

**WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**April 16, 2019**

The meeting of the Weston County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Tony Barton at 9:00 a.m. at the Weston County Courthouse. Commissioners Tony Barton, Marty Ertman, Tracy Hunt, Ed Wagoner, and Nathan Todd, Deputy Attorney Saige Smith and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Commissioner Hunt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Clerk Hadlock requested to add Cleaning Applicant to the agenda under New Business. Commissioner Wagoner moved to approve the agenda with the changes; seconded by Commissioner Todd. Ayes: Barton, Hunt, Wagoner and Todd. Nays: Ertman. Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Vice-Chairman Ertman asked to pull the minutes from the April 2, 2019 meeting for discussion. Vice-Chairman moved to approve the consent agenda which included changes to the April 2, 2019 minutes, the executive session minutes of April 2, 2019 and Tax Roll Correction #1281; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

**COMMISSIONER SCHOLARSHIPS**

Vice-Chairman Ertman moved to table the Commissioner Renewal Scholarship until the June 4, 2019 meeting; seconded by Commissioner Todd. Carried. The Commissioners began the review of the 2019 applications.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING**

At 10:00 a.m., a budget amendment hearing was opened to move funds from the Revenue Rd Const Co Rd Fund Account 413.50.00.1010000.0000 in the amount of \$500,000 in to the Expenditure Rd Const Co Rd Fund Account 413.50.44.0078000.0000. Chairman Barton asked for public comment three times. Hearing none, Chairman Barton closed the budget amendment hearing. Commissioner Wagoner moved to approve the Budget Amendment; seconded by Vice-Chairman Ertman. During discussion the Commissioners wanted to make sure Superintendent Rick Williams kept track of what the bills were spent on and what road and will give him a little guidance on this. Deputy Clerk Mona Wineteer let the Commissioners know that the detail is done in fixed assets, so the tracking is done already. Carried.

**LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS**

Commissioner Wagoner moved to approve the liquor license renewals with the approval of the Upton Golf Association license contingent of the lease being updated; seconded by Commissioner Todd. Vice-Chairman Ertman moved to approve the December 18, 2018 minutes as amended; seconded by Commissioner Todd. Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**CANYON IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

Deputy Attorney Saige Smith had a draft support letter that Attorney Alex Berger had drawn up for the Board. Vice-Chairman Ertman moved to table the discussion until 2:15 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Todd. Carried. During discussion Commissioner Wagoner stated that it was important to get a decision

made and let Mr. Lunney know. Clerk Hadlock let Mr. Lunney know that she would e-mail him the Board's decision. Carried.

### **BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD (BCBS)**

Deputy Wineteer passed out information to the Board explaining different options of the BCBS insurance options and let them know that a decision needed to be made at today's meeting. Commissioner Hunt asked Library Director Brenda Ayers what she felt was most important to her employees. Director Ayers answered work environment and of course insurance. Commissioner Hunt stated that Commissioner Todd nailed it when he stated that it was key that the employees have great insurance and the County could cut elsewhere so that the Board could pick up the increase. Chairman Barton said we have to look at the Budget about not giving raises, but Vice-Chairman Ertman commented that raises were needed and Commissioner Todd agreed. Vice-Chairman Ertman would like to let the employees decide. Vice-Chairman Ertman moved to offer the \$1,000 deductible with the County paying 87%, 87%, 87%, 84% across the board and the \$1,500 deductible with the County paying 93%, 87%, 87%, 84%; seconded by Commissioner Todd. Carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **HISTORICAL PRESERVATION BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Kay Thomas submitted a letter requesting to be reappointed to the Historical Preservation Board. Commissioner Hunt moved to reappoint Kay Thomas to the Historical Preservation Board; seconded by Vice-Chairman Ertman. Carried. Clerk Hadlock will write her a letter letting her know about her appointment.

#### **COMMISSIONER'S SCHOLARSHIPS – CONTINUED**

Vice-Chairman Ertman moved to award the 2019-2020 Weston County Commissioners' Scholarships to Nolan Turner, Kaylee Sweet and Haylie Humes with Alyssa Houser, Clayton Louderback and Lauren Steveson being appointed as the alternates; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. During discussion Commissioner Hunt stated it was hard to pick between so many great kids. Carried.

#### **CLEANING PERSON AT THE ANNEX**

Clerk Hadlock brought before the board a proposal for cleaning the Annex that Maintenance Foreman Steve Price had given her. Commissioner Todd moved to approve a contract with Kyra Evick for \$450 based on her bid and to direct Foreman Price and County Attorney Berger to work together if they deem they need additional contract language; seconded by Vice-Chairman Ertman. Carried.

#### **NATIONAL GRASSLANDS**

Bob Harshbarger introduced South Dakota State Senator Lance Russell to the Board. Senator Russell discussed the different prairie dog programs that have worked for South Dakota and he believes these programs can not only work for Weston County, but for Wyoming. Vice-Chairman Ertman asked if this information had been passed on to Drew Bower. Senator Russell reported Mr. Harshbarger had asked that she be contacted, but they had not been able to make it happen. Senator Russell thanked the Commissioners for allowing him to meet with them.

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE**

Superintendent Rick Williams and Jerry Hunt gave an update on the Lynch/Upton-Fairview Bridges. Mr. Hunt reported the plans are done for both bridges and are approved by DOT they are just waiting on easements. The State of Wyoming has suggested replacing this bridge. Vice-Chairman Ertman let

Superintendent Williams know about the budget amendment and how the Board would like him to track what roads the money is spent on and what is emergency work and what is not. Vice-Chairman Ertman moved to write a letter to WYDOT to switch the BROS Program from Old Hwy 85 Bridge to the Black Thunder Bridge; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Carried.

#### **FAIRGROUNDS**

Kara Fladstol needed verification that the Board would still like to sponsor Messy Mania and the Commissioner Award during Fair. It was unanimous that the Board would like to do this.

#### **CANYON IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (CONT.)**

Commissioner Hunt moved to support the improvement districts to alter, author, amend and enforce their own bylaws to facilitate the full, fair and complete administration of their purpose; seconded by Commissioner Todd. Carried.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Wagoner moved to go into Executive Session per W.S. 16-4-405(a) (ii); seconded by Vice-Chairman Ertman. Carried. Executive Session began at 2:49 p.m.; regular meeting reconvened at 3:15 p.m. No action was taken.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Tony Barton  
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock  
Weston County Clerk