

May 24, 2011

A special meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 8:06 a.m. with Vice Chairman Jerry Shepperson presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners: Jerry Shepperson, Marty Ertman, Randy Rossman, Lenard D. Seeley and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank. Chairman Tom W. Bruce arrived at 8:07 a.m. The purpose of this special meeting was to work on and discuss the Weston County Budget for Fiscal Year 2012.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Motion carried. The meeting went into executive session at 8:07 a.m. and returned to open session at 8:49 a.m. with all present.

The meeting recessed at 8:50 a.m. and reconvened at 9:05 a.m. with all present, Chairman Bruce presiding.

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Commissioner Seeley gave the invocation and Commissioner Rossman lead the delegation in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fiscal Year 2012 Budget

District Court: Sandra Walford, District Court Clerk, discussed a need for an additional filing cabinet. Because a new law regarding redacting personal information from files kept by the District Court passed at the last legislative session, a new locking filing cabinet is needed. The Commissioners agree that this request is reasonable and allocate the money to a line item in the Courthouse Budget.

Assessor: Tina Conklin, Assessor, met with the Commissioners to discuss the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget. She was thanked for her conservative request.

The meeting recessed at 9:35 a.m. and reconvened at 9:45 a.m. with all present.

Library: Brenda Ayres, Library Director, and Cathy Dunford, Library Board Member, discussed an increase in administrative costs; the board is requesting a full time position that was not funded last year be reinstated. The Library Budget request also includes repairs to both the Upton and Newcastle Branch buildings.

Coroner: Roger Hespe, Coroner, discussed restructuring the department line items so the Deputy Coroners could be paid hourly with workman's compensation benefit, instead of the current flat fee paid to the Deputies for each call.

Homeland Security: Doug Jorrey, Homeland Security Coordinator, discussed converting the services currently funded by grants to comparable services at a cost savings, because the Homeland Security Grant funding is being phased out. Some additional costs will have to be picked up by the county, but Mr. Jorrey has ideas which will minimize these costs.

Attorney: Donald Hanson, County Attorney, discussed the current law library and a cooperative agreement between the Attorney's Office and the District Court to provide on-line services and a public terminal instead of actual books. This option could save the County money and space while still providing the service. Mr. Hansen also discussed employee raises. The Commissioners stated that raises would be considered once they had a better picture of what the expenses and revenues actually are for the upcoming budget.

Sheriff: Bryan Colvard, Sheriff, requested a new pickup for his department, and an all wheel drive vehicle to be used for prisoner transport.

The meeting recessed at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened at 11:14 a.m. with all present.

Public Health: Lori Bickford, Public Health Nurse, requested a budget that is lower than last Fiscal Year. Grant funding for the Fiscal Year 2011-12 was discussed.

Growth & Development: Ray Pacheco, Growth & Development Coordinator, discussed training and requested a line item in his budget for training expenses to be covered in next year's budget.

Commissioner Shepperson and Commissioner Ertman left the meeting and returned at 11:48 a.m.

Airport: Byrand Streeter and Randy Rhoades, Mondell Airport Board Members, discussed the Airport Runway Extension Project. Tim Wick, Project Manager for Morrison & Maierle Inc., addressed the Commissioners and relayed that the FAA may split the grant into two allocations. The first is an environmental assessment grant to start in August of 2011, and the second is a construction grant beginning in calendar year 2012. The Federal grant funding covers 95 percent, state portion is 3 percent, and the local match will be 2 percent, leaving the County's contribution around \$53,000.00 for the entire project.

Commissioner Ertman and Commissioner Shepperson returned to the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Attest: Mamie C. Krank
County Clerk

Tom W. Bruce
Chairman