

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
June 20, 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, 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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Clerk Sellers noted that she added that Commissioner Wagoner had departed the June 6th meeting at the lunch break. Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the minutes of June 6, 2017; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Clerk Sellers reported that the membership in Mountain States Employer Council (MSEC) has been a value-added to answer human resources questions; they have been responsive and timely in their assistance.

Clerk Sellers reported that the Economically Needed Diversity Options for Wyoming (ENDOW) survey was passed to the Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce to address. Director Susan Love agreed that she would complete the survey, and ask for further input as needed.

Clerk Sellers readdressed the upgrade of the Courthouse door system; the manual keys were working fine in the interim, however, the upgrade supports a long-term security strategy. The Commissioners approved the contract with Golden West on May 8, 2017, but delivery of parts delayed the installation. The Commissioners agreed to continue with the use of manual keys until the issue had been considered in the greater context of courthouse security and in consideration of upcoming building projects.

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Sellers presented the National Association of Counties (NACO) Voting Credentials for Annual Conference, which will be held in Ohio at the end of July. No action was taken by the Commissioners.

Ms. Clara Varner resigned from the Historic Preservation Board as she moved out of state. Commissioner Ertman moved to accept the resignation of Ms. Varner, with regret; seconded by Commissioner Hunt, and to send a thank you letter commending her community service. Carried.

Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the Chairman's signature on the FY2018 Wyoming Department of Health: County Health Officer Contract; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Carried.

Commissioner Hunt moved to approve the Chairman's signature on the Wyoming Department of Health: Public Health Emergency Preparedness Contract; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried.

Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the Chairman's signature on the FY2018 Weston County Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Contract; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Carried.

Attorney Curley presented Resolution 2017-08 regarding Liquor License Holders, which addresses changes in legislation effective July 1, 2017, including licensed building restrictions and hours of operation. Liquor license holders have been notified of the changes in legislation. Commissioner Hunt moved to approve Resolution 2017-08 with the changes recommended by Attorney Curley; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried.

Clerk Sellers reported that she is researching the possibility of holding a county auction in August.

Upton Fun Days BBQ is July 15, 2017. The Commissioners heartily supported the event; and Commissioner Ertman agreed to volunteer.

ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Dan Blakeman introduced Brookelyn Weigel, the new Administrative Assistant to the County Administration Department.

Administrator Blakeman reported that on June 15, 2017, the State Land & Investment Board awarded Weston County \$300,000.00 for the courthouse remodel project.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Rick Williams introduced Heath Turbeville and Mike Oakley (HDR Engineering) who presented options to replace three bridges on Bruce Road, Upton-Fairview Road and Lynch Road. Superintendent Williams spoke with Wyoming Department of Transportation; he also reported that culverts would be a possible solution, vice new bridges. WYDOT will be contacted in order to clarify use of County Road Construction and Maintenance Funds for these projects, including engineering costs. Commissioner Ertman will contact Jerry Hunt of Weston Engineering to obtain hydrology studies and other supporting documentation for the projects. Superintendent Williams also reported the loss of another employee; he intends to rehire the position soon.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Bryan Colvard discussed the Juvenile Detention Contract with Natrona County. He reported that there are no changes in the contract; rates also remained the same. Commissioner Hunt moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Juvenile Detention Contract with Natrona County, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, for juvenile detention and transportation; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ASSESSOR

County Assessor Tina Conklin reported that her staff attended a CPR, First Aid, AED class. There are portable defibrillator located in the courthouse and the annex. The Assessor has not received the valuation on the railroad, so the estimate remains at \$137,067,176.00.

DISTRICT COURT

Clerk of District Court Gidget Macke reported that the court recently had their passport compliance test. Approximately 100 passports are processed each year; the county receives \$25 for each passport. Wyoming Child Support Division will be conducting a compliance inspection on June 23, 2017. The courtroom security group held a meeting on June 19, 2017; the next meeting is July 18, 2017.

TREASURER

County Treasurer Susie Overman reported on expenditures since June 6, 2017. Figures for Exhibit A of the budget will be available at the end of June. Treasurer has received \$95,502.00 of railcar funds and \$55,000.00 from the state for prosecuting attorney. \$114,629.00 in delinquent taxes still to be collected.

BUDGET

Budget Hearing is scheduled for July 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hale Redding, Weed & Pest, reported on possible prairie dog control contracts, which would allow for poisoning on 10,000 acres.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

The regular meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m., and the budget workshop began.

Bill Lambert
Chairman

Attest: Jill Sellers
Weston County Clerk