

November 16, 2010

The regular meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Tom W. Bruce presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners: Tom Bruce, Glen Hutt, Randy Rossman, Jerry Shepperson, Alan Todd and County Clerk Paulette Thompson.

Good of the Order

Commissioner Rossman gave the Invocation and Commissioner Todd led the delegation in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lift Burning Restrictions

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to lift the Open Burning Restrictions effective at 9:00 a.m. today, November 16, 2010. Carried.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as published. Carried.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Todd, seconded by Commissioner Hutt, to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Carried. The meeting went into executive session at 9:05 a.m. and returned to open session at 9:45 a.m.

Gas Management Agreement

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to sign an agreement with Wyoming Community Gas for gas management services. Carried.

The meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

Cancellation and Rebate of Taxes

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to approve cancellation of taxes #922 through #930. Carried.

Homeland Security Grants

Two Grants were received through the State of Wyoming, Homeland Security Department, from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. One is in the amount of \$2,579.34 to be used for the Citizen Corp Program and the other is in the amount of \$91,130.07 and is Weston County's allocation to support the implementation of the State Homeland Security Strategy and Initiatives. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to accept the grants, authorize the Chairman to sign the agreements and set a public hearing for December 7th at 9:45 a.m. to consider amending the 2011 fiscal budget. Carried.

Musser Road Petition

A petition was received from landowners and other individuals petitioning the Commissioners to designate the Musser Road as a county road. It has been considered a county road and it was recently discovered that the documentation necessary for a county road is incomplete. The county is in the process of obtaining any required easements and working with landowners to pursue the designation. The petition is pending until all requirements have been met.

Sheriff's Department Report

Sheriff Bill Ware and Sheriff-Elect Brian Colvard met with the Commissioners. They presented the department report. Monthly bills were discussed. Bill expressed concern about delinquent notices received on some monthly expense bills. The County pays bills monthly after being approved by the County Commissioners at their first meeting of each month. The Commissioners suggested working with the vendors to discuss the issues.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with all Commissioners and the County Clerk present.

Osage Improvement & Service District

Cliff Perkins, spokesperson for a delegation of individuals from the Osage Improvement & Service District thanked the Commissioners for their help with the efforts to form the district. The Commissioners publically read the proposed formation resolution. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Hutt, to adopt the resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

Petition to Abandon Road Easement

Mr. Jim Coy's petition for a partial vacation of a platted public road through his property in Cambria Estates was considered. It was noted that the petition contained the signatures of four other electors. County Attorney Don Hansen advised the Commissioners that the first step in the process is to appoint a viewer and have him go to the site, view the property and write a report of his findings. Commissioner Rossman volunteered to act as the viewer. A motion was made by Commissioner Hutt, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to appoint Commissioner Rossman as the viewer. Carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Todd, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson to accept the petition for the partial vacation of the public road. Carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Todd, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson to request that the petitioner submit \$500.00 to cover expenses of this process. Carried. Any money not used for this petition will be refunded.

Growth and Development Coordinator

Weston County Growth and Development Coordinator Ray Pacheco discussed the subdivision Improvement Agreement that is being proposed by the Weston County Planning Commission. County Attorney Don Hansen and the Commissioners will review the draft document along with the contract county engineer. A time will be set for further discussion, submission of revisions, and to answer any questions. Mr. Pacheco also discussed a rural signage project. He and the County Road Foreman will continue working on the project.

Road and Bridge Department Report

Rick Williams, Road and Bridge Department Foreman, presented his report. He discussed equipment repair and replacement. He also discussed county roads and the need for gravel.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson to go into executive session at 3:50 p.m. to discuss personnel. Carried.

The meeting returned to open session at 4:12 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Attest: Paulette Thompson
County Clerk

Tom W. Bruce
Chairman