

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
October 17, 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, and Tracy Hunt, and Clerk Jill Sellers were present. Chairman Lambert opened the meeting with prayer, and Commissioner Ertman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Clerk Sellers added State Homeland Security Program Grant (SHSP) under Homeland Security on the agenda. Commissioner Hunt moved to approve the agenda as discussed; seconded by Chairman Lambert. Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regarding the minutes of September 19, 2017, under Administrator, the Commissioners agreed to remove the word “subcontractors” and list Powder River Energy, 21 Electric and Golden West Technologies as “other contractors on the project.” Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the minutes of September 19, 2017 as amended; seconded by Chairman Lambert. Carried.

Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the minutes of October 3, 2017; seconded by Chairman Lambert. Carried.

Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the executive session minutes of October 3, 2017; seconded by Vice Chairman Barton. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

On October 3, 2017, vouchers #62486, 62497, and 62527 (architecture and advertising) for courthouse emergency repairs were approved to be paid out of the Grant Match fund. Those expenses are reimbursable under the emergency repair grant. However, since the County is responsible for a 49% match on the grant, the Commissioners agreed to leave it to be paid out of the Grant Match, to show our contribution to the project by submitting invoices to SLIB for repairs listed in our grant application.

On February 7, 2017, Mallo Camp Manager Caleb Thompson inquired about his employment status, which initiated a review of his job description. Clerk Sellers presented a revised version of the job description, which had been reviewed by the Mountain States Employer Council and thereafter by the Mallo Board. Clerk Sellers will modify the Mallo Camp Manager position description to include “other duties as may be assigned by the County and as recommended by the Mallo Board.” Vice Chairman Barton moved to approve the Mallo Camp Manager job description as amended; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chairman Barton moved to authorize the Chairman’s signature on Resolution 2017-13: Open Burning Restrictions Lifted; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Carried.

Commissioner Ertman and Vice Chairman Barton reported on the October 11th meeting of the Thunder Basin Cooperative Working Group, stating the discussion was robust, but it lacked productivity. There was some indication that these meetings could someday lead to an amendment to the management

plan. Short-term goals for 2018 will be set at the December meeting, and then they will discuss long-term goals and strategy. The timing is as ideal as possible under USFS Regional Ranger Brian Ferebee, and with Wyoming Game & Fish agreeing that at this point they are not interested in introducing the black-footed ferret. Commissioner Ertman suggested pursuing a Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

Chairman Lambert reported on the October 12th meeting with the Black Hills National Forest Supervisor Mark Van Every, stating that they discussed fire procedures, off-road policies, and other issues, but no actions were taken.

The State Transportation Committee will meet on October 26-27, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Weston County Event Center. Treasurer Susie Overman reported that the Treasurer's Association will attend that meeting to address proposed changes to the vehicle depreciation schedule and how that would affect registration fees. Clerk Sellers will attend with the Clerk's Association to address changes to duplicate title legislation. Commissioner Ertman will attend the meeting on both days.

BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING

The purpose of the budget amendment hearing was to increase the General Fund portion of the budget from the County Road Fund in the amount of \$356,456.25 and to allocate the monies to an expenditure line item from the County Road Construction and Maintenance Fund (413.50.44.0078000.0000) to fund the Bruce Road/Wildcat Bridge and Grieves Road Projects. Chairman Lambert opened the floor for public comment, and called for such three times. None were heard. The public portion of the meeting was closed. Treasurer Overman noted that engineering costs have already been paid, and suggested that the total allocation should be less. For transparency, a separate budget amendment hearing will be held for the Grieves Road Project.

Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the allocation of \$309,256.25 from the County Road Construction and Maintenance Fund (413.50.44.0078000.0000) to fund the Bruce Road/Wildcat Bridge Project; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Carried.

ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Dan Blakeman reported that Weston County received \$100,000.00 in a CMAQ Grant for Morrissey Road, with a \$25,000.00 match requirement. Traffic counts will be conducted on all roads receiving monies; companies using the roads will be contacted for their input and buy-in toward maintenance; contractors will be evaluated; and applications will be graded for completion, all of which will factor into future awards.

Administrator Blakeman reported on a meeting with Jim Hutchinson of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). BLM only puts water on the roads for dust control, no chemicals. The rapport was positive, and BLM indicated that they are willing to help in the future.

Vice Chairman Barton moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on the final acceptance certificate for CMAQ 15015 Bruce Road; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Carried.

Grieves and Morrissey Roads will be bid in the spring.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Homeland Security Coordinator Denise Bradshaw presented two Homeland Security grants for approval.

Commissioner Ertman moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on the FY17 State Homeland Security Program Grant; seconded by Vice Chairman Barton. Carried.

Commissioner Ertman moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on the FY17 Emergency Management Preparedness Grant; seconded by Vice Chairman Barton. Carried.

Ms. Bradshaw demonstrated the SMART kapp 42 board, which was approved for purchase by the Commissioners on September 19th. Its capabilities allow for disseminating information to various devices during emergencies, such as escapees, fires, and search & rescue, as well as serving arrest warrants and other coordinated efforts.

VERMILION ENERGY COMPANY

Operations Manager Randy Frederick reported on their truck traffic on Cheyenne River and Morrissey Roads. He emphasized that their service haulers will be responsible for safe practices, including respecting speed limits and other caution signs. He will research using produced water for dust control and will report on potential options. He will also inform landowners when truck traffic will increase, like when rigs are brought in, set up and also when rigs are removed.

RENEW BUILDING

Pastor Jon Anderson and Lucas Stolhammer of Gateway Fellowship Church presented their interest in purchasing the Renew Building at 35 Fairgrounds Road. Careful discussion followed. Commissioner Hunt moved to go into Executive Session per Wyoming Session 16-4-405 (a)(iii); seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried. The Commissioners entered Executive Session at 1:40 p.m.; regular meeting reconvened at 2:05 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Hunt moved to go into Executive Session under Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(a)(ii); seconded by Vice Chairman Barton. Carried. Executive Session began at 2:06 p.m.; regular meeting reconvened at 2:41 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Bill Lambert
Chairman

Attest: Jill Sellers
Weston County Clerk