

May 10, 2011

A special meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Newcastle City Council Chambers with Newcastle Mayor Greg James presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners: Tom W. Bruce, Marty Ertman, Randy Rossman, Lenard D. Seeley, Jerry Shepperson and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank. The purpose of this special meeting was to allocate consensus funds granted to Weston County.

**Consensus Funds**

The Consensus Funds available to Weston County for Fiscal Year 2012 are \$779,096.99. The Wyoming Legislature grants consensus funding based on population and allows the entities to divide between the County and incorporated Cities. Special Districts may also request a portion of the funding, however a seventy percent majority is needed between the County and incorporated Cities before disbursement to any special district. All Consensus funds are intended to be spent on capital projects, requests were received from Weston County in the amount of \$680,000.00, the City of Newcastle in the amount of \$452,000.00 (+) 3.2 million, the City of Upton in the amount of \$221,639.00. The following Special Districts also requested funding: Osage Improvement & Service District requested \$337,003.97, Weston County Fire District requested \$30,000.00 and Weston County Health Services requested \$478,000.00 (+) 3.3 million. The required seventy percent majority is made up of Weston County and the City of Newcastle; who made the following recommendation for the division of funds: Weston County \$304,500.00, City of Newcastle \$304,500.00, Town of Upton \$100,000.00, Osage Improvement & Service District \$30,000.00, Weston County Fire District \$30,000.00, and Weston County Health Services \$10,000.00. After discussion, a second proposal was made which would allocate \$300,000.00 to both Weston County and the City of Newcastle, \$100,000.00 to the Town of Upton, \$34,500.00 to Osage Improvement & Service District, \$30,000.00 to Weston County Fire District, and \$14,500.00 to Weston County Health Services. A Motion was made by Tom W. Bruce, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, seconded by Linda Hunt, Newcastle City Council Member, to adopt the last version of the distribution of Consensus Funds. Motion carried. Bob Hartley, Newcastle City Engineer, stated that the applications for funding will need to be submitted to the State Loan & Investment Board (SLIB) and could be compiled and submitted together. Mr. Hartley also offered to help with the application process to any entity receiving funds.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Attest: Mamie C. Krank  
County Clerk

Tom W. Bruce  
Chairman