

July 18, 2011

A special meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.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. The purpose of this special meeting was for a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Budget.

Fiscal Year 2012 Budget

Chairman Bruce opened the public comment period at 7:00 p.m. Kelly Stith, owner of Black Hills Auto Salvage, raised concerns over the county subsidizing a private enterprise namely Newcastle Ambulance Service. Mr. Stith also questioned the formula used to determine the amount of 1% sales tax monies distributed to Newcastle Ambulance Service versus Upton Volunteer Ambulance Service and Osage Volunteer Ambulance Service, which also receive funds from the 1% sales tax. Cynthia Crabtree, Osage Volunteer Ambulance Service, raised concerns over the county subsidizing a private enterprise namely Newcastle Ambulance Service. Ms. Crabtree also questioned whether the county received profit/loss statements and balance sheets from the Newcastle Ambulance Service each year. Mike Worden, Worden Funeral Directors, supports both Mr. Stith's and Ms. Crabtree's points of view concerning the funding provided to the Newcastle Ambulance Service. Ms. Crabtree discussed the Weston County Coroner budget, and questioned the additional cost to the county to have three or four Deputy Coroners. The Commissioners stated that Deputy Coroners were only paid a call fee of \$50.00 when called out and were not on the county payroll. Ms. Crabtree questioned the costs associated with the certification and schooling for multiple deputies in the Coroner's department. Ted Ertman, Mallo Camp Board Member, raised funding concerns for a part-time Assistant Manager position at Mallo Camp. This position would cost approximately \$10,816.00 annually and would be utilized for a relief position when the current manager took time off. Mr. Ertman stated that while Mallo Camp expects more revenue from both the camp and the motel, future help may be needed to fund this expense. Mr. Ertman also discussed the water tank at Mallo Camp, and stated that it needs to be replaced. Chairman Bruce called for any other public comment, hearing none; the public comment portion of the meeting was closed at 7:41 p.m. The Commissioners discussed the 1% sales tax funding, and the ambulance services provided to Weston County by the three entities, as well as the landfill in Newcastle and Upton. No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Attest: Mamie C. Krank
County Clerk

Tom W. Bruce
Chairman