

March 20, 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 Rossman 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 March 6, 2012, as published. Carried.

Assessor's Office

Tina Conklin, County Assessor, met with the Commissioners to discuss a possible mold issue in her office. Mrs. Conklin provided a report from Dave Anderson, Anderson Environmental Services, who completed air quality testing. The testing confirmed a higher concentration of mold spores, dust and allergens in the Assessor's Office. The Commissioners agreed with the recommendation of an office remodel, including replacing the walls and windows. Quotes will be obtained and the project will be advertised and bid. No action was taken, this issue will be revisited.

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

Legislative Budget Session

Hans Hunt, House Representative District 2, met with the Commissioners to review the Legislative Budget Session. Local Government funding which was increased from \$135,000,000.00 to \$150,000,000.00 in the session was discussed. Representative Hunt also pointed out a piece of legislation that allows the Board of County Commissioners to not only appoint Board Members to County Boards, but remove them as well. Governor Mead's proactive approach to Sage Grouse and Wolf issues in Wyoming was discussed. Representative Hunt and the Commissioners discussed the outcome of the 2011 Redistricting and the challenges facing Weston County. Representative Hunt stressed the need for reform in the process of redistricting in Wyoming. The Commissioners thanked Representative Hunt for his report and his representation of Weston County during the Legislative Session. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened at 11:07 a.m. with all present.

Cancellation of Taxes

Susan Overman, County Treasurer, presented thirty-six Cancellations of Taxes in the following particulars: #981 in the amount of \$.07 to Michael & Audra Mooney, #982 in the amount of (\$18.24) to Dennis & Tracey Hemenway, #983 in the amount of (\$13.88) to Doug Fuller, #984 in the amount of (\$33.73) to Glen & Elizabeth Hutt, #985 in the amount of (\$24.70) to James & Cindy Rhoades, #986 in the amount of (\$12.18) to William Gaskins, #987 in the amount of (\$21.50) to P Kent Jeffries, #988 in the amount of (\$42.36) to Leroy & Betty Mayworm, #989 in the amount of (\$.48) to Linda Porter, #990 in the amount of (\$12.26) to Stephanie Simmons, #991 in the amount of (\$28.16) to Orrin & Rose Barney, #992 in the amount of (\$13.08) to Gary & Katrine Burckhard, #993 in the amount of (\$18.00) to Russell Gray, #994 in the amount of \$11.46 to Ronald Marovets, #995 in the amount of \$23.21 to George Jahrig, #996 in the amount of \$11.19 to Jim McElhaney, #997 in the amount of \$11.42 to John & Dora Van Sickel, #998 in the amount of \$38.93 to Bernard Sander, #999 in the amount of (\$.07) to Elaine Pauley, #1000 in the amount of (\$.08) to Lora Lee Bergstrom, #1001 in the amount of \$.08 to Jack & Judith Hansen, #1002 in the amount of (\$.08) to Pearl Kennedy, #1003 in the amount of \$1,540.64 to Petrocarbon Energy Corp, #1004 in the amount of \$92.92 to Excel Telecommunications Inc., #1005 in the amount of (\$.74) to Jack Stransky, #1006 in the amount of (\$6.32) to George Grummons, #1007 in the amount of (\$11.11) to Diane & Bruce Hokanson, #1008 in the amount of (\$17.70) to Ernest & Katherine Williams, #1009 in the amount of \$10.21 to Ronald Marovets, #1010 in the amount of \$9.51 to Jim McElhaney, #1011 in the amount of \$12.13 to John & Dora Van Sickel, #1012 in the amount of \$9.08 to Petrolite Corp.,

#1013 in the amount of \$5.67 to Vita-Stat Medical Service, #1014 in the amount of \$10,241.68 to Petrocarbon Energy Corp, #1015 in the amount of \$64,792.15 to Petrocarbon Energy Corp., and #1016 in the amount of \$9,444.34 to Graham Royalty Inc. A letter of explanation was received from Mrs. Overman quoting Wyoming Statute 39-13-110(a) which states that all personal property taxes not collected within a ten year period shall be cancelled and thereafter uncollectible. A motion was made by Commissioner Seeley, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to accept and sign the Cancellation of Taxes numbered 981 through 1016. Carried.

Wyoming Educators' Benefit Trust (WEBT) Renewal

The Commissioners discussed an insurance renewal packet received from Wyoming Educators' Benefit Trust (WEBT) for the upcoming fiscal year. The policy included a four percent increase in medical coverage and a three percent increase in dental coverage for the county plan effective July 1, 2012. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to authorize Chairman Bruce's signature on the WEBT renewal with no plan changes for upcoming Fiscal Year 2013. Further discussion ensued. Carried.

Snow Removal Proposals

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to re-advertise for snow removal proposals in both county newspapers for an additional two weeks, due to a lack of bids received. Carried.

Sheriff's Department

Bryan Colvard, County Sheriff, met with the Commissioners and discussed a Sheriff's Association Meeting he attended concerning the Federal Coordination process with local entities. Sheriff Colvard discussed BLM and Forest Service lands as well as private property rights. Sheriff Colvard relayed that future Homeland Security Grants will be considered on a competitive basis, and Counties will need to apply for funding. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 12:02 p.m. and reconvened at 1:25 p.m. with all present.

County Grounds

The Commissioners received a quote from Cliff's Tree Service to trim trees on County grounds. After reviewing the quote, a motion was made by Commissioner Seeley, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to accept a previously received lower bid from CJ's Landscaping for trimming the trees on the County grounds. Carried.

2011 Legislative Redistricting

Tracy Hunt, concerned citizen, met with the Commissioners to discuss the 2011 Legislative Redistricting Plan which was approved by the Wyoming Legislature. Mr. Hunt believes that the approved Redistricting Plan does not serve the best interest of Wyoming citizens and shifts power away from rural areas to the urban areas of the state. Mr. Hunt explained a plan that he believes would evenly distribute the seats for both House and Senate throughout the state. Mr. Hunt stated that he is partnering with Attorney Nick Carter, to challenge the plan and will bring a lawsuit against the State of Wyoming. Mr. Hunt requested support from the County in the form of funding and the use of a mapping program and technician.

The hour being 2:20 p.m. Tina Conklin, County Assessor, joined the meeting.

Tina Conklin, County Assessor, confirmed that Weston County uses the ESRI computer program for mapping and has a contract with Max Masters as a map technician. Mrs. Conklin stated that the County contract would only allow use by Weston County employees. The Commissioners did not commit to funding support for Mr. Hunt at this time. No action was taken.

The hour being 2:25 p.m. Don Hansen, County Attorney, joined the meeting.

Petition to vacate streets/alleys in Osage

Cliff Perkins, Osage Improvement & Service District (OISD) Secretary, met with the Commissioners to discuss a petition to vacate streets and alleys in Osage, WY. After review, Chairman Bruce asked for a change in the second sentence of the petition from "county streets" to "the following dedicated streets". Tina Conklin, County Assessor, requested a

notarized affidavit from Steve Manders, who recently purchased property within the proposed vacation area. Chairman Bruce also requested a deposit of \$1,000.00 to defray the cost of the vacation from Mr. Perkins before the county proceeds. No action was taken, this issue will be revisited.

The meeting recessed at 2:47 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m. with all present.

Road & Bridge Department

Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman, met with the Commissioners and gave the department report. Mr. Williams discussed several county roads including the Musser Road. Mr. Williams stated that work on the FEMA emergency road projects will resume in April, weather permitting. Mr. Williams discussed equipment replacement. Commissioner Seeley requested an equipment depreciation schedule to more accurately budget for equipment purchases. No action was taken.

ONEOK Pipeline

The Commissioners discussed an email from Jeanne Whalen, Crook County Commissioner, regarding progress on the ONEOK Pipeline. Representatives from the ONEOK Pipeline had scheduled an informal meeting with the County Commissioners. The Commissioners decided to call a Special Commissioners Meeting, so the public can be in attendance. The purpose of the Special Commissioners Meeting will be to discuss the ONEOK Pipeline Project, and will be held on April 4, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse. No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Attest: Mamie C. Krank
County Clerk

Tom W. Bruce
Chairman