

12-20-16 COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

The Board of County Commissioners met at the above date beginning at 9:00 am. Those present were Chairman Aaron Anderson, and members Terry Wolf and Fred Frandson. Also present was Clerk to the Board Mary Grace Strauch. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Terry Wolf.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to approve the minutes for the December 6, 2016 Commissioner Meeting. Motion carried.

Washakie Leadership students Nikki Donahue, Jade Gonzalez, Ken Westfall, Planner David Anderson and Road and Bridge Superintendent Randy Chenoweth met with the board to discuss the possibility of the leadership group doing a beautification project along the bike path. They would like to plant drought resistant shrubs and grasses along the path on the state owned property within the county right of way. They will be looking into a drip system for this area and to possibly coordinate with Wyoming Sugar with the project. Also discussed was the possibility of putting in solar lights. If solar lights are put in they need to be aware of the snow removal and damaging the lights. The leadership group has several that are interested in caring for the area for several years to get it established.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Randy Chenoweth reported that the crew is continuing to do snow removal as needed and to work on machinery. Randy wanted to alert the public that the following roads are closed for the winter season: Cherry Creek, Big Trails and Dry Farm Road.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reported to the board that he has been asked to attend a 4-H Council meeting to discuss the 4-H food booth and issues with repairs that are needed. Tom will meet with the council in January. The commissioners will be sending a letter to the 4-H Council to schedule a meeting in May to view the repairs that are needed so that it can be added to the budget.

Sheriff Steve Rakness and Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer met to discuss who has what fob to open the doors. Both the dispatch and the county clerk personnel will work on this issue of who was given which fob.

Planner David Anderson reported that the estimated cost for engineering to the county for the Road 82 project should be very minimal. The estimate is always stated at 10% of the project but WYDOT representatives did feel it will be well below the estimate.

Banner Health Representatives Brad McCaslin, Hospital Board members Gil McEndree, Dean Carroll, Anna Venable, County Attorney John Worrall and by phone Jennifer McMillan, Kyle Majchrowski, met to review the quarterly update for the hospital remodel project. The

Operating Room was operational on December 19 as scheduled. The main corridor will be operational in January 2017. The budget was reviewed and a meeting will be held the beginning of January with the hospital board finance committee to get updated figures.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to convene into executive session with County Attorney John Worrall at 10:35 am to discuss possible litigation. The litigation is not related to Banner Health or the hospital remodel project in any way. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to reconvene into regular session beginning at 11:02 am. Motion carried. No decision was made.

Public Health Nurse Amanda Heinemeyer reported that there will be a reduction in TANF funds by \$8,000.00. This will not impact the public health budget in any way. Another nurse practitioner will be working at public health. The contract is being reviewed by the County Attorney.

Youth Alternatives Director Sarah Garcia and Grant writer Anna Venable reported to the board that the VOA grant application will be completed within the next week. A copy of the grant application will be sent to all commissioners for review. A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to authorize the chairman to sign the grant application as soon as all have reviewed and approved. Motion carried. Anna reported that the county had received the Community Development Block Grant for the Ten Sleep Library Youth Learning Center. Before any funds can be spent an environmental study must be completed. Sarah reported that several will be attending an all expense paid presentation in Las Vegas the end of January for Youth Alternatives.

Homeland Security Director Jeff Schweighart reported that he had attended training in Cheyenne and it was very helpful. Discussion was held on what tables and chairs could be used for his meeting and for 4-H meetings. Blinds are still needed for the meeting room along with plugs for laptops etc.

Discussion was held on Title 25 discussion that was held at a four county meeting. Fremont, Park, Hot Springs and Big Horn County will all be sending letters of support. It is not known at this time if any funds will be available for a match to have the remodel project completed at the Lighthouse. State funds will also be needed for this project. Also discussed was grant possibilities. The board spoke to grant writer Anna Venable about researching the availability of the grants. A phone call was placed to Nick Kruger with the City of Worland and he stated that the re-zoning of the hospital and lighthouse area is almost complete.

Planner David Anderson met with the board to discuss the county comprehensive plan and updating the document. David has discussed with the WCCA attorney several ways to begin the update of the documents. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Frandson to approve the \$2,750.00 for a University of Wyoming Social economic

group reviewing the current plan with suggested changes and updates to the plan. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Randy Chenoweth discussed with the board the culvert on Lane 10. The board would like to see several jersey barriers placed on the north side of the culvert for liability issues.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to convene into executive session with County Attorney John Worrall to discuss possible litigation beginning at 2:06 pm. Motion carried. At 2:43 pm County Attorney John Worrall left the executive session and Sheriff Steve Rakness entered. A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to reconvene into regular session beginning at 3:43 pm. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frandson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf that all actions and functions of the Washakie County Fair board are suspended indefinitely until completion of a complete audit of the board's actions for the last number of years due to lack of records of the board's actions and return all county property immediately. This action is not intended to limit day to day 4-H activity. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Authorize chairman to sign LEPC Grant agreement in the amount of \$23,895.00.
2. Authorize chairman to sign VOA draw down request in the amount of \$1,507.10.
3. Authorize chairman to sign right of way easement with Devon Energy Production to cut along Lane 4.
4. All commissioners sign letter for salary for part time custodian.
5. Accept Treasurer's Office Trial Balance and Cash Balance.
6. Approve bond for Justine Paxton, Nowood Watershed Improvement and Service District, in the amount of \$25,000.00.
7. Authorize chairman to sign Notice of Completion of Construction regarding the Big Trails Shop expansion and Special Lease No. 317.
8. Authorize chairman to sign Family Planning Expense/Revenue report for November 2016.
9. All commissioners sign letter to 4-H Council regarding the food booth and repairs that are needed.

10. All commissioners sign letter to fair board members regarding all actions of the board being suspended for a period of time.

11. Appoint Frank Bowers to the Community Center Joint Powers Board for a three year term. Term to expire 12-31-2019.

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

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Mary Grace Strauch
Clerk to the Board

Aaron Anderson, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners