

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
May 15, 2018

The meeting of the Weston County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Tony Barton at 9:00 a.m. at the Weston County Courthouse Annex. Commissioners Tony Barton, Bill Lambert, Marty Ertman, Tracy Hunt, and Ed Wagoner and Clerk Jill Sellers were present. Clerk Sellers opened the meeting with prayer, and Commissioner Hunt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Clerk Sellers added County Health Officer Contract to the agenda under New Business. Commissioner Wagoner moved to approve the agenda as discussed; seconded by Vice Chairman Lambert. Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Lambert moved to approve the minutes of May 1, 2018; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Commissioner Ertman requested the following changes: After "The final completion will be advertised three times, and after 41 days, a final payment will be issued," insert "should no problems arise."; and change the increase in WCCA dues to \$243.00. Carried.

CENTRAL WESTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

Cyndi Crabtree reported on the Osage Landfill. Electrical work is complete, and work on gravel and possible fencing continues. The CWCSWDD Board continues to seek funding sources for closure. Estimates for closure have been received. The transfer process to Edgemont is working well, and maintenance on machinery is minimal at this time. They are recycling iron and collecting on its value; they also sort garbage for recycling. The landfill receives between \$300-500 a month in business. Concerns continue about dumping on lands and roadsides. Commissioner Wagoner will contact Craig McOmie, DEQ, and request an update on closure.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY

Commissioner Hunt commented on the bulletproof windows installed on the southeast corner of the courthouse and the secure teller window in Circuit Court office, stating that they were not approved by the Commissioners, and recommended that they be removed. Commissioner Ertman commented on a 2014 report regarding courtroom security, and reported that Commissioners statewide are pushing back on the security requirements being issued by the Supreme Court. Chairman Barton commented on insuring against the possibility of violence, noting some value in preventative measures; the courtroom security grant does not obligate us to these measures. Vice Chairman Lambert commented on the change in posture, from protecting the judges and providing proper egress to intrusive physical security measures. Commissioner Hunt noted that the fortification of the courthouse sends a poor message of isolating the government from the public. Vice Chairman Lambert asked the County Administrator to identify other security issues that are included in the courtroom remodel plans. Court officials will be invited to answer questions, and to determine the overall approved security levels, especially given the current courtroom remodel project. Clerk Sellers will contact the Supreme Court and ask them to appear to answer questions. Judge Deegan, Judge Castano, Architect Randy Hein will be invited.

The meeting of the Weston County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

The meeting of the Weston County Board of Equalization was convened at 10:00 a.m.

WESTON COUNTY 2018 ABSTRACT

Assessor Tina Conklin presented the Weston County 2018 Abstract for approval. Local valuation is \$71,949,578, which is up about 2%. The 30-day period for questions has passed, with two appeals considered. The State valuation will be available and sent in June after the Assessor meets with the State to verify the local assessment.

Commissioner Hunt moved to approve the Weston County 2018 Abstract with the local valuation of \$71,949,578; seconded by Vice Chairman Lambert. Carried.

The Weston County Board of Equalization adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

The Weston County Board of Commissioners reconvened at 10:06 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Ertman reported that WCCA dues will remain the same with the \$243.00 increase. WCCA would like to function as the employer for Workers Compensation. The Prevention Management Agreement will proceed under the Department of Health for six months, which will ensure no lapse in coverage; the Department of Health has not yet responded. After six months, it would move under WCCA. Vice Chairman Lambert expressed concerns about a decrease in services as WCCA takes on more responsibilities, although WCCA supports a revenue-neutral approach to manage its services. Other counties suggested that if services are impacted or dues are further increased, they might consider opting out of WCCA membership.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Ertman moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on the grant agreement for CLG grant #56-18-01 "Walk About Town Historic Tour Guide" for the Weston County Historic Preservation; seconded by Vice Chairman Lambert. Carried.

Commissioner Wagoner moved to reappoint Norma Shelton to the Weston County Travel Commission; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Carried.

Vice Chairman Lambert moved to change the Local Government Liability Pool (LGLP) deductible from \$1,000 to \$5,000; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. This reduces the annual premium by \$3,656.00. Carried.

Clerk Sellers presented renewal information for membership in Mountain States Employer's Council. The County utilized 37 hours of service hours. Renewal rate is \$5,241.59 (down from \$5,400.00 in 2017).

Commissioner Hunt moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on catering permits for West End Bar & Grill on June 8-10 for RPM Days at the Fairgrounds and on August 25-26 at the Weston County Event Center for a wedding, and for Cambria Inn Flying V on June 2-3 for a wedding; seconded by Vice Chairman Lambert. Carried.

Clerk Sellers reported on the County Clerk's Conference on Elections, which included legislative updates on elections, security, and funding sources for new election equipment.

Clerk Sellers reported that the 2018 Primary Election Proclamation was published in this week's newspapers.

DRU Consulting Agreement was finalized and signed by all parties.

Dispatch Agreement with the City of Newcastle was presented. Commissioner Ertman moved to table the Dispatch Agreement until June 5, 2018; seconded by Vice Chairman Lambert. Carried.

Clerk Sellers reported on the Information Technology Audit RFP. Three proposals were received, but only one included the audit component requested. Discussion ensued regarding current IT support, vulnerabilities, and options to improve services.

Commissioner Ertman moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Public Health: County Health Officer Contract for FY2019; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Dan Blakeman reported that the Upton-Fairview Road project is being reviewed by the County Attorney. The updated CMAQ packages are with the District Engineer for approval. Rick Williams and Jerry Hunt will work with the land owners on the easements. RIP 004 will commence, and Commissioner Ertman will serve on the RIP Committee.

ONEOK Pipeline presented ideas to the County Administrator to address county road crossings; they asked for a road use agreement to sign. County Attorney is reviewing the draft road use agreement, as well as the pipeline contract from their previous project. Administrator Blakeman will invite Vermillion Energy to discuss their impact on county roads.

The second floor remodel project continues; windows will be installed, and the judge's bench will be framed this week. Glass block is available.

The law enforcement building agreement has been discussed in subcommittee, which will now meet on the dispatch agreement.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Superintendent Rick Williams appeared before the Commissioners to discuss plans for Road and Bridge.

Vice Chairman Lambert moved to go into Executive Session under W.S. 16-4-405(a)(ii); seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried. Executive Session began at 1:03 p.m.; adjourned at 1:59 p.m. No decisions were made in Executive Session.

Vice Chairman Lambert moved to rescind the motion from the previous meeting to accept the resignation of Rick Williams from Road and Bridge, and have that action expunged from the record; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Tony Barton
Chairman

Attest: Jill Sellers
Weston County Clerk