

April 15, 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, Jerry Shepperson, Randy Rossman, Tracy Hunt, Marty Ertman and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Shepperson gave the invocation and Commissioner Hunt led the delegation in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 1, 2014, with the following corrections: A correction under the heading Approve Minutes; line six, remove the word "able". Two corrections under the heading Ag Department/Extension Office; line five: remove the words "the salary" and replace with "additional expenses", and on line six, remove the words "salary expense" and replace with "additional expenses". A correction under the heading Legislative Constitutional Districting, replace "Gary Allison" with "Tom Wing"; and to approve the minutes of a special budget meeting held April 8, 2014, as published. Carried.

Wyoming Educators Benefit Trust (WEBT) Insurance Renewal

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to approve and sign the WEBT Insurance renewal for Weston County with no plan changes, deletions or additions; leaving the employee deductible at \$500.00. Discussion ensued, carried.

Alan Lou Frederick & Nancy Gay Frederick Minor Subdivision

Chairman Seeley asked Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk, if the minor subdivision had been approved by the Planning & Zoning Board. Ms. Krank stated that the Planning & Zoning Board had approved the minor subdivision and all paperwork was in order. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to approve a minor subdivision permit named the Alan Lou Frederick & Nancy Gay Frederick Minor Subdivision; also known as the Logan Toth Minor Subdivision. Carried. A Mylar map of the division was recorded in the County Clerk's Office.

The meeting recessed at 9:18 a.m. and reconvened at 9:25 a.m. with all present.

Flying V/Cambria Inn 24 Hour Permits

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to approve three (3) twenty-four hour second dispensing room permits for the Flying V Cambria Inn. Discussion ensued, carried.

Weston County Energy Efficient Lighting Project

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to set a public bid opening for May 6, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. to consider bids received for the Weston County Energy Efficient Lighting Project. Carried.

The meeting recessed at 9:40 a.m. and reconvened at 9:52 a.m. with all present.

Skull Creek Road

Fran Lehman, GIS Coordinator, met with the Commissioners and discussed a center line description quote received from Tri-Star Surveying for the Skull Creek Road. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to accept the quote of \$1,080.00 from Tri-Star Surveying for the center line description of the Skull Creek Road. Discussion ensued, carried.

County Commissioner Scholarships

Three new County Commissioner Scholarships and one Renewal Scholarship; each in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the academic year, were awarded by the Weston County Commissioners. The Commissioners considered the eligibility of each applicant and awarded on the basis of need, academic standing and leadership qualities. The Commissioners

reviewed eight Commissioner Scholarship Applications. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to award the renewal scholarship to Shannon M. Donohoe (Upton) with Adam Michael Gettinger (Newcastle) as the alternate recipient. Carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to award Abigail JoAnn Hutchinson (Newcastle), Catherine Elizabeth Halliday (Newcastle) and Erin Lynn Crawford (Upton) original scholarships with Wade Donald Gordon (Newcastle) as the alternate. Failed. The recorded votes are as follows: Yea: Commissioners: Ertman and Shepperson; Nay: Commissioners Hunt and Rossman. Chairman Seeley cast the tie breaking vote of Nay.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to accept Abigail JoAnn Hutchinson (Newcastle), Catherine Elizabeth Halliday (Newcastle) and Wade Donald Gordon (Newcastle) as original recipients with Erin Lynn Crawford (Upton) as the alternate. Carried. The recorded votes are as follows: Yea: Commissioners Hunt and Rossman; Nay: Commissioners Ertman and Shepperson. Chairman Seeley cast the tie breaking vote of Yea.

Chairman Seeley volunteered to present the scholarships in Newcastle on May 14, 2014. There are no original scholarship awards to be presented in Upton.

The meeting recessed at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened at 11:05 a.m. with all present.

BFY2015-16 Consensus Grant Projects

The Commissioners discussed possible consensus projects for the 2015-2016 biennium funding. Projects included: Courthouse Improvements; Mallo Camp Cabin; Mallo Camp Water Treatment/Phase II; Law Enforcement Emergency Operations Center/Phase III; Youth Exhibit Hall Improvements; Upton Fairview Road/Phase I; Weston County Solid Waste Transfer Station and Upton Solid Waste Transfer Station. The Commissioners will discuss possible road projects with Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman, later in the meeting. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:56 a.m. and reconvened at 1:32 p.m. with all present.

Contract Engineer

Jerry Hunt, Contract Engineer, met with the Commissioners and discussed an addendum to the Weston County Energy Efficient Lighting Project request for bids. The Mallo Camp Lodge kitchen lighting portion of the project has been completed and needs to be removed from the bid packet specifications. The Commissioners discussed the BFY2015-16 Consensus Projects and requested estimates for the projects from Mr. Hunt. Mr. Hunt discussed the Buffalo Creek Traffic Study (BCTS) Meeting to be held on April 24, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at the Upton Elementary School. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 1:58 p.m. and reconvened at 2:02 p.m. with all present.

FOCUS

Donna Howard, FOCUS Director and Patricia Morgan, FOCUS Board Chairman, met with the Commissioners and discussed the progress of the five-member FOCUS Board. Ms. Howard provided a projected budget for Fiscal Year 2015 and requested financial aid from Weston County. Ms. Howard discussed the checks and balances that have been implemented for the Board and invited the Commission to attend a Chamber Coffee on April 25, 2014. No action was taken.

Monty L., Randall R., and Opal Stanton Single Land Division

Chairman Seeley asked Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk, if the single land division had been approved by the Planning & Zoning Board. Ms. Krank stated that the Planning & Zoning Board had approved the single land division and all paperwork was in order. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to approve a single land division permit named the Monty L., Randall R., and Opal Stanton Single Land Division. Carried. A Mylar map of the division was recorded in the County Clerk's Office.

The meeting recessed at 2:23 p.m. and reconvened at 2:25 p.m. with all present.

Mapping Software

Tina Conklin, County Assessor, met with the Commissioners and introduced Max Masters, Geographical Innovations, who discussed a regional small government enterprise license which could save the county money on its mapping software. The data in the mapping software is utilized by the Assessor's Office, Clerk's Office, Law Enforcement, Homeland Security, Fire Departments, Municipal Offices as well as many other entities. The proposed agreement would be between Weston, Crook and Niobrara Counties at a cost savings of approximately \$14,000.00 per year for each entity. Mr. Masters stated that Crook County was on board and the presentation would be made to Niobrara County at a later date. The Commissioners thanked the group for the presentation, no action was taken.

Road & Bridge Department

Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman and Jerry Hunt, Contract Engineer, met with the Commissioners and discussed possible road projects for the 2015-2016 Biennium Consensus Grant Funding. Mr. Williams stated that approximately four and a half (4.5) miles of the Upton Fairview Road from Hwy 116 to the bridge could be a Phase I project; while approximately four (4) miles of the Upton Fairview Road from Mush Creek to Carl Kummerle's could be a Phase II project. Mr. Williams will compile a list of other road projects for consideration. No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Attest: Mamie C. Krank
County Clerk

Lenard D. Seeley
Chairman