

**WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**July 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, Ed Wagoner, and Nathan Todd, Attorney Alex Berger and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Clerk Hadlock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Todd moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Ayes: Barton, Wagoner and Todd. Nays: Ertman. Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Barton asked to pull the minutes from the July 2, 2019 meeting for discussion. Commissioner Wagoner moved to approve the consent agenda which includes the Chairman's signature on the temporary liquor license for the Flying V, temporary liquor license for the Buckhorn Bar, the Chairman's signature on Resolution #14 – Open Burning Restrictions, Tax Roll Corrections #1291, #1292, #1293, #1294, #1295, #1296, #1297 & #1298; seconded by Vice-Chairman Ertman. Carried. Vice-Chairman Ertman moved to approve the July 2, 2019 minutes with changes; seconded by Commissioner Todd. Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**CWCSWDD**

Joe Wood, Cindy Crabtree and Bert Sutherland were present for the discussion on the Central Weston County Solid Waste Disposal District. Attorney Berger reported that the Board of Commissioners can appoint the members of the District, remove members and that the new board members must reside in the District. The Board of Commissioners will become the Board until the District's new board is filled. Attorney Berger was unsure if Chairman Joe Wood had actually resigned and Mr. Wood said that he had. Vice-Chairman Ertman moved to accept the resignation of the current Central Weston County Solid Waste Disposal District Board effective immediately; seconded by Commissioner Todd. During discussion Vice-Chairman Ertman asked when the Board could get the books and Ms. Crabtree said to just call first as there are two file cabinets. Carried. Commissioner Todd moved, per State Statute 18-11-102(b), that the vacancies of the CWCSWDD Board are hereby filled by the Board of Commissioners; seconded by Vice-Chairman Ertman. During discussion Commissioner Wagoner wondered if he could serve on two boards. Attorney Berger did not see this being a problem. Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY BOARD**

Commissioner Wagoner moved to appoint Paul Patterson to the Library Board; seconded by Commissioner Todd. Carried.

The meeting recessed at 9:55 a.m. and reconvened at 10:07 a.m.

## **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Attorney Berger reported that his office will be seeking to move the victim impact officer into his office. There will be no change to the budget if this happens. There are no changes at the Annex and everything is going well.

## **TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE**

Vice-Chairman Ertman moved to approve the Chairman's signature on temporary liquor licenses for Kara Fladstol for the Weston County Fair Dance, the Weston County Ranch Rodeo, the Weston County Mud Bogs and the Weston County Truck Pull; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

## **BUDGET 2020**

Vice-Chairman Ertman moved to approve the 2020 Budget; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. During discussion Vice-Chairman Ertman cautioned that the budgeted revenue is always an estimate and the Board should be hesitant and always think thoughtfully through before they spend the people's money. Carried.

## **ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Superintendent Rick Williams reported that he visited with Engineer Jerry Hunt last week and everything is ready for the bridge on the Lynch Road except for easement documents. Vice-Chairman Ertman asked if the bridge is currently closed. Superintendent Williams said that he only had to close it for one day but the bypass road is completely gone. WAVE wants to move in and do more drilling and Superintendent Williams is going to see if they will buy 48" culverts that need to be put in. Vice-Chairman Ertman said that the Upton Fairview Bridge had been approved to be fixed months ago so she thought Superintendent Williams should advertise to do both. Again Superintendent Williams is waiting on easements. Vice-Chairman Ertman asked if there was something that the Board could do to help get the easements needed to get the projects going.

Superintendent Williams would like to use the bridge off of Materi Road as a temporary bridge detour until the Black Thunder Bridge is repaired. Commissioner Wagoner suggested Superintendent Williams contact Cyclone trucking to move the bridge. Vice-Chairman Ertman asked if pictures of the Black Thunder Bridge were sent to SLIB as this will help with their decision and Superintendent Williams thought that Brooke Weigel had sent them when she submitted the application. Commissioner Todd wondered if some of the \$500,000 from the County Road Fund money could be used to contract some of the work out. Superintendent Williams stated that right now all of his projects are going to bid out. Commissioner Wagoner wondered if it would be best to have the County employees work on the roads and have contractors on projects. Superintendent Williams will have Ms. Weigel put an advertisement together and the Board will back him with whatever decision he decides.

Superintendent Williams reported that someone took the chain off of the bridge on Black Thunder Bridge and put their own lock on. Clerk Hadlock will run a letter in the newspaper stating this is trespassing.

## **NEPA MEETING**

Commissioner Wagoner gave an update on the NEPA meeting he attended in Lander.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Susie Overman spoke on behalf of David Chic. She stated that Mr. Chic forgot to let the Board know that he would also need the date of hire for each county employee. Commissioner Todd moved to give Chic Financial the information needed; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. During discussion Vice-Chairman Ertman wondered why this was missed the first time and would like a breakdown of how much time, during payroll, is spent for private businesses. Ayes: Barton, Wagoner and Todd. Nays: Ertman. Carried.

Kara Fladstol wanted to remind the Board that July 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. was when the Commissioner Cookie Jar would be taking place, August 1<sup>st</sup> between 12 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. would be the Messy Mania and then she would have the Commissioner Award ribbons available for them to hand out.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Tony Barton  
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock  
Weston County Clerk