

January 6, 2015

The regular meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 9:00 a.m. Present were Marty Ertman, Tracy Hunt, Randy Rossman, newly elected Bill Lambert, Tony Barton and County Clerk Cheryl Kregel. Also present were Fran Lehman and Alexis Schultz.

Call To Order

Call to order was by County Clerk Cheryl Kregel. Commissioner Randy Rossman gave the Invocation and led the delegation in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elect Commission Chairman and Vice Chairman

The County Clerk opened the nominations for Chairman. Commissioner Rossman nominated Commissioner Bill Lambert and Commissioner Barton seconded. The County Clerk called for any other nominations. No other nominations were heard and a vote was called. All in favor Yea, Commissioner's Hunt, Rossman and Barton. Commissioner Ertman vote Nay and wanted her vote recorded. Motion carried. Chairman Lambert opened nominations for Vice Chairman. Commissioner Hunt nominated Commissioner Rossman who declined the nomination and moved to nominate Commissioner Ertman and seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Chairman Lambert called for any other nominations and none were heard and all votes were for Commissioner Ertman. Motion carried.

Budget Amendment Hearing

Budget Amendment Hearing to increase the General Fund portion of the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget in the amount of \$9,195.00 for the CLG Historic Preservation HAABS-HAER Grant for Toomey's Mill was explained by Commissioner Ertman so that Commissioner's Lambert and Barton were informed. Chairman Lambert opened with public comment. No comment was heard and therefore public comment was closed. Commissioner Rossman moved and Commissioner Barton seconded to move funds over to the Toomey's Mill Grant. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 10:08 a.m. and resumed at 10:16.

Old Business

Commissioner Rossman gave an update on the maintenance person for the courthouse. Various topics and projects were discussed. Chairman Lambert suggested putting a description together of the job detail and pay. Commissioner Barton moved to set up a meeting with two Commissioners and other elected officials to make recommendations to hire maintenance person. Commissioner Hunt seconded and motion carried.

BLM-Update on Northern Long-Eared Bat

Chairman Lambert greeted Rick Miller and Tracy Pinter from the BLM. The Commissioners were updated on the Northern Long-Eared Bat and the previous meeting in Sundance with Fish and Wildlife Services (US FWS). The commissioners also had a few questions concerning the sage grouse. Mr. Miller and Ms. Pinter were thanked for their updates.

Courthouse Security

A letter had been drafted from Commissioner Hunt and sent to the other Commissioner's for their input. Commissioner Ertman gave a brief update on the Security meeting with Sheriff Colvard on the 5th of January, 2015. Further discussion of

the viability of having the circuit court in the basement of the courthouse ensued. It was then decided to postpone the discussion until after the Courthouse Security Committee has had their meeting on February 11, 2015.

Legal Newspaper

The designation of the county's newspaper was discussed with Lisa LeVasseur, Nick Trandahl of the Weston County Gazette and Bob Bonnar and Alexis Schultz of the News Letter Journal. A specific set of minutes were given to each business and they were asked to submit a cost per column inch and to include a total cost for publishing that set of minutes. A quote received from the Weston County Gazette in the amount of \$5.25 per column inch with a total cost to publish the same minutes at \$220.50. A quote was received from the News Letter Journal in the amount of \$11.00 per column inch with a total cost to publish being \$671.00. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to designate the News Letter Journal as the official paper for the County of Weston for the calendar year of 2015 with Commissioner Rossman seconding the motion. Commissioner Ertman call the question. Votes were as follows: Yea: Hunt and Rossman; Nays: Barton and Ertman. Chairman Lambert cast the deciding vote as a 'yea' motion carried.

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Bryan Colvard met with the Commissioners and discussed his department's accounts and receivables and fees for the month. Also discussed was the leaking roof on the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and will be receiving a proposal for replacement. Once bid is received Sheriff Colvard will present it to the Commissioners. Sheriff Colvard also requested to have a Commissioner to serve on the Courthouse Security because the former seat was held by Commissioner Jerry Shepperson who is no longer a commissioner. Commissioner Ertman volunteered and it was agreed to by the board.

The meeting recessed at 12:03 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Alexis Schultz of the News Letter Journal asked to visit with the Commissioners on various subjects and new ideas. Commissioners were very helpful with questions and answers.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Ertman moved to authorize all signatures of Declaration of Official Depositories at First State Bank of Newcastle for Weston County for 2015.

Commissioner Rossman second and motion carried.

Commissioner Rossman moved and Commissioner Ertman seconded to approve vouchers present expect voucher #58327, which was denied. Motion carried.

Dues

Commissioner Ertman moved to pay the Black Hills Regional Multiple Use Coalition Dues of \$100.00 for dues. Second Commissioner Rossman motion carried.

Contract Engineer

Jerry Hunt, Contract Engineer, met with Commissioners and discussed land fill issues and how to work together with all involved. Commissioner Barton moved to appoint two commissioners to go to the next meeting in Upton for the landfill meeting to see how this process can go forward. Chairman Lambert and Commissioner Barton were appointed to this project and seconded by Commissioner Rossman motion carried.

Board Appointments

Planning Board: Commissioner Rossman moved and seconded by Commissioner Barton to reappoint Michael Chad Sears to the Planning Board for a three-year term. Motion carried.

Recreation Board (Mallo): Commissioner Rossman moved and seconded by Commissioner Hunt to reappoint both Gideon Dixon and Greg Stumpff to the Weston County Recreation Board for four-year terms. Motion carried.

Solid Waste District (Osage Dump): Commissioner Hunt moved and Commissioner Rossman seconded to reappoint Bert Sutherland to the Weston County Solid Waste District for a four-year term. Motion carried.

Fair Board: Commissioner Hunt moved and Commissioner Rossman seconded to appoint Ellen McKenzie to the Weston County Fairboard for a five-year term. Motion carried.

Weed & Pest: Commissioner Rossman moved to accept the letters of reappointment for Wayne Christensen to the (area 2), Donley Darnell (area 3) and Glen Materi (at-large) for four-year terms to the Weston County Weed & Pest Board. Motion carried.

Child Support Authority: Commissioners received a letter of resignation from Sandra Walford for termination of her position and appoint Clerk of District Court Gidget Macke to the position. The term will expire in July 2015. Commissioner Rossman moved and Commissioner Hunt second. Motion carried.

Prairie Dog Resolution Commissioners discussed a pending resolution to allow former Commissioner Lenard Seeley to remain on the Prairie Dog Amendment Interdisciplinary Team. Concerns were raised about confidentiality issues. Commissioner Rossman moved to table the discussion until he could have a conversation with Mr. Seeley. Seconded by Chairman Lambert motion carried.

County Road Easement Fran Lehman brought a copy of County Road Easement to have the commissioners discuss a few of their concerns about the document. The commissioners will have the County Attorney look at it and ask for his opinion.

The meeting recessed at 3:22 p.m. and resumed at 3:29 p.m.

Road & Bridge Department Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman, met with the Commissioners and discussed several projects his employees have been doing including plowing snow, working on trucks and maintenance on equipment.

County Attorney William Curley, Weston County Attorney and Lynda Black, approached the commissioners with a proposal to hire a deputy county attorney. He stated that it was up to the board to appoint his deputy and set the salary for the position. He stated that he believed the work load has increased substantially for the county attorney's office. It was his opinion that in order to attract qualified candidates, the salary needed to be \$75,000 plus benefits. Mr. Curley then explained that because he was hired as the deputy before he officially took office, the line item budget for the salary of the deputy would be depleted before the next budget occurred. Mr. Curley gave the board a letter explaining the breakdown of how the funding could be accommodated with moving some monies from one budget line to another within the county's budget. Discussion ensued as to how much more money the county would have to find to amend the current budget for the deputy county attorney. It was moved by Commissioner Hunt to hire Lynda Black as the county attorney at the annual salary of \$70,000 plus benefits for a three 3 month period. It was seconded by Commissioner Rossman. The votes were Hunt, Barton, Rossman & Lambert yea; Commissioner

Ertman nay. It will be determined at a later date how much additional funds will be needed to cover the shortfall. Then a budget amendment will be scheduled.

Ray Hunkins Mr. Hunkins, attorney for Weston County concerning the Weston County Event Center called to discuss an item with the board. Commissioner Hunt moved and Commissioner Barton seconded to go into Executive Session per Statute 16-4-405 a) (iii) on matters concerning litigation to which the governing body is a party or proposed litigation to which the governing body may be a party: Chairman Lambert called for a vote. Commissioners Barton and Hunt Yea and Commissioners Rossman and Ertman voted nay. Chairman Lambert voted Yea. Motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 4:15 p.m. Resumed regular session at 5:10 p.m.

Commissioner Ertman moved to direct Mr. Hunkins to have WJE Engineers send Paul Reed Construction "Construction Change Directive Number 2" with the understanding that if a proposal is not received within 15 days, the contractor will be considered to be in default. It was seconded by Commissioner Rossman. Motion carried.

Vouchers are as follows:

066 NCPERS, payroll deduct, \$272.00, AFLAC, payroll deduct, \$1,729.33, Blue Cross Blue Shield, financial admin, \$56,815.21, Office of Child Support, payroll deduct, \$175.00, Orchard Trust, payroll deduct, \$1,140.00, WEBT, financial admin, \$177.25, Weston County Clerk, financial admin, \$48,207.80, WY Child Support, payroll deduct, \$1,175.00, WY Dept of Workforce Services, financial admin, \$2,548.02, WY Retirement System, financial admin, \$28,777.63, Voelker's Autobody, veh repairs, \$6,069.77, Wyoming State 4-H Foundation, dues, \$100.00, Lynda Bickford, election, \$109.50, Lichen Research Center, software, \$1,000.00, Postmaster, box rent, \$224.00, Regional Health, jail med, \$180.00, Mary Robertson, election, \$113.13, Claire Taft, election, \$128.13, Laura Bock, election, \$157.63, Mary Orban, election, \$142.63, KB Engineering LLC, engineer srvs, \$1,705.50, Kadrmass, buffalo cr rd, \$442.78, Morrison Maierle Inc, airport runway, \$136,266.40, Black Hills Power, util, \$1,610.86, Hermes Consolidated, oil/gas/lube, \$14,900.17, Pitney Bowes Inc, supp, \$774.00, Bearlodge Engineering & Surveying, Mallo Camp improvements, \$5,072.50, Air Delights, supp, \$152.83, Alert Inc, training, \$850.00, All Clear Windows, supp, \$75.00, Alpha Communications, new equip, \$643.00, American Solutions for Business, supp, \$664.76, American Welding, repair/maint, \$333.79, AT&T, comm, \$990.11, Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, brd of prisoner, \$698.20, Black Hills Plumbing, brd of prisoner, \$890.00, Black Hills Power, util, \$1,745.10, Brownell's Inc, equip, \$115.88, Byrand Streeter, contract wages, \$1,158.75, Cambria Supply, oil/gas/lube, \$451.93, Campbell Co Sheriff's Office, brd of prisoner, \$300.00, Casey Thorson, supp, \$550.00, Central WC Solid Waste Dist, cwcswd, \$1,875.00, City of Newcastle, util, \$5,194.66, Comtronix, comm, \$156.00, Culligan Water Conditioning, misc, \$15.00, Decker's Market, supp, \$93.36, Diebold Inc, supp, \$798.00, Double D Obsolete, repair/maint, \$174.29, ESRI, gis land records, \$250.00, Family Dollar Stores, supp, \$13.00, First State Bank, box rent, \$25.00, Fisher Sand & Gravel, gravel/rd mtrl, \$2,219.06, G&C Glass, repair/maint, \$252.23, Gateway Auto Supply, veh/maint/fuel, \$937.82, Golden West Technologies, software/comm, \$3,462.60, Hansen & Peck, office exp, \$4,250.00, Jerry Shepperson, mile/trvl, \$84.00, Johns Electric, repair/maint, \$84.05, KASL, print/pub, \$684.00, Kone Inc, repair/maint, \$525.96, Lenard D Seeley, mile/trvl \$210.00, Lexis Nexis Matthew Bender, misc, \$476.96, Lichen Research Center, software, Lori Bickford, misc, \$2.50, Mamie C Krank, mile/trvl, \$30.00, Mastercard, veh/maint/fuel, \$1,153.13, Matthew Bender & Co Inc, misc, \$521.40, Max Masters, land rec, \$1,900.00, Michelle Sweet, misc, \$33.46, Minuteman Lube Center, maint/fuel, \$65.58, Moore Medical LLC, supp, \$224.73, Newcastle Ambulance Service, ambulance, \$7,311.66, Newcastle Motors, veh maint/fuel, \$567.43, News Letter Journal, print/pub/supp, \$2,202.14, Office Ally, immuniz, \$19.95, Osage Ambulance, ambulance, \$4,375.00, Outlaw Motors, airport, \$635.40, PFC Products Inc, supp, \$170.63, Plainsmen, supp, \$2,120.77, Powder River Energy Corp, util, \$1,145.49, Power Plan OIB, repair/maint, \$114.30, Preventive Health and Safety Division, supp, \$28.00, Randy Rossman, mile/trvl, \$72.00, Reserve Acct-Pitney Bowes, post/freight, \$1,300.00, Roadrunner Disposal Service, util, \$60.00, RT Communications, comm, \$2,326.98, Servall Uniform/Linen Co., misc, \$225.44, Shopko, supp, \$87.11, Shreds, misc, \$879.25, Smilemakers, med supp, \$126.95, Source Gas, util, \$1,563.77, State of WY, veh maint/fuel, \$1,462.81, Thomson Reuters, misc, \$617.93, Timberline Services, gravel, \$19,377.56, Top Office Products, supp, \$9,571.10, Town of Upton, community/landfill, \$2,875.00, Uber Geek Computer, repair/maint, \$30.00, Upton Ambulance, ambulance, \$4,375.00, Urbin

Law Office LLC, special attny, \$415.06, Verizon Wireless, comm, \$181.39, Visa, misc, \$498.95, WCS, comm, \$448.25, West River International, repair/maint, \$555.62, Western Printing, supp, \$307.60, Western States Sheriff Assoc, mile/trvl, \$175.00, WC Childrens Center, child ctr, \$3,750.00, WC, airport insurance, \$987.00, WC 4-H Council, supp, \$171.64, WC Gazette, print/pub, \$60.00, WC Health Services, jail med, \$1,842.28, WC Road & Bridge, veh/maint/fuel, \$3,348.50, WC Sr Services, brd of prisoner, \$1,427.00, Weston Engineering Inc, misc, \$15,162.30, Whirlwind Services, supp, \$560.00, Wireless Advanced Communications, veh maint/fuel, \$400.00, Woodys Food Center, brd of prisoners, \$182.37, WY Automotive, oil/gas/lube, \$596.52, WY Dept of Environmental Quality Solid & Hazardous Waste Mngt, maint, \$400.00, WY Dept of Health, misc, \$318.00, WY Dept of Transportation, gravel/rd, \$194,054.30, WY Law Enforcement Academy, school exp, \$100.00, WY Machinery Co, repair/maint, \$1,728.42, WY Network, financial admin, \$208.05, WY Trophy & Engraving, misc, \$14.79

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Bill Lambert

Chairman

Attest: Cheryl Kregel

County Clerk