

10-15-2013 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. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Harvey.

A motion was made by Commissioner Harvey and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the minutes for the October 1, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Working Supervisor Randy Chenoweth reported to the board that the crew continues to grade roads. Discussion was held on the Nowater Stock Drive and a fence that would like to be moved because of the irrigation pivot and the canal company wanting access to the drain ditch area. Randy was asked if the fence could be moved into the county right of way for 150 yards to provide the access. This request was denied by the board. Randy will discuss with the people involved another solution. The crew will be working with WYDOT to fix several areas on the Taylor Brothers Road that were damaged when the bridge work was being completed. Randy reported that trees had been removed along Road 13 and Airport Road after the last snowfall. Randy would like to work on the Nowater Stock Trail, Lane 4 and Lane 2 this winter. Discussion was held on the Hanover Irrigation District and their policy regarding seepage near a canal. Randy will work with Planner David Anderson regarding who had the right of way first and the width of the right of way.

Health Insurance Broker Tom Davis met with the board to further discuss the possibility of employees paying a portion of the health insurance premium. Discussion was held on if the county wishes to remain grandfathered or not in regards to the new Health Care System. There are advantages to staying grandfathered but this also brings up issues regarding the charges that can be made to employees. Discussion was held on organ replacement policy and putting a limit on costs for a clinical trial. A work session will be held on October 22 to further discuss the plan before a final decision is made.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Randy Chenoweth reported that the canal was built before the county road and the county road has never been platted properly.

Public Health Nurse Lori Schaal reviewed with the board the September statistics. Upcoming legislative changes were discussed. Discussion was held on the CSBG grant and Washakie County not applying this coming year. Lori announced that she will be retiring on June 30, 2014.

Homeland Security Director Kimball Croft reported to the board that the antenna has been installed and will be adjusted in the near future. Kimball reported that there is an issue with

the driving linkage of his vehicle and when it gets worse he will have it repaired. There will be a Great Rocky Mountain Shake out held on October 17, 2013.

The map server software that the County Assessor's office would like to purchase has been tabled until budget time.

County Attorney Marcy Argeris met with the board to discuss the indigent funeral policy. Neither of the funeral homes in Washakie County submitted a bid to take care of the indigent funerals. Both submitted their general price list and voiced concerns that bidding any price other than the price on their general price list would create issues with Federal Trade Commissioner (FTC) regulations.

The board also discussed with Attorney Argeris the Tie Down Road and the seepage issue. Due to the fact that the canal was built before the roadway the expense is on the county to fix the seepage issue.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer met with the board to discuss a gasket that needs repaired on one of the steam lines at the Library. Approval was given to move forward with the repair and necessary clean up process.

Planner David Anderson reported that he had met with one landowner in regards to Lane 6 being established as a county road. The landowner wanted the county to take responsibility for the culvert at the beginning at the road way because it was placed by the county many years prior and the landowner wanted to have the right to do any service work on the proposed roadway without boring the road to get the work completed. Approval was given that the county would take responsibility for the culvert but there will be no exemptions put on the road way in regards to boring. If an exemption is to given the landowner will need to ask the board for the exemption at the time the work is going to be completed. David reported that the Southern Baptist Church has no interest in creating a lease for the parking lot area with the county and asked if the county would work on a lease and they would be glad to sign it. The church does not need a lease to proceed with the project but would like proof that the county has liability insurance for the area. The board will table the project at this time. Further consideration may be taken at a later date. Further discussion was held on the Tie Down Road and the seepage. The water right is from 1902 and the petition to create the road was in 1916 this indicates that the road was established in the canal's right of way rather than the canal being established in the county road right of way.

A phone call was placed to Tara Kuipers with the Park County Extension Service to conduct two trainings for county boards on how to hold proper meetings. Tentative dates are set for November 13 and November 21.

County Attorney Marcy Argeris met with the board to discuss the possibility of selling a parcel of land in the Mountainview Subdivision. Marcy will review the plat and report back to the board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Harvey to convene into executive session beginning at 2:09 pm with Attorney Steve Freudenthal per phone as per state statute 16-4-405 to consider and receive information classified as confidential by law, and on matters concerning litigation to which the governing body is a party or proposed litigation to which the governing body may be a party. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Harvey and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to reconvene into regular session beginning at 2:29 pm Motion carried.

Commissioner Anderson reported that the finance committee comprised of Commissioner Anderson, Dan Scheuerman, Kip Mathison, and Gil McEndree met with the Washakie Medical Center CEO Margie Molitor, CFO Jennifer McMillan, and Banner Health Western Region CFO Tom Boudreau. The purpose of the meeting was to clarify questions that the committee had in regards to the proposal put forth by Banner Health to remodel Washakie Medical Center. Commissioner Anderson reported that the meeting had helped the committee gain a better understanding of how the proposal would work, but that there were some issues that the committee hoped to get clarified before the next commission meeting.

After further discussion regarding the price lists submitted by each funeral home a motion was made by Commissioner Harvey and seconded by commissioner Wolf to amend the indigent funeral policy to pay \$2,600.00 per indigent funeral and the remaining policy will be kept in full force. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Accept monthly report from Treasurer's Office Trial Balance and Cash Balance and Circuit Court Report in the amount of \$12,102.20.
2. Authorize chairman to sign draw down request in the amount of \$1,020.27 regarding the OJDP grant.
3. All commissioners sign letter to several organizations regarding the one cent sales tax.
4. Authorize chairman to sign pay estimate no. 5 regarding the Fairview Industrial Park Site Project.

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 Harvey and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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Mary Grace Strauch
Clerk to the Board

Aaron Anderson, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners