

June 21, 2011

The regular meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 9:02 a.m. with Chairman Tom W. Bruce 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.

Good of the Order

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

Fair Board Meeting Update

Commissioner Rossman gave a report on the last Fair Board meeting which he attended. It was recommended to the Fair Board to update their employee job descriptions. No action was taken.

Flood Damage Update

Commissioner Ertman gave a report on the meeting she attended with Kari Gray, Chief of Staff for Governor Mead. At this time the State of Wyoming is compiling data and waiting to see if federal funding will be available for flood damage statewide.

Redistricting Meeting Update

Commissioner Ertman and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank, gave an update on the redistricting meeting held in Wright, WY, on June 14, 2011. New Senate District boundaries were discussed. Mark Semlek, Representative for House District 1, and Joe Baron, Crook County Attorney, discussed a plan to keep Crook, Weston, and Niobrara Counties combined in one Senate District. A plan offered by Senator Hines, Campbell County, suggested splitting Weston County into two Senate Districts, in his plan the Northern half of Weston County would combine with Campbell County and Crook County. Representative Semlek and Mr. Baron warned that disenfranchised voters may be an issue if Weston County is split, and stressed the economic welfare of the three counties. They also pointed out similar interests, evaluations, and tax basis, to argue against Senator Hines' proposal.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting held on June 7, 2011, and the minutes of a Special Budget Meeting held on June 14, 2011. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Rebates

The Commissioners were presented with Treasurer's Rebates numbered 934, 935, 936, and 937, all issued to Wyoming Pipeline Company for a total of \$10,263.15. A motion was made by Commissioner Seeley, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to accept and sign the rebates. Motion carried.

Library Carpet

The Commissioners participated in a telephone conference with Brenda Ayres, Library Director, to discuss resolving an issue with the carpet at the Newcastle Branch Library. Replacement of the carpet is the preferred option. Ray Pacheco, Growth & Development Coordinator, offered to help the Library Board apply for grants to replace the carpet. The Commissioners agree that any grants should be administered by the Library Board.

The meeting recessed at 9:45 a.m. and reconvened at 9:51 a.m. with all present.

Buffalo Creek Road Update

The Commissioners received a letter from Mark Wingate, Wyoming Department of Transportation, regarding the requested cost estimate for a planning study on Buffalo Creek Road. Mr. Wingate suggested the Commission submit a scope of work to be performed on the road before releasing an estimate. The Commissioners agree that County funds would be better spent beginning work on upgrading the road rather than using the money for a scope of work study. Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman, will assess the Buffalo Creek Road and report back to the Commissioners. No action was taken.

Complaint

A letter of complaint addressed to the Board of Commissioners regarding the re-bidding of the Mallo Retrofit Project was received from Leighton Construction and read aloud by Chairman Bruce. Discussion ensued, no action was taken.

Board Appointment Hearing

The hour being 10:00 a.m. Chairman Bruce opened a hearing to consider Board Appointments.

CLG Historic Preservation Board:

A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to reappoint Francine Lehman to a three year term on the Historic Preservation Board. Motion carried.

Library Board:

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to reappoint both Catherine Dunford and Candy Driver-Ratigan to three year terms on the Library Board. Motion carried.

Child Support Authority Board:

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to reappoint Gene Egge to a three year term on the Child Support Authority Board. Motion carried.

Lodging Tax Board:

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to reappoint Roger Warbis to a three year term on the Lodging Tax Board. Motion carried.

Northern Wyoming Mental Health:

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to reappoint Robert Hartley to a three year term on the Northern Wyoming Mental Health Board. Motion carried. Chairman Bruce called for public comment, hearing none; the public comment portion of the hearing was closed. The hour being 10:08 a.m. Chairman Bruce closed the Board Appointment Hearing.

Budget Amendment Hearing – Ag Department

The hour being 10:15 a.m. Chairman Bruce opened a Budget Amendment Hearing to consider transferring monies in the General Fund portion of the budget because of unanticipated payroll expenses in the amount of \$1,680.00 to the Ag Department. Chairman Bruce called for public comment, hearing none; the public comment portion of the hearing was closed at 10:16 a.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to approve the amendment and transfer the funds for expenditure. Motion carried. Chairman Bruce closed the Budget Amendment Hearing at 10:17 a.m.

Available Liquor License

The Commissioners discussed an additional Restaurant Liquor License which became available to Weston County due to the 2010 Census results. A motion was made by Commissioner Seeley, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to not issue an additional Restaurant Liquor License at this time. Motion carried.

2011 Consensus Resolution

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to sign the 2011 State Lands and Investment Board Consensus Resolution numbered 2011-10. Carried.

Coroner

Roger Hespe, County Coroner, met with the Commissioners to discuss the possibility of hiring two additional Deputy Coroners. The Commissioners discussed the payment of Coroner Deputies for the 2012 budget year, and whether they would be paid hourly or by lump sum for each call out. Mr. Hespe urged the Commissioners to increase the lump sum call pay from \$50.00 to \$80.00 if the hourly pay was not chosen. The Commissioners agree that one Deputy could be hired at this time as long as they understood the current budget year mandates a lump sum call pay of \$50.00.

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Colvard met with the Commissioners and gave the monthly Sheriff's Department report including the accounts receivable and the Sheriff's fees collected. Mr. Colvard discussed the process for abandoned vehicle storage and towing. The code red alert system and siren notification system were discussed in connection with the recent inmate escape from the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:58 a.m. and reconvened at 1:42 p.m. with all present.

Konda Single Land Division

Ray Pacheco, Growth & Development Coordinator, met with the Commissioners to discuss the approval of a single land division being proposed by Stephen, Marilyn, and Kevin Konda. This division was recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Board. The Commissioners reviewed all documentation; upon approval the Kondas will file a mylar map of the division with the County Clerk's Office. A motion was made by Commissioner Seeley, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to approve the Konda single land division. Motion carried.

Upton Fairview Road

Ray Pacheco, Growth & Development Coordinator, presented an application for Chapter 3 funding through the State Lands and Investment Board (SLIB) for the Upton Fairview Road in the amount of \$1,806,075.00. This would require a county in-kind match of equipment, labor, and services totaling \$577,175.00, and a cash match of \$145,255.00. This funding, if secured, would complete the entire Upton Fairview Road and replace one bridge with a culvert. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to have Chairman Bruce sign the grant application. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 2:25 p.m. and reconvened at 2:29 p.m. with all present.

Subdivision Improvement Agreement (SIA)

Ray Pacheco, Growth & Development Coordinator, Rick Dunford and Joe Sandrini, Planning & Zoning Board Members, and Don Hansen, County Attorney, met with the Commissioners to discuss changes to the SIA. After discussion, the Commissioners agree revisions should be made to the document and a new version presented to the County Attorney and Board of Commissioners once completed. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 3:07 p.m. and reconvened at 3:15 p.m. with all present.

Courthouse Roof

John Patik, Black Hills Plumbing, met with the Commissioners to give a progress report on the Courthouse roof repairs. The leaks discovered around the Courthouse dome are being repaired. The leaks over the District Court Office have been repaired and the damaged ceiling tiles have been replaced. The electrical wire to the Courthouse roof for the new heat tape installation will be upgraded. While working on the roof Mr. Patik noticed the Courthouse chimney was cracking and in need of repair. He took pictures of the damage, which were presented to the County. An estimate for the repairs is being compiled by John Francis Masonry. Mr. Patik was thanked for his attention to the matter and for notifying the Board of the problem. The Commissioners discussed the mold issue in the Assessor's Office; Mr. Patik will investigate the problem and give the Commissioners an assessment. No action was taken.

Wyoming Educators Benefit Trust Insurance (WEBT)

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to sign the renewal application for WEBT Insurance for the 2011-2012 coverage. Carried.

Road Sign Program

The Commissioners discussed new legislation effective July 1, 2011, that will lower the statutory speed limit on unpaved roads from 65 mph to 55 mph. Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman, will attend training in Buffalo, Wyoming, in November, 2011, to learn how to make Weston County's unpaved roads safer. The goal is to reduce accidents and fatalities by having signs that warn drivers in advanced of upcoming hazards. Installing guard rails or widening road shoulders may also be options. No action was taken.

Road & Bridge Department

Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman, gave the department report. Mr. Williams notified the Commissioners that the skid steer ordered for the Road & Bridge Department had arrived. The work on the Ponderosa Road near Upton has been completed by Dan Hart Patrol. The Commissioners agree that contract trucks and drivers should be utilized to keep up with the maintenance on county roads. The Commissioners discussed the possibility of FEMA funding for flood damage on County roads. No action was taken.

Circuit Court Rent

Greg James, Newcastle Mayor, met with the Commissioners to discuss signing a Circuit Court Rental Agreement. The presented agreement was for a five year term at \$700.00 per month. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to sign the rental agreement. Discussion ensued; a motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Seeley, to amend the term from five years to one year, beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012. Motion carried. The changes were made manually and initialed by Chairman Bruce and Mayor James before signing.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Attest: County Clerk
Mamie C. Krank

Tom W. Bruce
Chairman