

April 16, 2013

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, Tracy Hunt and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank. Not present for the meeting was Commissioner Jerry Shepperson.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 2, 2013, as advertised. Carried.

FY2013 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Application

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on a Resolution to apply for FY2013 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant funding in the amount of \$261,877.20, of which \$52,375.44 is local match funding. Carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to approve and sign a Right of Way Certificate for the FY2013 CMAQ Application. Carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to approve and sign a letter for modified projects explaining the cost increases contained in the FY2013 CMAQ Application. Carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to approve and authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on Appendix B, the public interest finding for the FY2013 CMAQ Grant Application, and attach the article from the News Letter Journal to the application. Carried.

Public Health

Lori Bickford, Public Health, met with the Commissioners and discussed the Emergency Preparedness Response Coordinator's position. Mrs. Bickford has been filling this role but would like to share a Public Health Response Coordinator (PHRC) with Crook County. Mrs. Bickford informed the Commissioners that her supervisor would attend the Commissioners Meeting on May 7, 2013, to discuss options for Weston County. No action was taken.

Central Weston County Solid Waste District

Cynthia Crabtree and Delbert Strickling, Central Weston County Solid Waste District (CWCSWD) Board Members, met with the Commissioners and discussed the future of the facility. Mr. Strickling related that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will not allow the District to expand due to ground water issues, and the District has approximately one year's time left in the current boundaries. The Commissioners discussed a county-wide district. Mrs. Crabtree stated that the District property is owned by Weston County and the Commissioners should consider funding this facility. No action was taken, this issue will be re-visited.

The meeting recessed at 9:59 a.m. and reconvened at 10:08 a.m. with all present.

County Commissioner Scholarship Awards

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. A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to award the Renewal Scholarship to Mitch Weigel (Newcastle). Discussion ensued, carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to award Susan Button (Newcastle), Adam Gettinger (Newcastle) and Shannon Donohoe (Upton) new scholarships. Discussion ensued, carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to list the alternate candidates as follows: Kaitlyn Livingston, Dakota McCormack and Gideon Baldwin. Discussion ensued, carried. Chairman Seeley will present the scholarships in Newcastle and Commissioner Shepperson will present in Upton.

The meeting recessed at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m. with all present.

Budget Amendment - LEPC

Chairman Seeley opened a Budget Amendment Hearing to consider transferring funds from the General Fund portion of the FY2013 Budget to a revenue account for the LEPC Haz Mat Emergency Plan Grant, to cover expenditures made in FY2011. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to accept a budget amendment to transfer funds in the amount of \$166.40 to LEPC Haz Mat Emergency Plan Grant. Discussion ensued, carried.

Budget Amendment – Coroner

Chairman Seeley opened a Budget Amendment Hearing to consider transferring funds from the General Fund portion of the FY2013 Budget to the Coroner’s Budget to cover costs incurred from 2006 to 2010 for autopsy services rendered. A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to accept the budget amendment in the amount of \$4,080.50 for the Coroner’s Budget as advertised. Carried.

Wyoming County Commissioners Association

Commissioner Ertman gave a report on the Wyoming County Commissioners Association (WCCA) Meeting she attended in Casper from April 10-12, 2013. Many topics were discussed including: State of Wyoming budget cuts and the effects on Counties, insurance changes due to new legislation, Federal Regulations associated with the Health Care Reform Bill and the importance of counties placing fire restrictions or bans early in the season. Commissioner Ertman was thanked for her attendance at the meeting and reporting back to the Commission. No action was taken.

Sheriff’s Department

Bryan Colvard, County Sheriff, met with the Commissioners and discussed a US Forest Service Patrol Grant for FY2014. Sheriff Colvard stated that the grant is in the amount of \$4,900.00, the same as the last several years. Sheriff Colvard discussed updates for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) drawings and remodel. Sheriff Colvard discussed legislation concerning gun control in Wyoming, and the possible implementation of a canine unit in Weston County. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:56 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with all present except Commissioner Hunt who joined the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

FY2012 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to authorize Chairman Seeley’s signature on a FY2012 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant Agreement in the amount of \$152,925.00, comprised of \$122,340.00 Federal Funds and \$30,585.00 Local Funding. Discussion ensued, carried.

Circuit Court Rental Agreement

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to authorize Chairman Seeley’s signature on a Circuit Court Rental Agreement between Weston County and the City of Newcastle effective July 1, 2013. The agreement is in the amount of \$800.00 per month to be paid by the County to the City for the use of the building for State of Wyoming Circuit Court. Discussion ensued, carried.

Public Defender Rental Agreement

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to authorize Chairman Seeley’s signature on a Public Defender Office Space Rental Agreement between Weston County, Crook County and the City of Newcastle, effective July 1, 2013. The agreement is in the amount of \$600.00 per month paid to the City, shared equally between Crook County and Weston County. Carried.

Audit Service Renewal Agreement

A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to authorize Chairman Seeley’s signature on a Renewal Agreement to provide Audit Services between Weston County and Porter Muirhead, Cornia & Howard CPA’s for FY2014. The

Agreement states that all audit services will be provided to Weston County through June 30, 2014, at a cost of \$41,000.00. Carried.

Weston County Event Center

Chairman Seeley read aloud an annual report written by Mamie C. Krank, Weston County Clerk, to Wyoming Business Council regarding the Business Ready Community (BRC) Grant Funding used for the construction of the Weston County Event Center. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on the BRC Annual Report. Carried.

Boring under County Roads

Chairman Seeley read aloud a letter addressed to Tom Littman, Eighty-Eight Oil, concerning boring under county roads. The letter stated that the Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) method of installing steel pipe as presented in the meeting of April 2, 2013, along with cathodic protection and smart pig monitoring would be an acceptable alternative to casing steel pipeline when boring under the county roads in the Upton Logistics Center. Prior approval of the letter by Commissioners Seeley, Shepperson, Ertman and Hunt was discussed for the record. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2:28 p.m. with all present.

Work Session / Board Member Removal

The hour being 2:28 p.m., the Commissioners entered a work session to promulgate rules for removal of County Board Members. The Commissioners convened the work session at 3:15 p.m.

Library

Brenda Ayres, Library Director, met with the Commissioners and discussed landscaping upgrades. The Library Foundation would like to upgrade flowerbeds and landscaping on the property. The Commissioners agreed that the upgrades should be completed. Mrs. Ayres discussed storing some of the downtown speaker system equipment at the Library. The Commissioners agreed that if there was room, they had no objections.

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Rick Miller, BLM, met with the Commissioners and discussed upcoming projects in the surrounding area. Mr. Miller discussed the Black Hills Power Teckla Power line project which will stretch from Rapid City to the Osage Substation and on to Gillette, primarily on BLM lands. Mr. Miller discussed the Thunderbird Pipeline, which will not be located in Weston County but will run from Alzada to Hulett, Wyoming. Mr. Miller discussed a Uranium mine in Sundance, Wyoming and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) involvement. Commissioner Ertman questioned the impact monies for Weston County. Mr. Miller related that a Sage Grouse meeting will be held in Rawlins on June 3-4, 2013. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Miller for the information given. No action was taken.

Gravel

Joni Kachelhoffer, WY Department of Transportation (WY DOT), met with the Commissioners and discussed the WY DOT project on Highway 16 and the County's gravel crushing agreement. Because of changes to the WY DOT project, the bid letting will not be held until June and Mrs. Kachelhoffer suggested the County may need to purchase gravel from another source for this summer's projects. Mrs. Kachelhoffer discussed the removal of a cattle guard on the Salt Creek Road approach. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 3:48 p.m. and reconvened at 3:55 p.m. with all present.

USFS Patrol Grant

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on an Agreement for US Forest Service Patrol Grant Funds for FY2014 in the amount of \$4,900.00. Carried.

Work Session / Board Member Removal

The hour being 3:57 p.m., the Commissioners entered a work session to promulgate rules for removal of County Board Members. The Commissioners convened the work session at 4:25 p.m.

Rebate of Taxes

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to accept and authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on two Rebates of Taxes for Direct TV received from the County Treasurer. The first numbered 1052 in the amount of \$119.01 and the second numbered 1053 in the amount of \$127.57. Carried.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Attest: Mamie C. Krank
County Clerk

Lenard D. Seeley
Chairman