

March 18, 2014

The regular meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Seeley presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners: Lenard D. Seeley, Randy Rossman, Marty Ertman and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank. Not present for the meeting were Commissioners: Jerry Shepperson and Tracy Hunt.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Seeley gave the Invocation and Commissioner Ertman led the delegation in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 4, 2014 as published. Motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Wyoming Educators Benefit Trust (WEBT)

Dorothy Kouba, WEBT Insurance, met with the Commissioners and discussed updates to Health Care Reform. Mandates for employers with fifty or more Full-Time Equivalents as well as penalties for Pay-or-Play have been delayed until 2016. Ms. Kouba discussed changes to the definition of seasonal employees; stating that employees working six months or less are no longer considered full-time and do not have to be tracked. Ms. Kouba went over Weston County's current rates and renewal information. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:30 a.m. and reconvened at 9:36 a.m. with all present.

Weston County Event Center

Ray Hunkins, Hunkins Newton Law Firm, joined the meeting via conference call. Mr. Hunkins stated that some matters to be discussed may fall under the executive session laws and asked the Board their pleasure. A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to enter executive session under Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(a)(iii) for matters concerning litigation to which the governing body is a party or proposed litigation to which the governing body may be a party. Carried.

Executive Session

The meeting entered executive session at 9:50 a.m. Present were: Commissioners: Lenard D. Seeley, Randy Rossman and Marty Ertman; Ray Hunkins, Attorney-Hunkins and Newton Law Firm (via conference call); Jerry Hunt, Contract Engineer and Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk.

The meeting returned to open session at 10:15 a.m. with all present.

Weston County Event Center

A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to terminate services with Schutz Foss Architects for the Weston County Event Center. Carried.

The meeting recessed at 10:16 a.m. and reconvened at 10:22 a.m. with all present.

Skull Creek Road

Fran Lehman, GIS, met with the Commissioners and discussed a quote received from Darrell Schlup, Tri-Star Surveying, for the Skull Creek Road. Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk, explained that a meets and bounds description of the centerline of the road is needed to complete the Mylar survey of the Skull Creek Road. Mrs. Lehman related that the miscommunication between her and Mr. Schlup would be addressed and a quote for the needed description would be requested. No action was taken.

Prairie Dogs/IDT Meeting

Chairman Seeley briefed the Board on an IDT Meeting with the US Forest Service he attended in Laramie, WY on March 12, 2014. Chairman Seeley recommended signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the USFS and Weston County for Cooperating Agency status. Commissioner Ertman shared informational documents titled "Public Lands Council, A Beginner's Guide to Cooperating Agency Status" and "Public Lands Council, A Beginner's Guide to Coordination" and requested revisions to the proposed MOU with the USFS. The Board

agreed to revise the MOU and reconsider signing it at the April 1, 2014 meeting. No action was taken.

Public Health

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the WY Department of Health/Public Health Division and Weston County, to delineate the responsibilities of the Public Health Division and Weston County pursuant to W.S. 35-1-240(a)(xx). Carried.

The meeting recessed at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 11:33 a.m. with all present.

Sheriff's Department

Bryan Colvard, Sheriff, met with the Commissioners and discussed bids for the Law Enforcement IT Room remodel. The quote for electrical work is estimated at approximately \$5,000.00 bringing the entire project to approximately \$18,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to approve the cost of the building repairs. Carried.

The meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 1:32 p.m. with all present.

Contract Engineer

Jerry Hunt, Contract Engineer, met with the Commissioners and discussed the possibility of Weston County piggy backing on a gravel purchase with Crook County at a reduced rate. Mr. Hunt discussed the Weston County Energy Efficient Lighting Project stating that he is working on the bid package and the project could be advertised soon. Mr. Hunt discussed cash bonds versus surety bonds and explained to the Commission that cash bonds may be held for up to one year after final completion of the project at the Commissioners discretion. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Hunt for the information, no action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 1:50 p.m. and reconvened at 1:56 p.m. with all present, including Jerry Hunt, Contract Engineer.

Courthouse Air Conditioning Replacement Project

The hour being 2:00 p.m. the Board opened and reviewed three sealed bids for the Courthouse Air Conditioning Replacement Project. Bids were received from Powder River Heating and Air Conditioning, Black Hills Plumbing and Heating and Johnson Controls. All bids met the bid requirements although differences were noted on brands of equipment and installation procedures. Mr. Hunt stated that he would contact the bidders to request more information for the comparison of bids.

The meeting recessed at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened at 2:34 p.m. with all present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to table the decision on the Courthouse Air Conditioning Replacement Project, until more information can be collected. Carried.

The meeting recessed at 2:58 p.m. and reconvened at 3:06 p.m. with all present.

Sage Grouse

Bob & Jean Harshbarger, resident experts, met with the Commissioners and discussed the Sage Grouse Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Mr. Harshbarger stated that the comment period deadline for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is March 24, 2014, and the comment period for the US Forest Service (USFS) Amendment to the Sage Grouse Land Use Plan is March 27, 2014. The Commissioners discussed letters written by the Board requesting coordination for Sage Grouse Management in Weston County, which have gone unanswered. Mr. Harshbarger expressed concerns regarding impacts to livestock grazing and mineral and oil and gas exploration in Weston County. Mr. Harshbarger discussed split-estate lands and concerns that surface rights may be lost because the Federal Government owns the mineral rights. Mr. Harshbarger reminded the Board that the Draft Sage Grouse EIS only has one page which mentions predation as an impact to Sage Grouse and it speaks to raptors with no mention of coyotes and other predators. The Board thanked the Harshbargers' for their

continued research and information. A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on a letter drafted by Mr. Harshbarger for the Sage Grouse Nine Plan comment period addressed to the BLM WY State Office. Carried. The letter was signed and copies were sent to the following: US Senator Mike Enzi, US Senator John Barrasso, US Congresswoman Cynthia Lummis, WY Governor Matt Mead, WCCA, USFS (Douglas and Newcastle Offices) and Newcastle BLM Office.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 4, 2014, as published. Carried.

The meeting recessed at 3:51 p.m. and reconvened at 3:58 p.m. with all present.

Schutz Foss Architects/Notice of Termination

Chairman Seeley read aloud a Resolution of Notice of Termination of services to Schutz Foss Architects with respect to the Weston County Events Center. A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to approve and authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on a Resolution to terminate services with Schutz Foss Architects for the Weston County Event Center. Carried. The Resolution was signed and numbered 14-02.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Attest: Mamie C. Krank
County Clerk

Lenard D. Seeley
Chairman