

May 15, 2012

A special meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 5:30 p.m. in the Weston County Courthouse with Chairman Tom W. Bruce presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners: Tom W. Bruce, Marty Ertman, Lenard D. Seeley, and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank. Commissioners Randy Rossman and Jerry Shepperson were not present. Also present for the City of Newcastle: Greg James, Mayor; Charita Brunner, City Clerk; Bob Hartley, City Engineer, Newcastle City Councilpersons: Iva Carter, Archie Callander, James Bunch, and Linda Hunt. Town of Upton: Mark Lindstrom, Superintendent, Weston County Fire Protection District: Daniel Tysdal, Fire Warden; Ronnie Hein, President; and Bob Bonnar, News Letter Journal. The purpose of this special meeting was to allocate consensus funds granted to Weston County.

Consensus Funding

Consensus Funds available to Weston County for the 2013-2014 biennium are \$1,182,299.00. The Wyoming Legislature grants consensus funding based on population and allows the entities to divide between the County and incorporated Cities. Special Districts may also request a portion of the funding, however a seventy percent majority is needed between the County and incorporated Cities before disbursement to any special district. Requests were received from Weston County in the amount of \$1,079,000.00, the City of Newcastle in the amount of \$1,475,810.00, the City of Upton in the amount of \$817,500.00, and the Weston County Fire District in the amount of \$30,000.00 with matching funds from the district of fifty percent. The required seventy percent majority is made up of Weston County and the City of Newcastle; who made the following recommendation for the division of funds: Weston County \$450,000.00, City of Newcastle \$450,000.00, Town of Upton \$180,000.00, Special Districts \$50,000.00. After discussion, a second proposal was made which would allocate \$200,000.00 to the Town of Upton, grant \$30,000.00 to the Weston County Fire District, and divide the remaining funds between Weston County and the City of Newcastle. This division of funds allocates \$476,149.50 to both Weston County and the City of Newcastle, all parties agreed with a unanimous show of hands. Bob Hartley, Newcastle City Engineer, stated that the applications for funding will need to be submitted to the State Loan & Investment Board (SLIB) and could be compiled and submitted together. Mr. Hartley offered to help with the application process to any entity receiving funds.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Attest: Mamie C. Krank
County Clerk

Tom W. Bruce
Chairman