

February 7, 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

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

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 17, 2012, as published. Carried.

Accept Collections

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Seeley, to accept the collections of the County Clerk in the amount of \$6,789.25 and the collections of the District Court in the amount of \$1,905.85. Carried.

Assessor's Office

Tina Conklin, County Assessor, met with the Commissioners to discuss a possible mold issue in the walls of her office. The Commissioners discussed testing for allergens. Mrs. Conklin will contact a cleaning service to see if the problems can be alleviated. The Commissioners also discussed the possibility of removing the wood paneling and replacing the windows in this office. No action was taken, this issue will be revisited.

The meeting recessed at 9:55 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. with all present.

Board Appointments

Solid Waste (Osage Dump): A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to re-appoint Delbert Strickling to the Solid Waste District for a four-year term. Carried.

Fair Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to appoint Marilyn Schmoker to the Fair Board for a five-year term. Carried.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation for the interest received from multiple applicants for the Fair Board position.

Depository of Public Funds

An application for Deposit of Public Funds was received from the First State Bank of Newcastle. A motion was made by Commissioner Seeley, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to accept the application and authorize Chairman Bruce to sign. Carried.

Declaration of Official Depositories

A Declaration of Official Depositories was presented to the Commissioners naming First State Bank of Newcastle, Pinnacle Bank in Newcastle, and Firstier Bank in Upton as the official depositories for Weston County for the calendar year 2012. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to accept the Declaration of Official Depositories as presented and have each member sign, as well as Susan Overman, County Treasurer and Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk. Carried.

Mondell Airport

The Commissioners received a Task Order #2 for the Master Agreement between the City of Newcastle and Weston County pertaining to the Mondell Airport Runway Extension Project. This Task Order #2 details the scope of work to be performed on the project. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Seeley, to authorize Chairman Bruce's signature on four copies of Task Order #2 for the Mondell Airport Runway Extension Project. Carried.

2011 Legislative Redistricting

The Commissioners discussed the 2011 Redistricting process and proposed legislation. No action was taken.

Old Mill Inn

Historic Preservation Board Members: Lucille Dumbrill, Fran Lehman, and Alice Tratebas, met with the Commissioners to discuss the proposed demolition of the Old Mill Inn; a historic flour mill located in Newcastle, Wyoming. Because Maverick Corporation has purchased the property, a portion of the Old Mill Inn will be demolished to make room for the new business. Mrs. Dumbrill stated that the Weston County Historic Preservation Board along with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHIPO) would like to complete a photographic survey of the mill, to record the history of the Old Mill Inn for posterity. In order to complete the survey, matching grant funds in the amount of \$2,000.00 are needed. The City of Newcastle has agreed to contribute \$500.00 toward this match. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to allocate \$500.00 to match grant funds for the purpose of surveying the Old Mill Inn. Carried.

The meeting recessed at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 11:35 a.m. with all present.

Sheriff's Department

Bryan Colvard, Weston County Sheriff, met with the Commissioners and gave the department report including the accounts receivable and fees collected. Sheriff Colvard discussed proposed legislation regarding a Law Enforcement Contribution Bill and a Retirement Bill or "COLA" Bill, both of which Sheriff Colvard is against. Sheriff Colvard discussed bids received for the repairs to the Law Enforcement Center doors. The quotes are high due to ADA regulations requiring handicap accessible doors. The possibility of a grant to upgrade the facility to ADA standards was discussed. Sheriff Colvard also discussed the recent problems with vehicles passing school busses while the lights are flashing. No action was taken.

Cancellation of Taxes

Susan Overman, County Treasurer, presented four Cancellations of Taxes all for Source Gas: #952 in the amount of \$.35, #953 in the amount of \$310.54, #954 in the amount of \$270.42, and #955 in the amount of \$53.88. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Seeley, to accept and sign the Cancellation of Taxes for Source Gas, numbered 952, 953, 954, and 955. Carried.

The meeting recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m. with all present.

State Loan and Investment Board (SLIB) Grants

The Commissioners discussed two pending SLIB Grant Applications. The first grant is for the Upton Fairview Road Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$1,250,000.00. The Commissioners decided to wait to apply for this grant until Weston County has received all of the easements on the Upton Fairview Road. The second grant application is for the Weston County Library Carpet Replacement Project in the amount of \$24,000.00. Weston County would be responsible for a fifty percent cash match. A motion was made by Commissioner Seeley, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to apply for a grant to remove and replace the carpet at the Library, and authorize Chairman Bruce to sign the application. Motion carried.

United States Forest Service (USFS)

A letter was received from Senator Enzi in response to the Weston County Commissioners' displeasure with United States Forest Service (USFS) Deputy District Ranger, Misty Hays. Senator Enzi initiated an inquiry and received correspondence from the Acting Regional Forester Maribeth Gustafson. The Commissioners agreed to send Senator Enzi a copy of a letter dated May 6, 2008, from the Weston County Commissioners requesting coordination efforts with the USFS and a communication from Misty Hays received on May 16, 2008, where she stated Weston County had "inadvertently been left off of the list for a Draft Environmental Impact Statement" regarding the Prairie Dog Management Plan Amendment #3. No action was taken.

2012 Legislative Budget Session

Representative Mark Semlek and Senator Ogden Driskill met with the Commissioners to discuss the upcoming 2012 Legislative Budget Session. Representative Semlek discussed the

fact that the estimated revenues for Wyoming are down and funding is down again this year as has been the trend over the past four years. The decline in revenue is largely due to falling natural gas prices.

Representative Hans Hunt joined the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Senator Driskill discussed pending legislation and particularly the proposed state-wide redistricting plan. Senator Driskill referred to Crook, Weston, and Niobrara Counties as one of the largest “communities of interest” in the state of Wyoming; and stated that if we allow our rural representation to be taken away now we will probably never get it back. The legislators were thanked for their service and attendance. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:05 p.m. and reconvened upstairs in the District Court Room, due to a large crowd, at 2:25 p.m. with all present.

Mountain Pine Beetles (MPB)

Jim Neiman, Neiman Timber Company, discussed the Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) epidemic in our area and in South Dakota. Bill Coburn, Certified Forester for Neiman Timber Co., began with a power point presentation. Mr. Coburn also stated that there are approximately 56,000 infested trees in Weston County; and approximately sixty-five percent of those are on private land. Carson Engelskirger, Black Hills Forest Resource Association, gave insight into possible action to help in the fight against the MPB, including signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the county and the Black Hills National Forest. Doug Miyamoto, Deputy Director of WY Department of Ag, stated there may be help for local administration pertaining to grants. Jeremiah Riehman and Rebecca Fitzgerald, Governor Mead’s Office - Natural Resources, stated that they will work with local, regional and national organizations to help resolve the issues. Bill Kohlbrand, State Forestry Department, was present and explained that high resolution photography has proven that previous bug infestation numbers were low. Gene Norman and Jennifer Hinkhouse, Weston County Natural Resource District, were present and explained that they have partnered with Crook Counties’ Natural Resource District to fight Mountain Pine Beetles. Hale Redding, Weed & Pest Control District, discussed the possibility of adding the MPB as a priority pest for Mill monies. All participants were thanked for their efforts and the information presented. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 3:40 p.m. and reconvened downstairs in the Commissioners Room at 3:49 p.m. with all present.

Wyoming Club

Rick Dunford, Planning & Zoning Member, met with the Commissioners to discuss the approval of the Wyoming Club final plat Phase 1. Mike Pietschmann, Wyoming Club, was also present for the meeting and questioned the Commissioners on the next step of the process. The Commissioners stated that a Subdivision Improvement Agreement (SIA) would need to be completed and submitted to the Planning & Zoning Commission. The Planning & Zoning Commission would then make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners. No action was taken.

Road & Bridge Department

Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman, met with the Commissioners and gave the department report, also discussing several county roads. Mr. Williams discussed the possibility of hiring some temporary employees this spring. This request will be considered once budget figures are reviewed in the spring. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 4:38 p.m. and reconvened at 4:50 p.m. with all present.

Mallo Camp

Mallo Camp Board Members: Ron Fanning, Chairman, Gideon Dixon, Greg Stumpff, and Ted Ertman, met with the Commissioners to discuss the ARRA Mallo Camp Retrofit Project. The possibility of bidding a water heater replacement project for the Mallo Camp Motel and completing the upgrades with the remaining funds in the ARRA Grant was discussed. Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk, agreed to contact the grant and ask questions pertaining to Weston County’s time table and a possible amendment to the grant for water heater replacement at

the Mallo Camp Motel. These answers will be reported back to the Commissioners and Mallo Camp Board by the County Clerk. No action was taken, this issue will be revisited.

Weston County Event Center

The Commissioners received two invoices from Schutz Foss Architects totaling \$17,135.86 for post occupancy concerns and investigation at the Weston County Event Center. The Commissioners decided, with the County Attorney's advice that no payments should be made at this time for the Weston County Event Center. No action was taken.

Approve Vouchers

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to approve the vouchers as presented. Carried. They are as follows:

066 NCPERS, financial admin, \$256.00, AFLAC, payroll ded, \$1,852.72, Blue Cross Blue Shield, financial admin, \$49,372.85, Dept of Employment, financial admin, \$3,292.65, Office of Child Support, payroll ded, \$175.00, Orchard Trust, payroll ded, \$1,175.00, WEBT, financial admin, \$181.65, Weston County Clerk, financial admin, \$38,436.98, WY Child Support, payroll ded, \$514.00, WY Retirement System, financial admin, \$23,683.21, WY Retirement System, financial admin, \$581.87, Hermes Consolidated Inc, gas/oil, \$21,497.72, Jeff Regan Trucking, cong-mit, \$562.50, Jeff Seeley, cong-mit, \$1,728.00, Morrison Maierle Inc, master airport plan, \$55,089.11, Dustbusters Inc, cong-mit, \$68,833.71, Trugreen-Chemlawn, janitor supp, \$925.52, WY Machinery Co, new equip, \$273,283.00, Hermes Consolidated Inc, gas/oil, \$28,418.66, Hermes Consolidated Inc, gas/oil, \$24,218.06, ADI Insurance Agency, insurance, \$1,018.00, Albright Construction Inc, maj repair, \$5,337.00, Alert Magazine LLC, p-hlth exp, \$125.00, Alpha Communications, tower rent, \$110.00, AlSCO, janitor supp, \$100.72, Apex Technology Solutions, comp software/hmlnd sec exp, \$1,856.28, Arrow Printing, supp, \$88.94, AT&T Mobility, comm, \$1,016.47, Becky Hadlock, hmlnd sec exp, \$40.00, Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, brd of prisoners, \$523.84, Black Hills Plumbing, maj repairs/maint, \$520.00, Black Hills Power, util, \$3,100.97, Bobcat Service, janitor supp, \$342.00, Brownell's Inc, officer equip, \$738.55, Tom W. Bruce, mile/trvl, \$336.00, Brunton Outdoor Inc, new equip, \$1,385.72, Byrand Streeter, contract wages, \$1,071.88, C&J Newcastle Hardware, repair/maint, \$251.98, Cambria Supply, repair/maint, \$168.12, Casey Thorson, janitor supp, \$280.00, Channing Bete Co Inc, p-hlth exp, \$970.20, City of Newcastle, util/dispatch/landfill/pub def/p-hlth exp, \$11,724.09, Collins Communications Inc, cntrct/equip/lbr/post/freight/radio exp, \$990.52, CRA Payment Center, repair/maint, \$718.17, Culligan Water Conditioning, misc, \$97.50, Decker's Market, supp/p-hlth exp, \$59.23, Dixon Bros Inc, gas/oil, \$345.99, Eddie's Truck Center, radio exp, \$223.47, Fastenal Company, repair/maint, \$354.77, Fisher Sand & Gravel, grvl/rd mtrl, \$12,934.68, G. Lance Miles, veh maint/fuel, \$81.50, Gateway Auto Supply, repair/maint, \$1,570.49, Godfrey's Brake Service, repair/maint, \$96.79, Golden West Technologies, hmlnd sec exp, \$89.97, Great Western Tire Co, repair/maint, \$2,554.09, Hansen & Peck, office exp/comp rsrch, \$3,902.36, Hillyard/Sioux Falls, janitor supp, \$167.85, Jerry Shepperson, mile/trvl, \$126.00, John Francis Masonry, repair/maint, \$40.00, John W. Lambert II, comm, \$429.00, John's Electric, repair/maint, \$817.42, KASL, p-hlth exp, \$781.80, Lenard D. Seeley, mile/trvl, \$281.00, Lichen Research Center, comp software, \$1,000.00, Linstad's Alignment & Brake Service, veh maint, \$116.00, Lori Bickford, p-hlth exp, \$112.82, Lyle Signs Inc, lmbtr/clvrts/brdg, \$194.00, Marco, Inc, ag exp, \$268.71, MasterCard, brd of prisoners, \$142.50, Max Masters, gis land records, \$1,900.00, MG Oil Company, gas/oil, \$380.47, Midwest Cancer Screening, p-hlth exp, \$16.90, Minuteman Lube Center, veh maint/fuel, \$1,515.50, Moore Medical LLC, p-hlth exp, \$429.70, Mountain States Lithographing, supp, \$162.05, Nada Appraisal Guides, misc, \$211.00, Nasco-Modesto, ag exp, \$39.85, Newcastle Ambulance Service, ambInc, \$1,458.33, Newcastle Extinguisher, repair/maint, \$70.00, Newcastle Motors, veh maint, \$77.01, News Letter Journal, print/publ/supp, \$1,276.01, Osage Ambulance, ambInc, \$4,375.00, Pamida, new equip/supp/brd of prisoners/exp, \$514.82, Personnel Concepts, p-hlth exp, \$181.85, Plainsman, supp, \$314.42, Porter, Muirhead, Cornia & Howard CPAs, financial admin, \$5,500.00, Postmaster c/o Hmlnd Sec, hmlnd sec exp, \$190.00, Postmaster c/o R&B, post/freight, \$135.00, Powder River Energy Corp, util/hmlnd sec exp/p-hlth exp, \$1,126.05, Power Plan OIB, repair/maint, \$33.75, Precinct Police Products, officer equip, \$1,058.75, Randy Rossman, mile/trvl, \$24.00, Rapid Delivery, post/freight, \$32.79, Reserve Acct-Pitney Bowes, post/freight, \$1,822.00, Roadrunner Disposal Service, util, \$55.00, RT Communications, comm, \$1,943.03, Servall Uniform/Linen Co, repair/maint, \$183.16, Source Gas, util, \$2,687.20, Stephens-Peck Inc, misc, \$70.00, Tina Conklin, school exp, \$40.32, Top Office Products, supp/p-hlth exp/ag exp/misc, \$3,086.44, Unemployment Tax Division,

financial admin, \$5,648.00, USDA Forest Service, ag exp, \$2,610.38, Verizon Wireless, p-hlth exp, \$56.29, Vicki Hayman, gas/oil/ag exp, \$91.16, Virginia Craig, ag exp, \$10.40, VISA, juror/witness fee/p-hlth exp/ag exp, \$565.95, WC&PAA, office exp, \$200.00, WCS, comm/p-hlth exp/hmlnd exp, \$193.63, WD Larson Co LTD Inc, repair/maint, \$424.19, Wesco Gas, repair/maint, \$285.12, West End Water District, util, \$60.00, West Payment Center, law library, \$317.71, Western States Sheriff Assoc, pub rel, \$100.00, WC Children's Ctr, child center, \$3,750.00, WC 4-H Council, ag exp, \$70.00, WC Gazette, print/publ, \$1,208.75, WC Health Services, in-home hlth, \$1,250.00, WC Humane Society, humane soc, \$750.00, WC Road & Bridge, veh maint/fuel, \$3,490.22, Wireless Advanced Communications, hmlnd sec exp, \$7,817.10, Woody's Food Center, wic/ag exp, \$24.75, WY Automotive Co, gas/oil/repair/maint, \$346.30, WY Co Commissioners Assoc, misc, \$375.00, WY Dept of Health, p-hlth exp, \$15,680.44, WY Health Council, p-hlth exp, \$416.46, WY Honor Conservation Camp, brd of prisoners, \$1,638.00, WY Machinery Co, repair/maint/gas/oil/post/freight, \$11,055.44, WY Network, financial admin, \$201.25. Net Payroll \$133,283.10.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Attest: Mamie C. Krank
County Clerk

Tom W. Bruce
Chairman