

**Official Minutes
January 19, 2016**

The Weston County Commissioners convened at 9:00 a.m., Chairman Bill Lambert presiding. Present were Commissioners: Marty Ertman, Randy Rossman, Tony Barton, Administrative Assistant Dan Blakeman and County Clerk Cheryl Kregel.

Good of the Order

Commissioner Rossman gave the invocation and Commissioner Ertman led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Rossman moved and Commissioner Barton seconded to approve the agenda for January 19, 2016. Carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Commissioner Ertman asked to remove the minutes of January 5, 2016 from the consent agenda. Commissioner Ertman moved and Commissioner Rossman seconded to approve the consent agenda. Carried. The consent agenda included the Signature of Petition and Affidavit for Tax Roll Corrections and the Recession Transaction.

Minutes January 5, 2016

Commissioner Barton moved and Commissioner Rossman seconded to approve the minutes as amended, from January 5, 2016. Commissioner Ertman asked why the votes were not recorded for the Newspaper bid. Chairman Lambert said the County Clerk had them in the minutes but he did not remember anyone asking for the roll call on votes. After further discussion the minutes will be as follows. Commissioner Barton called for the question with discussion being heard. Votes were as follows: Yea: Commissioners: Barton, Hunt and Ertman. Nay: Commissioner Rossman. Motion Carried.

Discussion Items

Commissioner Ertman stated that the views of Commissioner Hunt on the eligibility of a Presidential Candidate, are not the views of The Weston County Board of Commissioners.

Northern Wyoming Mental Health Center Update

John Olenyik, County Manager, of NWMHC, updated the Commissioners on the hiring of Paul Dimple, Executive Director. More cases are being seen in the county. Attorney William Curley also discussed Title 25 with Mr. Olenyik.

Set Budget Hearing

Commissioner Ertman moved and Commissioner Rossman seconded hold a budget hearing to increase the general fund portion of the budget by \$32,739.24 because of unanticipated grant amendment from the Federal Aviation & Administration (FAA), for the Mondell Airport Improvement Project masterplan Airport Runaway Extension 2012 and allocate monies to expenditure account 300.00.40.0255000.0000. Also to increase the budget by \$37,369.00 for a grant award from U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Grant Programs Directorate, State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant Fiscal Year 2015 to be considered and acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners at a meeting on February 2 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Carried.

The meeting recessed at 9:43 a.m. and resumed at 10:03 a.m.

Discussion Items

James Darlington meet with the Commissioners with an update on the Ruckelshaus Institute assessment on the prairie dogs in the Thunder Basin area.

New Business

Commissioner Ertman moved and Commissioner Rossman seconded to the following 2016 Calendar Days Off for the Weston County Courthouse:

President's Day....February 15

Friday before Easter....March 25 close at noon

Memorial Day....May 30

Independence Day....July 4

Labor Day....September 5

Columbus Day....October 10

Veteran's Day....November 11

Thanksgiving Day....November 24

Friday after Thanksgiving Day....November 25

Monday after Christmas Day....December 26

Monday after New Year's Day....January 2, 2017.

Discussion was heard and the votes were as follows: Yea: Commissioners Rossman, Ertman & Lambert. Nay: Commissioner Barton. Carried.

Commissioner Rossman moved and Commissioner Ertman seconded to set the Weston County Board of Commissioners meeting for August 16, 2016 in Upton, Wyoming. Motion Carried. Discussion ensued Commissioner Rossman moved to rescind the motion, it was seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried. Commissioner Barton moved and Commissioner Ertman seconded to have the meeting on July 19, 2016 in Upton, Wyoming at 9:00 a.m. Place to be determined at a later date. Carried.

Commissioner Barton moved and Commissioner Rossman seconded to use the IRS Mileage Rate that went into effect starting January 1, 2016 but will begin February 1, 2016 for Weston County. Carried. The Clerk will notify all county employees of the reduction from .575 cents per mile to .54 cents per mile.

Chairman Lambert gave an update on the meeting with Gregory Cowen, Natural Resource Staff Attorney of the WCCA.

Old Business

The job description for the Weston County Homeland Security is still in progress with Commissioner Rossman expected to give an update at the next meeting. Commissioner Barton gave an update on the bid packet for the Youth Exhibit Building.

The meeting recessed at 11:00 a.m. and resumed at 11:16 a.m.

Rare Element Resources

Linda Tokarczyk, Manager of Community Relations, for RER, sent a letter discussing last week's release by the Forest Service of the Draft EIS for the Bear Lodge project with public meetings scheduled.

Visitor Comments

Chairman Lambert opened the floor to visitor comments. None were heard at this time.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:24 a.m. resumed at 1:00 p.m.

Mitigation Plan Orientation Meeting

Guy Cameron, Director for State of Wyoming Office of Homeland Security and Melinda Gibson, State Hazard Mitigation Officer presented the Board of Commissioners with a short orientation meeting on the benefits of a County Hazard Mitigation Plan which would be assisting in certain types of non-emergency disasters.

Meeting recessed at 2:18 p.m. and resumed at 2:23 p.m.

Weston County Coroner Update

Cynthia Crabtree, Weston County Coroner, meet with the Board of Commissioners to discuss the possibility of needing an additional \$20,000 for the Coroner's 2015-2016 Budget.

Administrative Assistant Update

Dan Blakeman, Administrative Assistant, updated the Commissioners on the various projects pertaining to Weston County. Topics discussed but no action taken were the Weston County Event Center, the impound building, CMAQ Grants, phone systems bids, Court House HVAC, shop floor and Weston County Youth Exhibit building. Also, Dan, Commissioner Ertman and County Clerk Kregel will be traveling to Cheyenne for the SLIB meeting on January 21, 2016.

Family Heritage Insurance

Linda Fuller, representative for Family Heritage Insurance meet with the Commissioners on the different types of supplemental policies. The Commissioners said her company may visit with the employees of the County.

Meeting recessed at 3:12 p.m. and resumed at 3:22 p.m.

Weston County Attorney Update

Weston County Attorney, William Curley presented the Commissioners with a proposal on identifying county established or non-established roads in Weston County with the Road Identification Project known as RIP. Members working on the committee are Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Supervisor, Becky Hadlock, Office Manager, Fran Lehman, GIS Coordinator and Dan Blakeman, Administrative Assistant. Discussion was heard and The Commissioner asked for more time to look over the documents. The Board will revisit the issue at the next meeting.

Visitor Comments

Chairman Lambert opened the floor to visitor comments. None were heard at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Bill Lambert
Chairman

Attest:
Cheryl Kregel
County Clerk