

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
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With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

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County Attorney Berger wanted to let the Board know that the Fairgrounds has a tenant not complying with them. The Fairgrounds is filing a lawsuit in Circuit Court to evict this person. Mrs. Fladstol and County Attorney Berger will work together with this issue. Mrs. Fladstol has sent three different letters to this tenant on this issue.

Attorney Berger said that he was approached about possibly moving the Public Defender's Office into the Annex building. Right now the County and the State both pay part of the rent for this office. If the County were to move the office into the Annex, it would save the County \$300 per month. Some people think this would be a good idea, however Attorney Berger does not. The opposing attorneys seeing who is coming and going into each other's office is not a good idea. Even if the Public Defender's Office was located at the opposite end of the Annex building, there would be issues that would cause them to go by the County Attorney's Office. There are other Counties where they are located in the same buildings, but there is a lot more separation between the offices. Vice-Chairman Ertman suggested maybe putting them in the Homeland Security Office. Homeland Security Coordinator Denise Bradshaw said that would work for her. Chairman Barton said that it definitely warrants more discussion. Attorney Berger said that they do not have keys for the glass doors, going into the Deputy Attorney's office. Chairman Barton told Attorney Berger to notify a locksmith and have them put new locks on the doors. Attorney Berger also asked about putting a vent on the bottom of the door, in his office, so that the air return can still flow through when the door is shut. Chairman Barton told him to contact Foreman Price about this.

Homeland Security Coordinator Denise Bradshaw and Maintenance Foreman Steve Price came before the Board to discuss the Fire Alarm System in the Courthouse. Coordinator Bradshaw said that the old panel was disconnected in April and never reconnected. Comtronix was being paid, even though it was not connected. API is the name of the company who the new system is through. Coordinator Bradshaw contacted RT Communications for a quote on the two phone lines needed for the completion of the install of the system. She said it will be \$23.99/mo. for each line and a one-time \$120 fee. It will be \$50 for the first hour and \$50/hr. for additional time. It will be \$1977.00 for API to install the system. Chairman Barton asked Coordinator Bradshaw what she recommended. Vice-Chairman Ertman suggested that we inquire if there are lines that are not being used at the Courthouse and see if there are any available that could be used for this. Attorney Berger said he believes these need to be dedicated lines, so they need to be new lines. Foreman Price said it was his personal opinion, but we should go with API. Commissioner Todd said he's okay with getting new phone lines as long as it was under \$500. Commissioner Todd made a motion for Coordinator Bradshaw to proceed with getting RT to

get two new phone lines at the Courthouse as long as it was under \$500; seconded by Vice-Chairman Ertman. Carried.

Attorney Berger brought a resolution before the Commissioners concerning special prosecution between the Campbell County Attorney's Office, Crook County Attorney's Office and the Weston County Attorney's Office. This allows for the attorneys to help the other Counties out in high profile cases without having to go to the Commissioners for permission, making the public aware of what is going on. Vice-Chairman Ertman moved to approve Resolution 2019-04: Concerning Special Prosecution; seconded by Commissioner Todd. Carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Tony Barton
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk