

11-20-2018 COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

The Board of County Commissioners met at the above date beginning at 9:00 a.m. Those present were Chairman Terry Wolf, Members Aaron Anderson, Fred Frandson and Clerk to the Board Mary Grace Strauch. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Road and Bridge Superintendent Stuart Bower.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to approve the minutes for the October 30, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Stuart Bower has given his notice of termination effective November 30, 2018.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Stuart Bower reported to the board the cost to fix the slab on Cherry Creek is \$5,000.00. Discussion was held on the Lane 2 culvert replacement. Stuart has estimated the cost of the replacement at \$3,500.00 with the culvert purchase and hourly wages. The landowner will purchase a 15 inch pipe to put inside of the 20 inch culvert the county purchases and the landowner will be responsible for connecting both ends of the 15 inch pipe in regarding to irrigation. The county will purchase the flow fill to patch the roadway. Approval was given to proceed with this project. Discussion was held on a Lane 17 project with the Hanover Irrigation District. A 30 to 35 foot culvert for estimated cost of \$300.00 is needed and the irrigation district will do the work needed to put in the culvert. The county will have signage on the Lane 17 project. Approval was given to proceed with the project either this fall or in the spring.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to convene into executive session beginning at 9:11 am with Road and Bridge Superintendent Stuart Bower and County Attorney John Worrall to discuss possible litigation. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to reconvene into regular session beginning at 9:22 am. Motion carried. No decision was made.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the hiring of James Bruce and Michael Jorgensen as road and bridge crew members at the starting wage of \$16.02 per hour. Motion carried.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reported that an autopsy area could be used at the coroner's building by utilizing the women's restroom and making the men's restroom a unisex rest-room. There is ample drainage for the water that would be needed and if the toilet was removed there would be enough room for the autopsy table. Discussion was held on if the door way was wide enough and it is as wide as all the other doors in the building so that should not be an issue once the autopsy table has been moved in the room. Discussion was held on a sprayer the weed and pest has given to Tom to use at the fair grounds and he would like to

mount it on the Rhino. Discussion was held on if the sprayer was light enough to be taken on and off the Rhino or if another Rhino could be used during the summer seasons. Tom will get additional information on the sprayer.

Discussion was held with County Attorney John Worrall regarding the ponds at the hospital and an issue with them not draining properly. It has come to the attention of the commissioners that the engineering firm has signed off on the design of the ponds and the county does not want to be responsible for the cost of fixing the drainage issue. John will write a letter to the engineering firm re-affirming that the county will not be spending any additional funds on the hospital project. Commissioner Wolf stated that a list of outstanding construction issues should be received before the December 4 meeting.

Library Board member Terry Livingston and County Attorney John Worrall met with the board to discuss the funds that the county still has from a previous sales tax for a future new library. Discussion was held on the possibility of purchasing property on main street and moving the library or grants that may be available for a new library to be built. Discussion was held on square footage and other specifics that may be needed for a library. If the library were to move to a main street location parking could become an issue. John will review the language of the intent of the funds and report back to the board.

Homeland Security Director Jeff Schweighart reported to the board that he would like to have the Army Corp visit the end of January or first part of February to possibly view any ice build up at the river bridge. Jeff will be doing surveys with several entities regarding a power outage of the entire area and how to proceed with emergency operations if the outage is not resolved within a few hours. Discussion was held on the full scale exercise that will be held on December 8. Jeff is still waiting for approval from Burlington Northern on having an actual train car available for that date. If the train car is not available a mobile unit from the Fire District can be utilized. Discussion was held on relocating the actual event if the weather is prohibitive. A meeting will be held on December 4 beginning at 1:30 in the county commissioners meeting room to discuss the event with all entities involved so that all agencies are prepared for the December 8 exercise.

The Liquor License hearing was opened at 11:00 am. The hearing is for the renewal of the Big Horn Ski Lodge LLC, RBK Ranches LLC, Asian Cuisine, and a microbrewery application for the Ten Sleep Brewing Company. There was no one present for the hearing. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to close the hearing at 11:01 am. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the applications for Big Horn Ski Lodge LLC, RBK Ranches LLC, Asian Cuisine, and a microbrewery application for the Ten Sleep Brewing Company. Motion carried.

Commissioner Frandson addressed the issue with phone calls the board has been receiving regarding the possibility of closing the Lower Nowood and Washakie Ten. It was never the intent of the board to close either road it was just to reduce the heavy truck traffic on the

roadways that are creating more and more damage to both roads. The county is not trying to impede anyone from using the roadway. According to Google Maps if you travel from Powell to Buffalo through Worland it will take you three hours and three minutes. If you travel from Powell to Buffalo through Manderson and on the Lower Nowood Road it will take you three hours and seven minutes if you follow the posted speed limit. The county would in the future if possible erect signs that state caution road damage please use the alternate route of Highway 16. These two roadways cannot be closed to public access and that was never the intent of the board.

Fire Warden Chris Kocher met with the board to approve the request to transfer funds within the CAFA grant. \$30,000 was increased in the Personnel Labor (Grant Administration) and \$30,000 was decreased in the Fuels Reduction contractor line item. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to approve the amendment to the budget. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to approve Resolution No. 339 regarding the enlargement of Washakie Rural Improvement and Service District. The enlargement was passed at the November 6, 2018 election. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Accept Town of Ten Sleep Financial Statement dated June 30, 2018.
2. Accept Big Horn Regional Joint Powers Board Financial Statements June 30, 2018 and 2017.
3. Authorize chairman to sign VOA request in the amount of \$1,031.70.
4. Accept October monthly reports from Clerk of Court \$992.48, County Clerk \$18,287.50, Circuit Court \$5,282.00, Sheriff's Dept. \$3,682.28, Treasurer's office Trial Balance and Cash Balance.
5. Authorize the chairman to sign Request for Reimbursement in the amount of \$19,483.20 regarding the CAFA Grant.
6. Authorize the chairman to sign Request for Reimbursement in the amount of \$13,594.85 regarding the Firesmart Grant.
7. Authorize chairman to sign Homeland Security Grant 19-DOT-WAS-HM-HMP19 – LEPC in the amount of \$20,625.00.
8. Authorize chairman to sign Right of Way easement with Hanover Irrigation District for an underground pipe placement.

9. Authorize chairman to sign Family Planning Expense/Revenue report for October.
10. Ratify chairman signing CLG Grant application for the Historic Preservation Board.
11. Authorize chairman to sign the MOU with the Shoshone National Forest Service regarding the frequency usage.
12. Authorize chairman to sign the WIC amendment to the agreement.
13. Approve the following holidays: January 1 – New Years, February 18 – President’s Day, April 19- Good Friday, May 27 – Memorial Day, July 4 & 5 – Fourth of July, September 2 – Labor Day, October 14 – Columbus Day, November 11 – Veteran’s Day, November 28 & 29 Thanksgiving, December 24 & 25 – Christmas.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 11:48 am and will reconvene after interviewing for the road and bridge superintendent position.

The meeting reconvened at 2:05 pm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to promote Keith Bower to the position of Road and Bridge Superintendent effective December 1, 2018. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to advertise for a road and bridge employee. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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Mary Grace Strauch
Clerk to the Board

Terrence D. Wolf, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners