleviate any of the issues. The board would like to wait and see if House Bill 7575 with the federal government moves forward to see if there is any additional funding available for the study.

A phone call was received from Road and Bridge Superintendent Keith Bower and approval was given to purchase 60 ton of salt at \$130.90 per ton.

Planner David Anderson and County Attorney John Worrall were present for the opening of bids for Gravel Crushing. McGarvin-Moberly \$146,339.00, Mountain Construction was bid per ton not per yard. David will review the two bids and report back to the board.

TSP Engineer Mark Averett, Library Board members Shelley Spence, Theresa Livingston, Library Director Karen Funk, Planner David Anderson, CEO Fred Bronnenberg by phone, and Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer met with the board to review the estimated cost for the library remodel. With the change of furnace type and the fire protection update the new estimated cost is \$2,173,051. Discussion was held on how many thermostats would be available. There will be three downstairs and one upstairs. There will be two new roof top units and two existing roof top units. TSP does recommend awarding the project to Groathouse Construction. There are five subcontractors from the Worland area. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to award the bid for the library remodel to Groathouse Construction in the amount of \$2,173,051. Motion carried.

Clerk of Court Christy Schneider met with the board to discuss a new hire for her office. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to convene into executive session at 3:14 pm with Clerk of Court Christy Schneider. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to reconvene into regular session beginning at 3:50 pm. Motion carried. Approval was given for Christy to hire a new employee but the additional vacation time was not granted.

Ambulance Director Luke Sypherd met with the board to discuss the purchase of a new ambulance. Luke has received funding for the ambulance from the CARES Act funding through the State Lands Board in the amount of \$275,000.00. The oldest ambulance will be sold or there is a possibility of a trade in. The 2008 ambulance will become the backup ambulance and will be stored at the fairgrounds. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner to approve the purchase of a 2019 Ambulance from Ken Garth Jeep in the amount of \$275,000.00. Motion carried. A budget hearing

will be held at the next commissioner meeting to allow for the purchase. Luke reviewed several grant that had been received through the Ambulance Service.

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 beginning at 4:13 pm. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to reconvene into regular session at 4:41 pm. Motion carried. No action was taken.

Planner David Anderson reported by email to the board that the McGarvin-Moberly bid was the low bid for the gravel crushing. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to award the gravel crushing bid to McGarvin-Moberly in the amount of \$146,339.00. Motion carried.

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Accept monthly report for the following County Clerk \$10,243.50, Clerk of Court \$1,449.35.
2. Ratify chairman signing Department of Family Services contract.
3. Authorize chairman to sign July 2020 Family Planning expense/revenue report.
4. Ratify chairman signing Modification of Grant Agreement regarding the Forest Service Agreement for additional funding in the amount of \$15,000.00.
5. Approve bond for Steve Hunt, Community Center Joint Powers Board Executive Director, in the amount of \$150,000.00.
6. All commissioners sign letter to payroll clerk regarding road and bridge employee Mike Eckenrod.
7. Ratify all commissioners signing letter to BLM regarding comments on the BLM grazing regulations.
8. Authorize chairman signing Range proposal for a new phone system at the Ag Extension office.
9. Authorize chairman signing Range proposal for a new phone system at the Public Health and Ambulance offices.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson, 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.

(Seal)  
Mary Grace Strauch  
Clerk to the Board

Fred W. Frandson, Chairman  
Washakie County Commissioners