

12-19-2017 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 and 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 December 5, 2017 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Stuart Bower discussed with the board the culvert placement at the shooting range area. The crew has been working on the fire signs on West River Road. Estimated cost for additional posts is \$6,200.00. Approval was given to purchase the posts with Road fund money. Further discussion was held on upgrading the road graders and different options the county may have on replacing graders in the future. Stuart will continue to gather information and report back to the board. Discussion was held on maintenance on Road 54 in regards to snow removal and dust control in the spring. Also discussed was purchasing signs for the Dry Farm Road, Cherry Creek and Road 82 regarding no thru traffic from October 1 through April 1. Stuart will order the signs as needed. Discussion was held on a pipe being buried along Lane 12 and a settling pond put in at the end of Lane 12. Wetlands mitigation will need to be addressed in that area.

Fire Chief/Warden Chris Kocher met with the board to open bids for the 2017 Firewise Grant. There was one proposal received in the amount of \$161,962.00 from Technical Forestry Services. Chris will review this bid and report back to the board on his recommendation. Also reviewed was the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Chris recommends that the commissioners approve the report as submitted. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to authorize the chairman to sign the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Motion carried.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer, County Assessor Kathy Treanor and Tax Appraiser Candy Treanor met with the board to review the drawing of a counter top area for the Assessors office. Estimated cost is \$2,370.00. This includes electricity and all materials. Approval was given to move forward with the project. Tom reported that the secure hold area has been completed except the furnace. The furnace work will be complete this week. Discussion was held on the dryer vent and issues that may arise with the lint trap. Tom will look into the issue with the building inspector. Tom is still working with Big Horn REA regarding the meter and new pole for the after school remodel project in Ten Sleep. Discussion was held on the PA system at the fair grounds and possibility of upgrading it this year and several posts in the showing area that need to be addressed this summer.

Myriah McCullough with Carver Florek and James reviewed with the board the annual audit. There were no significant findings with the county audit and all component entities have greatly improved their reporting and working with the auditors.

Public Health Nurse Amanda Heinemeyer presented to the board the Family Planning Bad Debt list. Approval was given to write off \$1,063.53 in bad debts. Discussion was held on the Dept. of Health information regarding the funding for suicide, alcohol, tobacco and drug prevention being sent to the 23 counties once again. Further discussion will be held as MOU's begin to be worked through. Discussed was a consulting proposal for the employees to discuss their wellness blood testing results. The board felt this should be offered to employees. Also discussed was moving the wellness health fair to June so that it renews in July along with the HRA funding through Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Youth Alternatives Director Sarah Garcia and Grant writer Sheri Gunderson reported that they have applied for two additional grants to assist with funding for the youth alternatives program. They will be applying for the drug free grant and will be meeting with several community members in January to receive input on a needs assessment for the area. Also discussed was the tobacco funding that may be available through the Dept. of Health.

Fire Chief/Warden Chris Kocher reported that the bid proposal was in proper order and he recommends the commissioners approval of the bid package. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to approve Technical Forestry Services LLC as recommended for the 2017 Firewise Grant. Motion carried.

Homeland Security Director Jeff Schweighart met with the board and reviewed the possibility of using Code Red for the upcoming year in assisting with disasters. Jeff has received grant funding for the first year. Jeff will check into if we would have to continue with Code Red after the first year. The county currently has Rapid Notify and Jeff believes that Code Red will not hinder the Rapid Notify but increase the ability to have information available for the public. Also discussed was if Code Red is compatible with the software at dispatch.

County Attorney John Worrall met with the board to discuss Request No. 31 with Banner Health in regards to the hospital remodel. John recommends that the board not pay this request until several issues have been resolved. Also discussed was a Wyoming Behavioral Institute (WBI) invoice regarding a stay at the Casper facility. WBI has offered to decrease the amount due. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to accept the proposal as offered from WBI. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to table the Request No. 31 in the amount of \$820,009.18 regarding the hospital remodel. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to appoint Beth Shaffer to the fair board for a five year term and Kermit Sweeny to the Worland Aquatic Center for an unexpired term with one and half years remaining. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Accept monthly reports from Circuit Court \$8060.00, Treasurer's Office Trial Balance and Cash Balance.
2. Authorize chairman to sign Family Planning Expense/Revenue report for November 2017.
3. Authorize chairman to sign VOA draw down request in the amount of \$861.20.
4. Authorize chairman to sign Nurse Practitioner Services agreement with Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital.
5. Accept Washakie County School District No. 1 Basic Financial Statement June 30, 2017.
6. Ratify chairman signing Rocky Mountain Power Foundation grant application.
7. Approve the bad debts list for Family Planning in 2017.

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

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Mary Grace Strauch
Washakie County Clerk

Terrence D. Wolf, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners