

December 15, 2011

A special meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 4:05 p.m. with Chairman Tom W. Bruce presiding. The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss easements on the Salt Creek Road. Present for the meeting were Commissioners: Tom W. Bruce, Marty Ertman, Randy Rossman, Lenard D. Seeley, County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank, and County Attorney, Donald B. Hansen. Commissioner Jerry Shepperson was not present for the meeting. Also in attendance: John and Sharron Ackerman, landowners, Joe Sandrini, Planning & Zoning Board Member, Charles Weinreis, landowner, County Assessor, Tina Conklin, and Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman.

Chairman Bruce announced that the meeting would be audio recorded for future reference. Fran Lehman was present to audio record the session.

Salt Creek Road Easements

Chairman Bruce began the discussion regarding a portion of the Salt Creek Road approximately two hundred feet in length, for which Weston County currently does not hold easements. Many topics were discussed including concerns regarding dangerous curves, safety, increased traffic, speed bumps, and speed limits. The possibility of moving a portion of the road further away from the Ackerman's home was also discussed. The Commissioners consulted Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman, regarding the possibility of imposing speed limits on the Salt Creek Road North of Newcastle. Mr. Williams concurred that once a traffic study is completed, Weston County would have the ability to set a speed limit on a county road. After lengthy discussion, the Board of Commissioners and Mr. and Mrs. Ackerman decided that an agreement could be reached. The Ackerman's would like Weston County to re-route a portion of the Salt Creek Road, currently situated close to the Ackerman home, address safety concerns on the road, address protecting the water line to the home, and abandon all other easements on the Ackerman property in return for the Ackerman's granting an easement on the new portion of the Salt Creek Road. County Attorney Don Hansen agrees there is a process the Commissioners could initiate to abandon a county road, the County would also need to have the area surveyed and tie the new portion of road in to the Highway approach. The Commissioners thanked everyone in attendance. No action was taken, this issue will be revisited.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Attest: Mamie C. Krank
County Clerk

Tom W. Bruce
Chairman