

December 18, 2012

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 W. Bruce, Marty Ertman, Randy Rossman, Lenard D. Seeley, Jerry Shepperson and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank.

#### **Good of the Order**

Chairman Bruce gave the invocation and Commissioner Seeley led the Delegation in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Wyoming County Commissioners Association (WCCA)**

The Commissioners discussed the WCCA convention held in Buffalo which was attended by Commissioners: Ertman, Shepperson, Seeley, Bruce and Commissioner Elect Tracy Hunt. No action was taken.

#### **Prairie Dogs**

Commissioner Seeley briefed the Board on a prairie dog meeting with the Forest Service held in Douglas he and Commissioner Elect Tracy Hunt attended. No action was taken.

#### **Approve Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Seeley, to approve the minutes of December 4, 2012, as advertised, discussion ensued regarding whether to keep the "Good of the Order" portion in future minutes, carried.

#### **Budget Hearing – Homeland Security**

The hour being 10:00 a.m. Chairman Bruce opened a Budget Amendment Hearing to consider increasing the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget because of unanticipated revenue received for four (4) Homeland Security Grants. Chairman Bruce called for public comment, hearing none; the public comment portion of the hearing was closed at 10:03 a.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to accept a LETPA Homeland Security Grant for the Sheriff in the amount of \$4,660.91. Carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Seeley, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to accept a LETPA Homeland Security Grant for the Coroner in the amount of \$2,505.00. Carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to accept a SHSP Homeland Security Grant for the Weston County Allocation in the amount of \$22,848.44. Carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Seeley, to accept an EMPG Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00. Carried. The Budget Amendment Hearing was closed at 10:05 a.m.

The meeting recessed at 10:06 a.m. and reconvened at 10:19 a.m. with all present.

#### **Resignation**

Chairman Bruce read aloud a resignation letter received from Clara Varner, CLG Historic Preservation Board Member. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to accept Ms. Varner's resignation with regret. Carried. Recorded votes are as follows: Yea: Commissioners Seeley, Shepperson and Rossman; Nay: Commissioner Ertman. A letter will be drafted to Ms. Varner in appreciation of time served.

#### **Resignation**

Chairman Bruce read aloud a resignation letter received from Gene Egge, Child Support Authority Board Member. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Seeley, to accept Mr. Egge's resignation with regret. Carried. A letter will be drafted to Mr. Egge in appreciation of time served.

#### **Prairie Dogs**

The Commissioners received a letter of appreciation from the WY Farm Bureau, for their efforts with the US Forest Service concerning prairie dogs in Weston County. No action was taken.

#### **Sage Grouse**

The Commissioners discussed a letter from the American Stewards of Liberty regarding the attempted endangered listing of Sage Grouse in eleven states including Wyoming. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Seeley, to contribute

\$1,000.00 to the American Stewards of Liberty to fight against the Sage Grouse listing. Discussion ensued, carried.

**Weston County Event Center**

Dean Kettley, Fairgrounds Manager, met with the Commissioners to discuss monthly utility costs incurred at the Weston County Event Center. Mr. Kettley requested the County pay these bills until the facility can be used. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Seeley, to reimburse the Fairgrounds on a quarterly basis for utility expenses incurred beginning January 2013. Discussion ensued; Commissioner Shepperson rescinded the motion and requested the issue be placed on the January 8, 2013 agenda. No action was taken, this matter will be revisited.

**Osage Improvement & Service District**

Clifford Perkins, Osage Improvement & Service District (OISD) Board Member, met with the Commissioners and discussed a \$1,000,000.00 grant for community services that the OISD is applying for. Mr. Perkins requested a letter of support from Weston County, and stated there was no financial obligation to the county. A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to draft a letter of support for the OISD Community Facilities Program Grant for the Kitty Moats Project. Carried.

**Upton Logistics Center**

Tom Barritt, Upton Logistics Center, met with the Commissioners to discuss progress on the use of a loop tract and concerns over the Buffalo Creek County Road. The Commissioners discussed the BRC Planning Grant and traffic study for the Upton Industrial Park. No action was taken, this issue will be revisited.

**Sheriff's Department**

Sheriff Colvard met with the Commissioners and gave the department report and discussed Homeland Security issues. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:58 a.m. and reconvened at 1:16 p.m. with all present.

**Weston County Event Center**

The Commissioners discussed progress at the Weston County Event Center. Mamie Krank, County Clerk, stated that all requested documentation had been mailed to CNA Surety, Paul Reed Construction's bonding company. Commissioner Ertman is working on contacting a forensic engineer to assess the facility. No action was taken, this issue will be revisited.

**Road & Bridge Department**

Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman, met with the Commissioners and discussed equipment and roads. The Raven Creek Road and Quest Road access were discussed. Mamie Krank, County Clerk, stated she had revised the 2011 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) bid packet and was waiting to hear back from Taylor Rossetti at WY DOT. No action was taken.

**2010 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality**

The Commissioners received a Completion Certificate for the 2010 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant. After discussion with Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman, a motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to authorize Chairman Bruce's signature on the 2010 CMAQ Certificate of Completion. Carried. The certificate was signed by Chairman Bruce and Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Attest: Mamie C. Krank  
County Clerk

Tom W. Bruce  
Chairman