

June 17, 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, Marty Ertman and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank. Commissioner Tracy Hunt was not present.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Shepperson gave the Invocation and Commissioner Ertman led the delegation in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held June 3, 2014. Carried.

Cooperator Agreement – Rare Element Resources

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to adopt a working agreement for cooperator's status between Weston County and the USDA, Forest Service for the Rare Element Resources/Bear Lodge Project Environmental Impact Statement. Carried. Commissioner Ertman volunteered to revise the draft agreement and present it for signatures.

Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Hearing

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to set a budget hearing for July 21, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. to consider adoption of the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget. Carried.

The hour being 9:08 a.m. Commissioner Hunt joined the meeting.

ESRI Mapping

Tina Conklin, Assessor and Tim Lyons, Crook County Growth & Development Administrator, met with the Commissioners and discussed a joint agreement between Weston, Crook and Niobrara Counties for Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) mapping. Mr. Lyons explained that if the three counties join together, many entities would benefit, and there would be no additional charges per licensed user. Any dues already paid by the entities would be credited toward the new agreement. The joint agreement would cost \$10,750.00 per year, per county, versus \$6,500.00 per licensed user under the current agreement. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to authorize signatures on the three-year Joint Agreement Contract for ESRI mapping between Weston, Crook and Niobrara Counties. Discussion ensued, carried.

Fire Restrictions

Daniel Tysdal, Weston County Fire Warden, met with the Commissioners and discussed imposing open burning restrictions for Weston County beginning July 10, 2014. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to adopt and authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on a Resolution for Open Burning Restrictions within Weston County beginning July 10, 2014. Discussion ensued, carried.

The meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 9:55 a.m. with all present.

Rare Element Resources

Mike Finn, Rare Element Resources, met with the Commissioners and discussed progress with the permitting process through the USFS and State for the Rare Element Resources mine located in Crook County. No action was taken.

Public Health – Response Coordinator

Lori Bickford, Public Health and Becky Tinsley, Crook County Public Health, met with the Commissioners and discussed continuing a Joint Powers Agreement between Weston County and Crook County for a shared Public Health Response Coordinator (PHRC). Both entities stated that the agreement has been beneficial over the past year and were anxious to continue the working relationship. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson,

seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to continue the Joint Powers Agreement with Crook County for the PHRC position. Carried.

County Attorney – Office Space

William Curley, Candidate for Weston County Attorney, met with the Commissioners and discussed the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 budget for County Attorney and office space rental. Mr. Curley is currently running unopposed for the office of County Attorney. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:38 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m. with all present.

North East Wyoming Economic Development Coalition (NEWEDC)

Dave Spencer, WY Business Council (WBC) and Dell Atkinson, NEWEDC Executive Director, met with the Commissioners and discussed progress on the Buffalo Creek Traffic Study Project which is partially funded by WBC. Mr. Atkinson updated the Commissioners on the Kitty Moats Complex renovations, a project funded through NEWEDC. No action was taken.

Sheriff's Department

Bryan Colvard, Sheriff, met with the Commissioners and discussed signing a Juvenile Detention Contract between Weston and Natrona County.

The meeting recessed at 11:27 a.m. and reconvened at 11:32 a.m. with all present, except Commissioner Hunt.

Sheriff Colvard distributed quotes received from Newcastle Motors for a 2015 Tahoe at a cost of \$38,404.00 and a 2015 Chevrolet pickup at a cost of \$32,749.00 for the Sheriff's Department.

The hour being 11:34 a.m. Commissioner Hunt re-joined the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to authorize the purchase of both vehicles as quoted by Newcastle Motors. Carried. Sheriff Colvard related that the inmate food service agreement for Fiscal Year 2015 had been awarded to Weston County Senior Services. Sheriff Colvard presented a petition signed by approximately forty county employees requesting direct deposit of payroll warrants. Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk, stated that she would meet with the Treasurer, payroll clerk and bank to find out what needed to be done to implement direct deposits for county employees. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on a Juvenile Detention Agreement with Natrona County for the housing and transport of minors. Carried.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with all present.

Contract Engineer

Jerry Hunt, Contract Engineer, met with the Commissioners and discussed progress on the Road & Bridge Shop Roof replacement. Mr. Hunt discussed the Energy Efficient Lighting Project. The Commissioners stated that the Notice to Proceed has been signed for the lighting project and will be mailed to Mining Electrical Services (MES). Mr. Hunt related that elevation measurements taken at the Weston County Event Center show no further movement, and the water pressure tests passed specifications. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 1:51 p.m. and reconvened at 1:58 p.m. with all present.

WY Department of Transportation

WYDOT Members: Mark Gillett, District Engineer; Scott Taylor, Construction Engineer; Larry Konetzki, Maintenance Engineer; James Evensen, Traffic Engineer and Ronda Holwell, Public Involvement Specialist, presented a power point presentation on the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). Mr. Gillett discussed WYDOT revenues and expenditures and MAP-21, a two-year federally funded highway bill which will expire in October 2014. Mr. Gillett discussed revenue distribution and fuel tax collection. Mr. Gillett explained that economic impacts affect construction and rising inflation will result in fewer miles of road improvements.

The Commissioners discussed the Buffalo Creek Traffic Study; Mr. Evensen volunteered to consult on the project. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:55 p.m. and reconvened at 3:02 p.m. with all present.

Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

The Commissioners discussed a Fiscal Year 2015 Budget request received from the Fair Board. The budget reflects a transfer of \$10,000.00 from cash into the cash reserve fund, this would bring the total cash reserve to \$28,000.00. The Board discussed whether this increase in cash reserve is needed and the possibility of the County issuing a check to the Fair Board so the mill levy will not be affected. The Commissioners reviewed the County Attorney budget request. No action was taken.

Road & Bridge Department

Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman, met with the Commissioners and discussed equipment and several county roads. Mr. Williams informed the Commissioners of a legal dispute between two landowners which will prevent Road & Bridge crews from installing a cattle guard on Musser Road until the court order is settled. No action was taken.

Public Health-Maternal Child Health Grant

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on a Fiscal Year 2015 Maternal Child Health (MCH) Grant Agreement in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in the amount of \$45,000.00. Carried.

Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Discussion

The Commissioners reviewed Fiscal Year 2015 budget requests. No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Attest: Mamie C. Krank
County Clerk

Lenard D. Seeley
Chairman