

10-29-2020 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 Sheriff Steve Rakness. 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 October 20, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Steve Rakness, Sheriff's Administrative Assistant Carrie Wall, Homeland Security Director Kami Neighbors, Grant Administrator Sheri Gunderson, and Ambulance Director Luke Sypherd met with the board to review several CARES Act funding grant applications.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve Resolution No. 359 for \$164,500.00 for laptops, Transportation vehicle, Mobile Data Terminals, Portable Radios, Industrial Grade Washing Machine and Dryer. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve Resolution No. 360 in the amount of \$30,000.00 for equipment for the Ambulance Service. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve Resolution No. 363 for \$75,000.00 for COVID Ambulance Equipment. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve Resolution No. 361 for \$18,757.00 for laptops, GIS Equipment and Software and Owl Pros. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve Resolution No. 362 for \$70,000.00 with Emergency Management to purchase an Emergency Management Transport Vehicle. Motion carried.

Vouchers for October 2020 were paid as follows:

Discussion was held on the library remodel and several areas that have been tested regarding asbestos. The samples have been sent and results will be known in the very near future if any abatement needs to be completed. Also discussed was the way in which change orders will be brought to the board for approval.

County Assessor Kathy Treanor discussed with the board a piece of property on Road 17 ½ that Planner David Anderson has found to be owned by ANB Bank and Washakie County. Discussion was held on who had been paying any property tax on those two pieces of land. Kathy will notify ANB Bank that they own land in that area and she reported that no one has been taxed on the property.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Keith Bower reported to the board that the slide area on Road 47 would be completed today. 5000 yards have been crushed to date and 5000 more yards should be done by the end of next week. Keith reported that the Ten Sleep Grader was leaking oil around the starter. The mechanic will decide if an O-ring is needed or if there is further damage. There is no issue with the starter. The crew did snow removal this past Sunday. Keith will be looking into new edges for the snowplow blade.

Public Health Manager Amanda Heinemeyer discussed with the board the possibility of contracting with EMS to do community COVID testing. This would be at no cost to residents. It would be an oral swab test and results would be known in 24 hours. EMS that were interested in assisting with this would be paid an hourly wage that would be paid from the CARES Act funding. Approval was given to proceed with this for the public. Also discussed was possibility of having testing available in the Ten Sleep.

Planner David Anderson discussed with the board the property owned by Washakie County and ANB Bank on Road 17 ½. ANB Bank will be notified of upcoming meetings regarding Petition 107. David reported that the CMAQ grant for chemical application with magnesium chloride had been approved, as has the HRRR grant for Lower Nowood Fencing. David will begin to develop an RFP regarding the striping grant that was received earlier. The striping will be completed this spring. The Road 17 ½ and Lane 18 ½ meeting will be held on November 17 at 1:30 pm at the fairgrounds. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to take the tabled petition off of the table and allow David to send a meeting notification and consent form to affected landowners along Road 17 ½. Motion carried.

Commissioner Frandson reported that a working committee had been formed regarding an urban systems upcoming project along Washakie Ave. Planner David Anderson has been put on this committee along with Ron Harvey.

Several Cody Regional Health Emergency Medical Services representatives, several Washakie County EMS personnel, Ambulance Director Luke Sypherd and County Attorney John Worrall reviewed with the board a proposal for Cody Regional Health to propose a partnership aimed at providing consistent high quality EMS services to the citizens of Washakie County in an efficient and cost effective manner. Washakie County's current facility would still be used, the county would need to provide living quarters for those that are on call, and a yearly payment would be made to Cody Regional Health. With this arrangement, there would be a possibility to employ up to eight full time employees and several part time employees. The board and the county attorney will review the information provided. Discussion was held on forming a working group to gather information for future meetings.

Sheriff Steve Rakness and Administrative Assistant Carrie Wall met with the board to review Resolution No. 364 regarding CARES Act funding for a new sheriff's vehicle for \$62,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve Resolution No. 364 regarding the CARES Act funding request. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Authorize chairman to sign Fuels Mitigation Cost-Share Inspection Approval for Dennis Brabec.

2. Authorize chairman to sign Family Planning Expense/Revenue report for Family Planning for September 2020.
3. All commissioners sign a letter to the Washakie County School District No. 2 regarding the library lease.

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

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Mary Grace Strauch
Clerk to the Board

Fred W. Frandson, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners