

Weston County Board of Commissioners
OFFICIAL MINUTES
August 16, 2016

The Weston County Board of Commissioners convened at 9:00 a.m., Chairman Bill Lambert presiding. Present were Commissioners Tony Barton, Marty Ertman, Randy Rossman, and Tracy Hunt. Also present were County Clerk Jill Sellers and Administrator Dan Blakeman.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Barton gave the invocation, and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None. Moved by Rossman; seconded by Barton. Carried.

AUDITOR

Vikki Nunn of Porter, Muirhead, Cornia & Howard, presented the history of our relationship with them as auditors. Concerns were discussed regarding cost, due dates, and appropriate inputs from the County, in order to build our audit. Nunn offered to submit a new letter of engagement that will reflect the specific needs, reporting requirements and costs, so our relationship can continue to develop in a positive direction. Moved by Hunt to move forward with PMCH for 2016 audit, with the Chairman's signature; seconded by Rossman. Carried.

Break called at 9:52 a.m.; reconvened at 9:59 a.m.

EXTENSION SERVICE

Vicki Hayman asked about the link on the website to the Extension office. Name also needs to be updated from Cooperative to UW/Extension Office. Concerns about moving into the bank building, i.e., mail, phones, signage, etc. Blakeman will manage the details.

APPROVALS

Provider of service contracts were signed by the Chairman.

Approval of regular minutes of 8/2/2016: Moved by Rossman to approve the minutes as official; seconded by Barton. Carried.

Executive session minutes of 8/2/2016: Moved by Barton; seconded by Rossman. Carried.

Approval of amended minutes of 7/18/2016: Moved by Rossman; seconded by Barton. Carried.

Break called at 10:25 a.m.; reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Lori Bickford to ask about continuance of the joint powers agreement with Crook County. Moved by Rossman; seconded by Ertman. No discussion. Carried.

FIDDLER CREEK MYLAR

Fran Lehman presented the Fiddler Creek Mylar. Moved by Rossman for the Chairman to sign Resolution 2016-13 to establish the amended Fiddler Creek Mylar, known as Weston County Road 22; seconded by Ertman. Carried. Lambert signed the resolution; Commissioners all signed the Mylar.

Break at 11:09 a.m.; reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

FAIRGROUNDS

Ellen McKenzie reported that Fair went well, engaged in clean up now. Three reservations on the calendar for the Events Center. Friends of the Fair are reportedly handling the kitchen equipment, but a refrigerator has been moved from the Youth Building into the Events Center for now to accommodate scheduled events. Ertman asked Blakeman to look into a couple of maintenance issues to be addressed, i.e., bathroom faucet, water-stained floor, garage door repair, etc. Lambert and Blakeman will attend the next Fair Board meeting on 9/13/2016.

Break called 11:26 a.m.; reconvened at 11:40 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lambert opened the floor for public comment. Bob and Jean Harshbarger offered their personal thanks for "going to bat for us." Harshbarger continues to address the prairie dog issue, i.e., lawsuits and other meetings are pending. Lambert commended Harshbarger for his coordination with Weed & Pest, his detailed information and efforts made support by the Commissioners readily possible. Harshbarger will continue to keep the Commissioners informed of further developments.

Break for lunch at 11:55 a.m.; reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

WCHS

Maureen Cadwell, WCHS CEO, requested approval of Resolution 2016-14/SLIB Grant, requesting \$3,350,000. Cadwell presented the finance plan for the Commissioners to review. Moved by Barton to authorize the Chairman's signature on Resolution 2016-14; seconded by Rossman. Discussion included one question from Hunt asking Blakeman if there was a downside to their signature; Blakeman indicated none. Vote was called. Carried.

ATTORNEY

William Curley presented discussion on officer bonds. Bond requirement is defined by Wyoming Statute. Amounts and officials to be covered by bonds is still being researched. No action at this time.

Curley had a Title 25 meeting with the director and the head of counseling services, and reviewed new legislative language. Commissioners will receive a new resolution. Legislation doesn't really have any teeth to help counties control costs.

RIP #3 is next in line. About half of the road research is complete.

Davis case: State has reached a plea agreement, not yet filed. It has been bound over to charges of voluntary manslaughter and another felony. Party agreement calls for guilty pleas in federal and state court; it is a contingency agreement.

OLD BUSINESS

Sellers reported that Rick Williams will provide an update on the cattle guard policy on 9/6/2016. Sellers presented comp time spreadsheet to provide an overview of existing comp time balances by department.

WCSWD

Ed Wagoner presented a request to approve the language putting a three (3) mill levy on the November ballot, to fund capital expenditures for solid waste management. Moved by Rossman to authorize the Chairman to sign the ballot request for the WCSWD, subject to the Attorney's review and approval; seconded by Hunt. No further discussion. Carried.

Lambert reported that he had visited with County Engineer, Jerry Hunt; next step is to put him on the agenda.

Blakeman reported on the CMAQ project; it is submitted and moving forward. Application was submitted on 8/15/2016. Award notice will be sent out in November.

Sellers reported receipt of rent for \$1,500 from Pinnacle Bank. Treasurer said a line item could be created, and rent funds will be deposited there, or the check be deposited to the General Fund, under a general acceptance agreements. It was agreed that the Treasurer and Clerk would contact Vikki Nunn to determine the correct course of action, in order to be compliant.

NEW BUSINESS

Barton will not be at the second meeting on 9/20/216. Meeting will be held in Upton.

ADMINISTRATOR

Blakeman reported on the law enforcement building, planning started in 1981; County purchased the lots; City donated a portion of the street. Original dispatch agreement was 2/3 paid by the City; 1/3 by the County. The County currently pays almost half of the dispatch costs. A review and meeting between County and City representatives is needed to determine a way ahead. Blakeman will pursue an informational meeting, not a decision meeting, with the City to begin to identify common issues and strategies to move ahead.

Buffalo Creek Traffic Study Business Council Grant is closed, and left a balance of \$7,690. The project will need to be closed out and unused funds returned. Moved by Rossman that Chairman sign an authorization to close the Upton Logistics Center Traffic Study; seconded by Ertman. Carried.

Ertman asked about a generator at the fuel pumps. Blakeman will research the options.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Bill Lambert
Chairman

Attest:
Jill Sellers

County Clerk