

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
September 20, 2016

The meeting of the Weston County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Upton Community Center. Commissioners Bill Lambert, Tracy Hunt, Randy Rossman and Marty Ertman, and County Clerk Jill Sellers and County Administrator Dan Blakeman. Commissioner Rossman opened the meeting with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Rossman moved to accept the agenda with modification that Old and New Business moved to the morning; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Clerk Sellers reported that the property insurance policy was renewed with ADI as of September 15, 2016, with Glatfelter as our carrier.

University of Wyoming requested the name of our alternate for the scholarship. Seth Jones was submitted. No further alternates are needed.

Commissioners signed the vouchers from the previous meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Sellers presented the Mallo Camp Caretaker job description, and reported that one application for the position has already been received. Commissioners directed the Clerk to advertise the position; applications will be submitted to the Clerk, which will be in turn provided to the Mallo Camp Board for consideration. The Mallo Camp Board will make recommendations to the Commissioners, in order for them to interview and hire for the position.

Larry Cole's resignation from the Mallo Camp board was presented. Commissioner Hunt moved to accept his resignation, with regret; Commissioner Ertman seconded. Carried.

Paul Patterson submitted his letter of interest in serving on the Library Board. Clerk will advertise all open board positions. Mr. Patteron will be considered along with others received for the Library Board.

Clerk Sellers requested authorization to sign for pre-pay for Pitney-Bowes machine, which is now processed quarterly. The Board of Commissioners granted the request from the Clerk.

Clerk Sellers presented an application from Cambria Inn/Flying V. Commissioner Hunt moved to approve their application for additional dispensing liquor license permit for October 29-30, 2016; Commissioner Rossman seconded. Carried.

ASSESSOR

On behalf of the Assessor, Clerk Sellers presented tax roll corrections. The correction documents were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Rossman moved to approve the affidavits for tax roll corrections; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried. Signed by all Commissioners.

Break was called at 9:23 a.m.; reconvened at 9:31 a.m.

MINUTES

Commissioner Rossman moved to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016, and to approve the minutes of the special meeting on September 15, 2016 regarding the Weston County Solid Waste District; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Carried.

ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Blakeman presented paperwork on the Task Force on Special Districts, which outlined what the Task Force is doing, the changes they are proposing to statutes, etc. County Administrator Blakeman provided copies of proposed legislation. The Commissioners will keep apprised of the work of this Task Force.

Fire alarm systems at the Courthouse will be redone, after the election. Bids will be requested.

Building engineer, Randy Hein provided a report on the condition of the Courthouse building; the roof project should be started in the next two weeks. Hein is also working on a set of plans for the Courthouse annex, including meeting with the fire marshal. Plan remains that the bank will vacate by the week of September 26, 2016, and the building will be the County's on October 1, 2016. The roof project of the law enforcement center should start the week of September 26, 2016. The engineer also completed all the measurements for the Youth Building. Bids will go out, and a plan will be made, in order to have that project completed as soon as possible.

Commissioner Rossman moved that a special meeting be held at the Courthouse on October 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in order to conduct the County Administrator's evaluation; Commissioner Ertman seconded. Carried.

Homeland Security grant was received for \$10,000 for Code Red and satellite phones.

Sheriff's Office will be interviewing on October 4-5, 2016 for the Homeland Security position, which will be a full-time position.

County Administrator Blakeman provided a copy of a draft cattle guard policy from Crook County. The issue will be considered carefully, as the Commissioners move forward to establish policy for Weston County.

DISCUSSION

Commissioners reviewed Fun Night at the Fair. Commissioners Ertman and Rossman will contact the fair board and fairgrounds manager, to discuss the commitment to the event.

Commissioner Rossman requested feedback regarding the Events Center. County Administrator Blakeman reported that public seems to be pleased with the Events Center. The kitchen still needs to be completed, and how to properly clean the floor needs to be addressed. It was suggested to talk with John Prell at Mallo Camp, to see if their floor cleaning machine could be shared between the two facilities.

Commissioner Ertman requested that the pink lights be turned on the Courthouse for Breast Cancer Awareness month in October. The Board of Commissioners concurred. County Administrator Blakeman reported that the new lights will be easier to change the colors in the future.

Break called at 9:59 a.m.; reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

FAIRGROUNDS

Ellen McKenzie, Fairgrounds Manager, reported that they are going to close the open class building; turning off the water for the season; called a plumber to ensure water is turned off properly for the winter. They have met 5% of their income projections on the Event Center; a wedding is scheduled and the Newcastle Chamber is planning an event there. The Fair Board is considering plans for a rodeo and a trade show of vendors during the fair. McKenzie is also negotiating the hire of an assistant. She will contact Mallo Manager John Prell about the floor cleaning machine. McKenzie conferred with County Administrator Blakeman about the Youth Building roof project, and other repair concerns. Next meeting is Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Events Center.

PREDATOR BOARD

Mike Davis, Treasurer of the Predator Board, presented the need to remove a board member due to a conflict in statute; Nicky Groenewold is a cattle owner, and that presents a conflict as she currently holds the position of Sportsman representative. Alan Todd clarified that in order to continue to receive state funding, they must be compliant; the concern is that state funding will be terminated if Groenewold is not removed. Hunt asked if Groenewold could appear at the next meeting, to address this in person. Gary Barnes was appointed to the Board two years ago. Sam Haptonstall's term was up in 2015, so he needs to be replaced. Jason Williams is currently on the board. Davis also submitted a letter of interest from Corbin Timberman to serve on the board. Hunt suggested an audit of the board terms and positions; Predator Board was asked to clarify the current board and terms with the Clerk. The Clerk will schedule the Predator Board to appear at the October 4, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Hunt requested the Clerk send a letter to Groenewold, stating the conflict in statute and inviting her to resign by letter, or appear before the Commissioners with explanation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Bill Lambert
Chairman

Attest:

Jill Sellers
County Clerk