

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
August 15, 2017

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Wagoner moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Wagoner moved to approve the minutes of August 1, 2017; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Clerk Sellers reported on W.S. 31-5-301(b)(iv): Maximum speed limit is 65 mph where the roadway is paved, and 55 mph where the roadway is unpaved.

Clerk Sellers presented the final WIC contract with Wyoming Department of Health in the amount of \$8,866.00, which is \$75.06 more than the draft contract. A budget amendment hearing will be scheduled to account for the difference in the FY2018 Budget. Commissioner Hunt moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on the FY2018 WIC Contract; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried.

Clerk Sellers reported that the Vocational-Agriculture students from the high school will paint behind the new signs at the courthouse annex so that the cut-out lettering will stand out more prominently. This should be completed by mid-September.

To allow all original signatures on the same document, Chairman Lambert re-signed the signature page of the Memorandum of Understanding Supplement for Law Enforcement support to Converse County for the eclipse event on August 21, 2017. The MOU was approved for the Chairman's signature on August 1, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

Road & Bridge Superintendent Rick Williams presented resolutions for the two CMAQ projects on Upton Fairview Road/Fiddler Creek Road, and Morrissey Road. The \$25,000.00 match requirement for each will come out of the County Road Fund. The Grieves Road project was also discussed; a budget amendment hearing will be planned, in order to put all three projects in the FY2018 Budget.

Commissioner Wagoner moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on Resolution 2017-11 for the CMAQ project on Upton Fairview Road/Fiddler Creek Road, and Resolution 2017-12 for the CMAQ project on the Morrissey Road; seconded by Vice Chairman Barton. Carried.

Superintendent Williams reported on the bids received for the Bruce Road/Wildcat Bridge project. He, County Administrator Dan Blakeman, and Jerry Hunt of Weston Engineering opened the bids in public on August 14, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Jerry Hunt joined the meeting to discuss the bids.

Commissioner Ertman moved to go into Executive Session under W.S. 16-4-405 (a)(vii); seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried. Executive Session began at 10:52 a.m.; regular meeting reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

Jerry Hunt reviewed the bids on Bruce Road project: The lowest bid was submitted by GW Construction, which was determined to be non-conforming due to lack of signatures and error in his pricing. Second lowest bid was JW Services, LLC; third lowest was Farnsworth Services, Inc. Recommendation from Weston Engineering was to dismiss GW Construction due to their non-conforming bid, and award to JW Services, LLC. Commissioner Ertman moved to accept the alternate bid from JW Construction for the Bruce Road project in the amount of \$145,626.51; seconded by Vice Chairman Barton. Carried.

Fill dirt will be required for the Bruce Road project. The issue at hand is that the landowners must grant a temporary easement to allow for the work to be completed. Vice Chairman Barton moved to allow Road & Bridge Superintendent Williams to negotiate with the landowners for the County to pay them for the required fill dirt according to reasonable and customary pricing in the state of Wyoming; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried.

Treasurer Susie Overman presented the cash reports for July. Treasurer Overman reported on delinquent tax list, which increased in number from previous years. The tax sale is scheduled for August 28, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court courtroom.

Commissioner Hunt moved to approve a catering permit for the Fountain Inn on August 26-27, 2017 at the Event Center; seconded by Vice Chairman Barton. Carried.

A Grazing Association & Landowners meeting will be held at the Wright Town Hall on September 11, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The special meeting with Black Hills National Forest Supervisor will be held on October 12, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Mystic Ranger District Office in Rapid City.

Vice Chairman Barton moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on the modification of a grant agreement with US Forest Service for extra patrols to support the eclipse event on August 21, 2017; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

Commissioner Hunt moved to close the courthouse on August 21, 2017 for the total solar eclipse. Discussion ensued, and then withdrew his motion. Vice Chairman Barton moved to close the courthouse and annex on August 21, 2017; seconded by Hunt. Hunt then moved to amend the motion to provide county employees, including those who don't work at the courthouse, an opportunity to view the eclipse at the discretion of their department head. Discussion ensued regarding whether it was paid time off. Vice Chairman Barton withdrew his motion, and stated that the Commissioners support flexibility for all employees to view the eclipse.

Congressman Liz Cheney invited the Commissioners to attend a special meeting on August 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. With input from the Commissioners, the Clerk will send a list of talking points to the Congressman to guide the discussion. A public notice is posted at the courthouse, and the special meeting will be advertised.

BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING

At 10:05 a.m., Chairman Lambert opened the budget amendment hearing regarding the Public Health grant. The Chairman called for public comment three times; there were none. Commissioner Wagoner moved to approve the budget amendment for the Public Health grant to receive unanticipated funds in the amount of \$2,969.72 into line number 137.00.180104000.0617 for the Mother-Child Health Grant; seconded by Vice Chairman Barton. Carried.

INSURANCE

The County's property insurance is due to renew on September 15th, and this meeting was to provide information, allow for questions and to gain understanding of insurance options.

Karen Ackerman, ADI Insurance, presented our current coverage, which is a \$20 million blanket policy with a flat \$1,000.00 deductible. Joanna Akers, First State Insurance, presented options with a \$1,000.00 deductible. HUD Insurance, Cheyenne, also submitted a proposal for consideration; Ray Gallegos can be available to answer questions prior to decision.

The Commissioners would like to see three deductible options from each company. Final quote proposals will be due on September 1, 2017 to the Clerk, and will be on the agenda for decision on September 5, 2017.

FAIRGROUNDS

Ellen McKenzie reported on a successful Weston County Fair, and asked about potential changes for future fairs, especially regarding Commissioners' Fun Night. The Commissioners discussed the possibility of sponsoring an award or event, such as sheepdog trials, bronc riding, remote car races, or other ideas.

Vice Chairman Barton moved to accept the resignation of Craig Deveraux from the Fair Board and to thank him for his service; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Bill Lambert
Chairman

Attest: Jill Sellers
Weston County Clerk