

February 3, 2015

The regular meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 9:00 a.m. in the Weston County Courthouse with Chairman Lambert presiding. Present were: Marty Ertman, Randy Rossman, Tracy Hunt and Tony Barton. Also present County Clerk Cheryl Kregel, Nick Trandahl of the *Weston County Gazette* and Alexis Schultz of the *News Letter Journal*.

Call to Order

Chairman Lambert gave the invocation and Commissioner Barton led the delegation in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Hunt moved to amend the agenda with adding items to the For Your Information and Commissioner Rossman seconded. Motion carried.

Vouchers

The Commissioners reviewed the county vouchers that will be paid.

Public Hearing Consensus Unanticipated Funding

Chairman Lambert opened the Public Hearing on the Countywide List Block Allocations through the Office of State Lands and Investments to increase the General Fund portion budget because of an unanticipated Federal Mineral Royalty Grant in the amount of \$521,710.00. No public comment was heard and the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Rossman moved to accept the funding for the Countywide Consensus List Block Allocations which was unanticipated for \$521,710.00, and allocate the monies to expenditure line items in the following particulars: Courthouse Repairs \$150,000.00; Youth Exhibit Hall Improvements \$100,000.00; Solid Waste Projects \$211,710.00 and Mallo Camp Water Tank Phase II \$60,000.00. Commissioner Barton seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 10:06 a.m. and resumed at 10:16 a.m.

Old Business

Commissioner Barton gave an update on the proposed Countywide Landfill District. A resolution would be created and Attorney Curley would review the resolution. Commissioner Barton moved to authorize the County Assessor Tina Conklin to review the proposed Countywide Solid Waste Districts boundaries for any conflict, overlap, gap or other boundary issues. Also, send a letter to the Department of Revenue for analysis. Commissioner Rossman seconded. Votes are as follows: Commissioners Barton, Hunt & Rossman: Yays. Nay: Commissioner Ertman. Motion carried.

Maintenance position will be in the *News Letter Journal*, *Weston County Gazette* and on the *Weston County Website*.

Contract Engineer

Jerry Hunt met with the Commissioners to express concerns on the landfill issue discussing many options and also stating the residents of Weston County need to know what is going on with the landfill & how the outcome will affect them. Discussion was heard pros and cons. Commissioner Rossman mentioned on trying to get information from other counties with the same issues.

Updates on projects: repairs to the basement, the Copula and District Courtroom were discussed and bids will be taken. The Commissioners thanked Jerry for keeping them updated with the various projects.

Courthouse Security Letter

Commissioner Hunt gave an update on the letter for courthouse security. Commissioners discussed in detail their many options for security levels. Commissioner Hunt stated he would write a letter to ask for the funding to be reinstated to Weston County. Commissioners will wait until the letter is done and then act accordingly.

District Court

District Court Clerk Gidget Macke met with the Commissioner's to give them an update on the security measures she has taken in her office and the courtroom. Locks were replaced on doors including the judge's door. Ms. Macke also advised the Commissioners that she has complied with the Fire Marshall's requests and that she has hired a part-time clerk. Anna Logan was welcomed to the team.

Prairie Dogs

Lenard Seeley had visited with Commissioner Rossman about the different happenings in the organization. Also suggested a commissioner should be part of the meetings and discussion with the Forest Service. Commissioner Hunt volunteered to be the representative to replace Lenard.

Long Eared Northern Bat

Commissioner Ertman drafted a letter to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife to keep the Commissioners updated any information about the Long-Eared Bat. Chairman Lambert signed the letter and mailed it.

Mutual Aid Protocol

Weston County Public Health Nurse, Lori Bickford will be meeting with County Attorney Curley on the structure of the letter drafted for the protocol. Will keep Commissioners updated.

Visitor Comment

Ted Ertman met with the Commissioners and gave his concerns regarding the landfill issue in Weston County. Mr. Ertman wanted the commissioners to know his concerns & all the things he sees coming from the landfill issue. The Commissioner's thanked Mr. Ertman for voicing his opinions and will be discussing them in the future.

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

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Rossman moved to approve the consent agenda, minutes from January 20, 2015 less the two vouchers from FOCUS and Commissioner Barton seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was heard and then decided to pay vouchers. Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the two vouchers #58368 for FOCUS and Commissioner Rossman seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

Commissioners met with Attorney Curley on the progress of moving his offices into the basement. Things are moving along and by the following week they should be able to move in.

County Clerk

County Clerk Cheryl Kregel mentioned hiring a part-time office employee and also thinking about hiring a Grant person for Weston County.

The meeting recessed at 1:57 p.m. and resumed at 2:02 p.m.

Bob Harshbarger

Bob and Jean Harshbarger met with the Commissioners and relayed a request from Jim Darlington to have the flags flown at half-mast for the funeral of past Senator Earl Christensen on Thursday, February 5th. Commissioner Ertman would contact the governor.

Also discussed were prairie dogs and controlled burns that effect Weston County residents. Discussed were various topics along with drafting a letter to send to the Forest Service, BLM, National Grassland & the State and will let Bob look at the letter. The Commissioners thanked Bob and Jean for their diligence on all matters concerned.

County Road Easement

Fran Lehman presented the Commissioners with an easement that County Attorney Curley approved. Commissioners had questions about removing the SINGLE & HUSBAND/WIFE on easement and add Corporation LLC. Commissioner Rossman moved and Commissioner Barton seconded to accept the easement. Motion carried. The Commissioners thanked Fran for all her diligent work.

County Attorney

County Attorney Curley asked the Commissioners to go into executive session for a matter concerning possible litigation. Commissioner Rossman moved and seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to enter executive session under Wyoming 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. Motion carried. The meeting entered in Executive Session at 2:45 p.m. Present for the executive session were Commissioners: Bill Lambert, Marty Ertman, Randy Rossman, Tracy Hunt & Tony Barton, and County Clerk Cheryl Kregel and County Attorney William Curley,

The meeting returned to open session at 2:53 p.m. with all present.

Homeland Security

Homeland Security Secretary Becky Hadlock met with the Commissioners to discuss a Homeland Security Grant for the Weston County Children Center. Jane Rhoades, coordinator for the WC Children Center, wants to put security cameras at the Center. They need the approval of the Commissioners to spend \$3,824.59. Commissioner Hunt moved and Commissioner Rossman seconded to approve the spending of \$3,824.59 for cameras for the Weston County Children Center. Motion carried.

Courthouse Security

The Commissioners met with Judge Matthew F.G. Castano on the courthouse security monies that were removed from the Budget Bill and how to get Weston County's portion back in the bill. Judge Castano provided information and asked questions. The Commissioners will visit with Sheriff Colvard on the remodel update of the Emergency Operations Centers. The Commissioner's thanked Judge Castano for taking time out of his schedule to visit with them on the Courthouse Security issue.

Weston County Event Center

Ray Hunkins, Hunkins Newton Law Firm met with the Commissioners through a conference phone call to discuss the Weston County Event Center. The phone call was to recap the letters that were

sent out. Mr. Hunkins did not think he would receive word back before the next meeting. So Ray will keep us advised if anything new develops. The Commissioner's thanked Ray for all the information and will be in touch when things do develop.

Vouchers were paid as followed:

066 NCPERS, payroll ded, \$256.00, AFLAC, payroll ded, \$1,705.73, Blue Cross Blue Shield, financial admin, \$49,611.38, Office of Child Support, payroll ded, \$175.00, Orchard Trust, payroll ded, \$1,490.00, WEBT, financial admin, \$157.80, Weston County Clerk, financial admin, \$44,711.62, WY Child Support, payroll ded, \$1,175.00, WY Dept of Workforce Services, financial admin, \$2,404.99, WY Retirement System, financial admin, \$29,610.39, Cakes by Charita, misc, \$90.00, Larry Honebrink, repair/maint, \$295.00, Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, repair/maint, \$84.41, ADI Insurance Agency, insurance, \$178.00, Golden West Technologies, hmlnd sec exp, \$668.38, State of WY-Risk Management, veh maint, \$1,462.81, TruGreen Chemlawn, janitor supp, \$1,052.02, Hermes Consolidated Inc, oil/gas, \$13,650.92, Ad Pro, supp, \$1,509.36, All Clear Windows, repair/maint, \$25.00, Alpha Communications, tower rent, \$55.00, American Solutions for Business, supp, \$338.67, American Welding & Gas, repair/maint, \$33.38, Arrow Service, veh maint, \$140.00, AT&T Mobility, comm, \$982.86, Batteries Plus #76, supp, \$66.99, Bill Lambert, mile/trvl, \$309.00, BH Chemical & Janitorial, brd of prisoners, \$118.34, BH Orthopedic, financial admin, \$249.00, BH Plumbing, repair/maint, \$677.30, BH Power, util, \$3,150.78, BH Regional Multiple Use Coalition, misc, \$100.00, BH Urgent Care, pre employment, \$60.00, Bullseye Promotions, veh maint, \$295.50, Byrand Streeter, contract wages, \$1,158.75, Cambria Supply, repair/maint, \$1,484.66, Casey Thorson, janitor supp, \$350.00, CDW Government Inc, brd of prisoners, \$32.63, Cheryl Kregel, school exp, \$300.03, Christie Wornkey, misc, \$396.67, City of Newcastle, util/dispatch/circuit crt/pub def/p-hlth exp, \$7,328.19, Cody Connor, p-hlth exp, \$524.05, Culligan Water Conditioning, misc, \$21.50, Cynthia Crabtree, coroner exp, \$381.14, Decker's Market, janitor supp, \$182.17, Derek Thompson, mile/trvl, \$79.32, Dixon Bros, oil/gas, \$150.79, Double D Obsolete Parts, repair/maint, \$768.20, Family Dollar, supp, \$34.30, Fisher Sand & Gravel, grvl/rd mtrl, \$15,489.14, FOCUS, focus, \$2,250.00, Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, repair/maint, \$311.10, Gateway Auto Supply, veh maint/fuel, \$131.53, Gene's Lock Shop, repair/maint, \$3,314.94, Gillette Steel Center, Imbr/clvrts/brdg, \$603.50, Godfrey's Brake Service, repair/maint, \$119.83, Golden West Technologies, comm/p-hlth exp/comp software, \$2,600.90, Great Western Tire Co, repair/maint, \$3,702.79, Grimm's Pump & Industrial Supply, repair/maint, \$79.90, Gunderson Lutheran Medical Foundation, p-hlth exp, \$390.85, Jack's Truck & Equipment, repair/maint, \$51.12, John Francis Masonry, repair/maint, \$225.00, Jonah Buckley PC, special attny, \$407.00, KASL, p-hlth exp, \$706.80, Larry Honebrink, repair/maint, \$2,048.27, Leighton's Garage, veh maint/fuel, \$95.00, Lichen Research Center, comp software, \$1,000.00, Mallo Camp, mallo camp, \$1,250.00, MasterCard, mile/trvl, \$917.43, Matco Tools, sm tools, \$186.50, Max Masters, gis land records, \$1,900.00, MG Oil Company, oil/gas, \$562.78, Minuteman Lube Center, veh maint/fuel, \$71.69, Moore Medical LLC, p-hlth exp, \$258.00, Morrison Maierle Inc, master airport plan, \$14,655.97, Mountain States Lithographing, supp, \$283.32, Nada Appraisal Guides, misc, \$219.00, Neve's Uniforms Inc, uniforms, \$431.40, Newcastle Ambulance Service, financial admin, \$1,988.33, Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, chmbr, \$900.00, Newcastle Fire Suppression, misc, \$481.56, Newcastle Motors, veh maint/fuel, \$196.51, News Letter Journal, print/publ/supp, \$2,885.56, North American Truck & Trailer, repair/maint, \$98.01, Northern WY Mental Health, mntl hlth, \$2,500.00, Northern WY Mental Health/Newcastle, pre employment, \$300.00, Office Ally, p-hlth exp, \$19.95, Osage Improvement & Service Dist, coroner exp, \$300.00, Pam Brackett, misc, \$4.06, Porter Muirhead Cornia & Howard CPAs, financial admin, \$11,000.00, Postmaster c/o Hmland Sec, hmlnd sec exp, \$220.00, Postmaster c/o P-Hlth, p-hlth exp, \$244.00, Postmaster c/o Sheriff, brd of prisoners, \$98.00, Postmaster c/o WIC, post/freight, \$490.00, Powder River Energy Corp, util, \$1,401.66, Power Plan OIB, repair/maint, \$1,842.92, Preventive Health & Safety Division, p-hlth exp, \$14.00, R&S Northeast LLC, p-hlth exp, \$133.04, Randy Rossman, mile/trvl, \$24.00, Rapid Delivery, post/freight, \$37.80, RDJ Specialties, hmlnd sec exp, \$314.23, Regional Health, coroner exp, \$264.00, Regional Health Physicians, pre employment, \$111.00, Ringer Law PC, special attny, \$249.00, Roadrunner Disposal Service, util, \$60.00, Round Up Feed & Ranch Supply, Imbr/clvrts/brdg, \$24.50, RT Communications, util, \$1,623.00, Servall Uniform/Linen Co, misc, \$248.49, ShopKo, p-hlth exp/ext exp, \$61.11, Shreds, misc, \$456.25, Source Gas, util, \$2,739.89, Stacy Buchholz, ext exp, \$30.00, Stephens-Peck Inc, misc, \$85.00, The Glass Shop, repair/maint, \$1,240.00, Timberline Services, grvl/rd mtrl, \$13,830.97, Top Office Products, supp/p-hlth exp, \$990.07, Upton Chamber of Commerce, chmbr, \$1,500.00, Upton Co-op Assn, oil/gas, \$34,402.83, Upton Senior Center, sr citizens, \$625.00, Urbin Law Office LLC, special attny, \$457.60, Vaisala Inc, awos, \$1,373.75, Verizon Wireless, p-hlth exp, \$181.45, Vicki Hayman, ext exp, \$182.00, Wesco Gas, util, \$1,780.73, West End Water District, util, \$120.00, West Payment Center, law library, \$316.50, West River International, repair/maint, \$423.96, WC 4-H Council, ext exp,

\$95.42, WC Gazette, print/publ/p-hlth exp, \$150.00, WC Health Services, financial admin, \$20.00, WC Humane Society, humane soc, \$750.00, WC Natural Resource Dist, nat res garden, \$625.00, WC Road & Bridge, veh maint/fuel, \$3,194.55, WC Sheriff's Office, post/freight/brd of prisoners, \$47.06, WC Sr Services, sr citizens, \$6,960.00, Weston Engineering Inc, engineer srvs, \$1,000.00, Whirlwind Services, janitor supp, \$755.00, William Curley, misc, \$40.81, Wireless Advanced Communications, eqp prchs, \$12,771.08, Wolf Autostarts, veh maint/fuel, \$80.00, Woody's Food Center, brd of prisoners, \$109.28, WY Automotive Co, repair/maint, \$1,258.96, WY Dept of Agriculture, fuel tank maint, \$25.00, WY Dept of Health, p-hlth exp, \$16,196.18, WY Dept of Transportation, rd constr/eqp purchs, \$152,516.61, WY Network, financial admin, \$208.05. Net Payroll, \$143,173.49.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Attest: Cheryl Kregel
County Clerk

Bill Lambert
Chairman