

May 21, 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. Commissioner Jerry Shepperson was not present for the meeting.

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, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 7, 2013, as advertised. Carried.

Mondell Airport

Byrand Streeter, Mondell Airport Manager and Tim Wick, Engineer for Morrison Maierle, met with the Commissioners and discussed the Airport Runway Project. Discussion included a possible asphalt overlay on the concrete runway. A new grant for the overlay would require a \$75,000.00 match from both the City of Newcastle and Weston County. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:35 a.m. and reconvened at 9:39 a.m. with all present.

Weston County Humane Society

Neela Beardsley and Betty Henderson of the Weston County Humane Society met with the Commissioners and discussed programs implemented through the Humane Society. Ms. Beardsley discussed dogs trained by the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp that become Freedom Service dogs. These dogs are trained to help people with disabilities. Ms. Beardsley invited the public to attend a "Chip and Dip" promotion on June 15, 2013, at the shelter. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Beardsley and Mrs. Henderson for the information. No action was taken.

Public Hearing – Liquor Licenses

The hour being 10:02 a.m. Chairman Seeley opened a Public Hearing to consider the renewal of Weston County Liquor Licenses. Chairman Seeley called for public comment; hearing none, the public comment portion of the hearing was closed. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Hunt to approve the County Liquor License Renewals for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, as advertised. Carried. The following licenses were renewed: Dale T. Stietz, Buckhorn Bar & Grill; Cambria Inn Inc., Flying V Cambria Inn; Susan Loeb, Sagebrush Bar & Lounge; Tim and Rhonda Gordon, West End Bar & Grill; Maha Laxmi Krupa, Inc., Fountain Inn; Joseph J. Gualtieri, Pizza Barn; Frank J. Rawhouser, Canyon Springs Stage Stop Steakhouse; VFW #2516, VFW Club; and Upton Golf Association, Cedar Pines Country Club.

Cambria Inn Inc., Flying V

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to approve and authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on a 24 hour catering permit #396, for the Flying V patio bar, on May 31, 2013. Carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to approve and authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on a 24 hour catering permit #397, for the Flying V upstairs by dancehall, on May 31, 2013. Carried.

The meeting recessed at 10:17 a.m. and reconvened at 10:28 a.m. with all present.

County Board of Equalization Hearing

Tina Conklin, Assessor, met with the Commissioners and discussed the County Board of Equalization (CBOE) Hearing scheduled for June 25, 2013. Mrs. Conklin stated that Joseph Baron, Crook County Attorney, has agreed to represent her in the hearing and provided cost estimates for Weston County to review. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on a contract between Mr. Baron and Weston County for the purpose of representing Mrs. Conklin on June 25, 2013, at the CBOE Hearing. Carried.

Dispatch Agreement

The Commissioners reviewed an Agreement for Dispatch Services between the City of Newcastle and Weston County noting that the agreement included an increase of \$200.00 per month over last year. A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on the Dispatch Agreement for Fiscal Year 2014 in the amount of \$4,200.00 per month. Discussion ensued. Carried. The recorded votes were as follows: Yea: Commissioners Seeley, Hunt and Rossman; Nay: Commissioner Ertman. A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to draft a letter to Mayor James requesting an explanation for the increase of \$200.00 per month on the Dispatch Agreement. Commissioner Hunt offered an amendment to the motion; instead of "requesting an explanation" Commissioner Hunt suggested the letter to Mayor James should "be an invitation to discuss the Dispatch Agreement". The amendment to the motion was not seconded, the original motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. with all present.

Predator Management

Alan Todd, Predatory Animal Control Board, met with the Commissioners and discussed a request for funding in the amount of \$2,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2014, for a rabies program. Mr. Todd presented the preliminary budget for the Predatory Animal Control Board. No action was taken.

Radio Repeater

Alan Todd met with the Commissioners and discussed the possibility of adding a UHF repeater to the Raven Creek Tower Site near Upton. Mr. Todd has visited with Richard Klinker, Alpha Communications and Doug Jorrey, Homeland Security Coordinator, who have no issues with the addition of a UHF repeater at the Raven Creek site. No action was taken.

Public Health

Lori Bickford, Public Health; Becky Tinsley, Crook County Public Health and Randy Bury, Crook County Public Health Response Coordinator (PHRC), met with the Commissioners and discussed a Joint Powers Agreement between Weston County and Crook County for a shared PHRC. A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to approve and authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on the Joint Powers Agreement with Crook County. Carried.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on an Emergency Preparedness Grant in the amount of \$14,200.00 for Fiscal Year 2014. Carried.

Courthouse Security

Bryan Colvard, Sheriff and Doug Jorrey, Homeland Security Coordinator, met with the Commissioners and discussed Courthouse Security in Weston County. On May 9, 2013, a representative from the Wyoming Court Security Commission met with Sheriff Colvard and Mr. Jorrey and toured the Weston County Courthouse. Sheriff Colvard distributed a report based on this visit. A few minor security issues were identified; Sheriff Colvard and Mr. Jorrey are working to correct these issues. Sheriff Colvard discussed tower site security measures and an estimate for upgrades. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with all present except Commissioner Hunt who joined the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

Wyoming Women Infants and Children (WIC)

The Commissioners discussed a letter from Don Hansen, County Attorney, regarding issues with the WIC Contract for Fiscal Year 2014.

Commissioner Hunt returned to the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman to authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on a WIC Contract in the amount of \$9,500.00 for Fiscal Year 2014. Due to a lack of a second, the

motion failed. The Commissioners decide to return the WIC Contract to Don Hansen and request he re-write paragraphs 10I and 10T.

The meeting recessed at 1:55 p.m. and reconvened at 2:03 p.m. with all present.

Wyoming Department of Transportation (WY DOT)

Mark Gillette, District Engineer; Scott Taylor, Construction Engineer; Larry Konetzki, Maintenance Engineer; James Evensen, Traffic Engineer; Ronda Holwell, Public Specialist; Joni Kachelhoffer, Resident Engineer and Ted Ertman, WY DOT Commissioner, met with the Commissioners for a power point presentation on the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). Mrs. Kachelhoffer discussed the possibility of Weston County utilizing the Bridge Replacement Off-System (BROS) Program to replace or upgrade a bridge on Old Highway 85. The BROS Program offers ninety percent Federal funding and a local match of ten percent. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 3:00 p.m. and reconvened at 3:08 p.m. with all present.

Weston County Event Center

Commissioner Ertman gave a report on the Weston County Event Center status. Dr. Kim Basham, KB Engineering, and Jerry Hunt, Contract Engineer, have been in contact. Mr. Hunt will inspect the red iron structure of building for damage and report to Dr. Basham and the Commissioners. S&S Builders will give an estimate for repairs to the interior of the building. No action was taken.

Road & Bridge Department

Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman, met with the Commissioners and discussed a wash out problem on the Finn Shirley Road. Mr. Williams also discussed a culvert on the Salt Creek Road which needs repaired. Commissioner Ertman volunteered to attend the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Meeting with Mr. Williams on May 31, 2013, in Casper at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Williams discussed replacing the railroad bridge on Old Highway 85 using the BROS Program through WY DOT. Mr. Williams discussed the purchase of an eight foot chain link fence topped with three rows of barbed wire for the County Shop yard. Mr. Williams presented an estimate which included installation at \$50,000.00 for the fencing upgrades. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 3:55 p.m. and reconvened at 4:01 p.m. with all present.

Public Health Maternal Child Health (MCH) Grant

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to approve and authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on a Public Health Maternal Child Health (MCH) Grant for Fiscal Year 2014, in the amount of \$45,000.00. Carried.

Wyoming County Commissioner Association (WCCA)

Commissioner Ertman informed the Board that she would be attending the WCCA Board Meeting to be held June 15, 2013, in Casper, WY. No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Attest: Mamie C. Krank
County Clerk

Lenard D. Seeley
Chairman