

May 15, 2012

The regular meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 9:07 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 Rossman led the delegation in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Homeland Security

Doug Jorrey, Homeland Security Coordinator, met with the Commissioners and discussed a letter received from Guy Cameron, Homeland Security Director. Mr. Jorrey explained that the Homeland Security funding for FEMA projects will be streamlined to better manage grant disbursements. No action was taken.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held May 1, 2012, a special meeting held May 2, 2012, and a Budget Meeting held May 8, 2012, as published. Carried.

Upton Landfill

Mark Lindstrom, Upton Superintendent, and Don Sharkey, Upton Mayor, met with the Commissioners and discussed the possible closure of the Upton Landfill. Mr. Lindstrom explained that due to increased monitoring, DEQ Regulations, and rising costs, the Upton Landfill may be closed within one to two years. Mr. Lindstrom stated that if the landfill closed the Town of Upton would provide a recycling center and haul trash for residents within Upton city limits; however county residents would not be included. Mr. Lindstrom discussed the possibility of a transfer station in Upton for outside residents with the County's help to cover costs. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:03 a.m. with all present.

Liquor Licenses

The hour being 10:03 a.m. Chairman Bruce opened a Public Hearing to consider the renewal of Weston County Liquor Licenses. Chairman Bruce called for public comment; hearing none, the public comment portion of the hearing was closed at 10:05 a.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to approve the County Liquor License Renewals for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, as advertised. Carried. The following licenses were renewed: Dale T. Stietz, Buckhorn Bar & Grill; Cambria Inn Inc., Flying V Cambria Inn; Susan Loeb, Sagebrush Bar & Lounge; Tim and Rhonda Gordon, West End Bar & Grill; Maha Laxmi Krupa, Inc., Fountain Inn; Joseph J. Gualtieri, Pizza Barn; Frank J. Rawhouser, Canyon Springs Stage Stop Steakhouse; VFW #2516, VFW Club; and Upton Golf Association, Cedar Pines Country Club.

Board Appointment Hearing

A motion was made by Commissioner Seeley, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to set a Board Appointment Hearing for June 19, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. Appointments for positions on the following boards will be considered: Airport Board, Library Board, Lodging Tax Joint Powers Board, and the Child Support Authority Board. Carried.

Budget Amendment

A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to set a Budget Amendment Hearing for June 5, 2012, at 10:30 a.m., to consider increasing the General Fund portion of the budget in the amount of \$95,524.80 out of County Road Funds. Discussion ensued. Carried.

Circuit Court

The Commissioners discussed the Circuit Court rental agreement for Fiscal Year 2013. A rate increase from \$700.00 per month to \$800.00 per month was requested by the City of Newcastle. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner

Rossman, to authorize Chairman Bruce's signature on the rental agreement between Weston County and the City of Newcastle for Fiscal Year 2013. Carried. The recorded votes are as follows: Commissioners Shepperson, Seeley, and Rossman Yea; Commissioner Ertman, Nay.

ARRA Retrofit Mallo Camp-Water Heater Replacement

Weston County received one bid from Black Hills Plumbing & Heating Inc. for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project which will replace water heaters and install a hot water recirculation system at the Mallo Camp Motel. Chairman Bruce opened the bid packet and the Commissioners reviewed the bid documents. The Commissioners went through a check list of requirements for the ARRA Grant, it was determined the bid was complete. John Patik Jr., Black Hills Plumbing & Heating Inc. was present for the meeting and noted that an Amendment to the bid documents would be needed. The amendment was discussed and agreed to by all parties; there will be no cost increase to the bid submitted. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to accept the bid in the amount of \$38,845.00 from Black Hills Plumbing & Heating Inc and authorize Chairman Bruce's signature on the Notice of Award. Carried. All documents were signed by John Patik Jr., Black Hills Plumbing & Heating Inc., and Weston County. Amendment number one will be drafted and signed by both parties.

Darlington Road

Jim Darlington met with the Commissioners and discussed easements on a portion of the Darlington Road. The Commissioners will discuss the issue with Fran Lehman, GIS Department. No action was taken.

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

Consensus Projects

Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman, met with the Commissioners and discussed various county roads and bridges for the Consensus Grant projects. No action was taken.

Sheriff's Department

Bryan Colvard, County Sheriff, met with the Commissioners and discussed the possibility of increased population in the county due to the Oneok Pipeline activity. The Commissioners discussed the Law Enforcement Emergency Operations Center (EOC) as a Consensus project. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with all present.

Extension Office

Stacy Madden, 4-H Development Educator, met with the Commissioners and discussed a new program she founded called the Farm School Program. This program allows urban youth who may not otherwise get a chance to raise a farm animal to do so at the Fairgrounds. The program currently has five members caring for pigs, sheep, goats, rabbits and poultry. Ms. Madden was thanked for her presentation and initiative in Weston County. No action was taken.

Public Health

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to authorize Chairman Bruce's signature on a Public Health Nursing contract for Fiscal Year 2013, in the amount of \$34,806.00. Carried.

Planning & Zoning

Rick Dunford, Planning & Zoning Board Chairman, met with the Commissioners and discussed possible revisions to the Subdivision Improvement Agreement (SIA). Commissioner Ertman discussed the current SIA which is a part of the Subdivision Rules and Regulations for Weston County. Commissioner Ertman stated changing those rules involves following the Wyoming Procedures Act. Discussion ensued on the subject of adding another category to the Subdivision Rules and Regulations to cover developments of seventy-five lots and over.

The hour being 2:15 p.m. Mike Pietschmann, Redland Group Wyoming Club, joined the meeting.

Mr. Pietschmann discussed the need to have Wyoming Club's Phase I plat recorded. Mamie C. Krank, Weston County Clerk, explained that although the Phase I plat had been approved by the Planning & Zoning Board, it had not been approved by the Board of County Commissioners, and a Subdivision Improvement Agreement would need to be filed before the plat could be recorded.

The meeting recessed at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2:43 p.m. with all present.

Discussion resumed regarding amending Weston County's Subdivision Rules and Regulations. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Seeley, to advertise a proposed Amendment to the Subdivision Rules and Regulations to include a fourth category for planned unit developments of seventy-five lots and over, and set a public hearing for July 3, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. Discussion ensued. Carried.

The Commissioners requested Rick Dunford and the Planning & Zoning Board have revisions to the Subdivision Rules and Regulations completed for public review.

The meeting recessed at 3:08 p.m. and reconvened at 3:20 p.m. with all present.

Assessor's Office Remodel

The Commissioners discussed the Assessor's Office remodel project and a letter received from Randy Hein of Hein/Bond Architects. The letter discussed restorations beyond repairing the issues present in the office. The Commissioners decide to retain Hein/Bond Architects and communicate that repairs for this project have a budget of \$20,000.00. No action was taken.

Road & Bridge Department

Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman, met with the Commissioners and gave the department report. Several county roads were discussed including the Salt Creek Road. Mr. Williams and Mr. Schlup of Tri-Star Surveying, met with Mr. Ackerman to review proposed improvements to the road. Changes requested by Mr. Ackerman would increase the costs to Weston County by approximately \$50,000.00. The Commissioners decided that Commissioner Rossman should meet with Mr. and Mrs. Ackerman to remind them of a previous agreement with Weston County for the improvements to a portion of the Salt Creek Road. No action was taken, this issue will be revisited.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Attest: Mamie C. Krank
County Clerk

Tom W. Bruce
Chairman