

**WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
October 15, 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. Attorney Berger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Ertman asked to pull the minutes from the October 1, 2019 meeting for discussion. Commissioner Wagoner moved to approve the consent agenda, which includes the Treasurer's Report, Chairman's signature on Homeland Security SHSP Grant, Chairman's signature on Amended Tax Order No. 1 – Taxilane Extension and Fence Upgrade; seconded by Commissioner Todd. Carried.

Vice-Chairman Ertman moved to approve the October 1, 2019 minutes with changes; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

LAW ENFORCEMENT RAMP

Clerk Hadlock reported that the RFP's were advertised in the paper, are due November 14 and will be opened by the Commissioners on November 19. Commissioner Todd asked if the ramp was needed at all or if an elevator was still possibly an option. Vice-Chairman Ertman added that there was not a ramp at the Courthouse.

ANNEX PARKING LOT UPDATE

Attorney Berger updated the Board on the progress of the purchase of the Annex parking lot. Attorney Berger reported Pinnacle Bank wants the Board to purchase the lots or \$37,500 and lease the lower lot to Frontier. The ATM has been taken out and there will be nothing else done as far as construction or surveying by Pinnacle Bank. The Board asked Attorney Berger to see if he could negotiate the price and report on this at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

WCCA COUNTY EMPLOYERS GROUP JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

Chairman Barton stated that this needed to be discussed and finalized by February 1, 2020. Vice-Chairman Ertman stated that this only changes the address to file claims and the base rate would go down. Commissioner Wagoner feels it is a win/win for the County. Vice-Chairman Ertman also believes this would help reduce the pressure on the clerks and allows the WCCA to become the employer. Vice-Chairman Ertman moved to approve the Chairman's signature on Resolution 2019-22, the WCCA County Employers Group Joint Powers Agreement; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

WYOMING COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Chairman Barton would like to see this information passed on to the Fair Board, Library Board as well as to Steve. Commissioner Todd thinks that it is definitely worth looking in to. Vice-Chairman Ertman agreed as long as the match isn't an outrageous amount. Clerk Hadlock will get the grant information forwarded on to the Boards and remind them that if they apply for this grant, the funds will still need to come through the Commissioners for auditing purposes.

BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING

Vice-Chairman Ertman moved to have a budget amendment hearing on November 5th at 10:00 a.m. to receive unanticipated revenue from grant funds in the amount of \$555,332.50 for the Airport Grant for Taxilane Expansion & Fence Upgrade and allocate the monies to expenditure line item 300.00.40.0260000.0000; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

ATTORNEY

Attorney Berger updated the Board on his office. Vice-Chairman asked for an update on the IRP. Attorney Berger reported that he had given Road and Bridge the title letter and a viewer's report form on October 1st but does not know what the status is. Attorney Berger will see where Road and Bridge Superintendent Rick Williams is on this and have a report at the next meeting.

WYO-LINK

Vice-Chairman Ertman reported that there was a bill for the Wyo-Link fee to be added to the cell phone bills and a bill for the task force to pay for the highways and bills died, which leaves the fee's to be paid for by the Counties. Attorney Berger asked if we should ask to have these pushed by our Representatives.

Meeting recessed from 9:40 and reconvened at 10:00.

BRIDGER PIPELINE

Ken Dockweiler - Director Land, Government & Compliance, and Bill Salvin - Public Information Office, both with Belle Fourche Pipeline, came before the Board to give an update on the new pipeline that is going to pass through Weston County. Mr. Dockweiler stated that there was a meeting scheduled for October 16 to meet with the landowner group. Mr. Dockweiler let the Board know Bridger has created a website that will have project maps, forms with questions and the answers posted on the website and gave the Board the website: bridgerexpansion.com. Vice-Chairman Ertman asked if they were running an ad about the website and Mr. Dockweiler stated they could do this. Chairman Barton reported that the landowners came to the last Commissioner meeting with concerns. Mr. Dockweiler hopes to work through them at the upcoming meeting. Vice-Chairman Ertman asked if Mr. Dockweiler had been in contact with the Road and Bridge Department. Mr. Dockweiler stated that their engineer will be in contact with Road and Bridge. Vice-Chairman Ertman asked that all plans be filed with the Homeland Security Office and Mr. Dockweiler agreed to do this as well. Mr. Dockweiler thanked Clerk Hadlock for keeping him on the agenda and feels that once a month is good to keep the Board updated on the pipeline.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Lori Bickford let the Board know that the State performed an Audit, on her office, and there were no concerns. Ms. Bickford reported they are busy with being in the middle of flu season. Vice-Chairman Ertman asked if we they are seeing a pandemic this year and Ms. Bickford stated they are not.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andy McKay, Director for the Chamber of Commerce, came before the Board to discuss some upcoming events. Mr. McKay also wondered if it would be possible to have a lighting ceremony and use the pine tree that is located in front of the Library. Vice-Chairman Ertman suggested getting a core sample of the tree first and also told Mr. McKay to not use the lights that were already on the tree as they have grown into the tree. The Board suggested Mr. McKay get with Travis Peterson, tree arborist for the City and coordinate with Steve when it gets closer to this event.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Tony Barton
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk