

**WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**October 1, 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, and Ed Wagoner, and Attorney Alex Berger and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Vice-Chairman Ertman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Vice-Chairman Ertman would like to add WACO report to the end of the meeting. Commissioner Wagoner moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Ayes: Barton, Hunt, Wagoner. Nays: Ertman. Carried.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Vice-Chairman Ertman asked to pull the minutes from the September 17, 2019 meeting for discussion. Vice-Chairman Ertman moved to approve the consent agenda, which includes the vouchers with the exception of warrant #65431, payroll, collection for September 2019, Tax Roll Corrections #1313, #1314, #1315, #1316, #1317, Chairman's signature on Resolution #2019-19 – Adoption of Weston County Debris Management Plan, Chairman's Signature on Resolution #2019-20 – Revision of Weston County Emergency Evacuation Plan, Chairman's Signature on Resolution #2019-21 – Open Burning Ban Lifted; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

Vice-Chairman Ertman moved to approve warrant #65431 to WACO Composites; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. During discussion Vice-Chairman Ertman stated the Sheriff's Department would pay for this warrant and then Clerk Hadlock will submit a draw to the Courtroom Security Grant. Attorney Berger clarified it would be worthwhile to try to get reimbursed for this purchase. Carried.

Vice-Chairman moved to approve the minutes of September 17, 2019 with corrections; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

**ATTORNEY**

Attorney Berger reported that another partition was needed for the Annex Building, giving Focus and the Public Defender's Offices more privacy and it will cost \$750.

Attorney Berger updated the Board on the two prisoners that escaped from the Honor Camp and stated he is working closely with Law Enforcement and the US Marshals Office to help get them located.

Vice-Chairman Ertman asked Attorney Berger if he had an update on the Annex parking lot. Attorney Berger reported he would have something for the Board at the next meeting.

According to Attorney Berger, the IRP Viewer's Report is ready to go.

**WACO UPDATE**

Vice-Chairman Ertman and Commissioner Wagoner gave an update on the WACO Conference they both attended in Casper. Vice-Chairman Ertman stated it was the most informative WACO she has ever been to. Vice-Chairman Ertman and Commissioner Wagoner talked about the grant writing session, social

media do's and don'ts, transportation update, payment management system and the county resource plan.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Engineer Jerry Hunt has everything ready to go on the Lynch Road and can advertise this week. Engineer Hunt has the bid packets for Upton Fairview and Buffalo Creek ready to go as well and could bid them together if the Board would like. Vice-Chairman Ertman would like them to all be bid together. Road and Bridge Superintendent Rick Williams reported that he already has culverts for the projects. Chairman Barton asked Superintendent Williams if he would like to do the culverts in house and Superintendent Williams would like to have this bid out.

Engineer Hunt will be ready to go with the Black Thunder Bridge by the next meeting. Clerk Hadlock will add this to the agenda for the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Superintendent Williams presented the Board with a list of different lease options for John Deere and CAT motorgraders. Commissioner Hunt asked about the repair and maintenance and Superintendent Williams stated it was included with both companies. Vice-Chairman Ertman thought that this was going to be a rotation to get a new one every year. Superintendent Williams wants to do that too and stated if he ordered the machine now, it would be delivered in December.

Commissioner Hunt asked why leasing is a good idea. Vice-Chairman Ertman stated because the machine is always under warranty. Commissioner Hunt stated we could own them all if we bought them all out right. Chairman Barton asked the trade-in value, Superintendent Williams thought \$58,000, not much. Commissioner Wagoner agreed that you are at the mercy of the market value when it comes time to the buyout date.

Commissioner Hunt moved to table the Road and Bridge motorgrader purchase until the next meeting; seconded by Chairman Barton. During discussion Commissioner Hunt was calculating the figures of the different options and wasn't happy with them. Vice-Chairman Ertman stated if Superintendent Williams didn't need the motorgrader this year, she would like to wait until next year's budget, but if he need it this year the Board needs to make the decision now. Failed.

Commissioner Wagoner moved to authorize Superintendent Williams to purchase a John Deere motorgrader out right; seconded by Vice-Chairman Ertman. Carried.

Vice-Chairman Ertman moved to have a budget amendment hearing on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to move money out of the depreciation reserve into a Road and Bridge account to purchase a new motorgrader; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **APPOINTMENT OF HISTORICAL PRESERVATION BOARD OPENING**

Commissioner Wagoner moved to appoint Linda Hunt to the Historical Preservation Board; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Carried.

### **BRIDGER PIPELINE/LANDOWNERS**

Donley Darnell spoke on behalf of Pro-Wyoming about the pipeline that Bridger Pipeline is proposing to build through Weston County. Matt Perino showed the Board the current easement from 1955 that Bridger would like to use and the landowners present are not happy with this. Mr. Darnell stated it would be helpful if the Board would provide a document stating Bridger needs to work with the landowners on getting a new easement. Mr. Darnell stated there are new powerlines and additional pipelines in the easements that weren't sixty-five years ago. Vice-Chairman Ertman wanted to know what Statute held the Board accountable to ask the pipeline to work with the landowners. Mr. Darnell will get back to the Board with this Statute. Commissioner Wagoner stated they ran into this same issue with the powerline running through their property. Mr. Darnell stated the landowners do not want to stop the pipeline, they just want an updated easement. The landowners would like the Board to tell Bridger Pipeline to negotiate with the landowners the same way that ONEOK has. Attorney Berger suggested that since the County owns property along the pipeline, they become stake holders and should offer what is being asked.

Chairman Barton stated the Board will put a bug in Ken's ear about this at the next meeting.

#### **WACO UPDATE – CONTINUED**

Commissioner Wagoner and Vice-Chairman Ertman finished updating the Board on the WACO Conference talking about security for elections and training for the records keeper.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

#### **VOUCHERS**

066 NCPERS, financial admin, \$256.00, AFLAC, payroll ded, \$2,339.84, Blue Cross Blue Shield, financial admin, \$58,766.57, Great West Trust Co, payroll ded, \$2,690.00, VSP Vision Care, financial admin, \$574.75, WEBT, financial admin, \$180.40, WC Clerk, financial admin, \$48,662.88, WC Treasurer, financial admin, \$20.00, WY Child Support, payroll ded, \$830.00, WY Dept of Workforce Services, financial admin, \$2,575.05, WY Retirement System, financial admin, \$33,435.33, Travelers, misc insurance, \$39,310.00, Town of Upton, landfill/comm ctr, \$2,193.75, Hermes Consolidated, oil/gas/lube, \$19,822.40, Pitney Bowes Global Financial, misc, \$650.07, Linea Sundstrom, grant match, \$2,000.00, Hermes Consolidated, oil/gas/lube, \$19,757.85, Timberline Services, gravel/rd mtrl, \$38,095.00, 3 Fingers Ranch, contract wages, \$7,302.50, Ad Pro, supp, \$810.23, Alpha Communications, tower rent, \$55.00, Architectural Specialties, maj repair, \$4,035.54, AT&T Mobility, comm, \$1,197.74, Axis Forensic Toxicology, coroner exp, \$230.00, Axon Enterprise, office equip, \$8,316.00, BH Chemical & Janitorial, brd of prisoner, \$292.97, BH Energy, util, \$3,810.66, Bob Barker Co, brd of prisoner, \$81.57, Brittany Hamilton, ed/trvl, \$32.48, Byrand Streeter, contract wage, \$1,332.09, Cambria Supply, repair/maint, \$164.51, CDW Government, p-hlth exp, \$154.18, City of Newcastle, util/dispatch/pub def/p-hlth exp, \$5,668.02, Collins Communications, hmld sec exp, \$124.66, Communication Technologies, sheriff exp, \$771.49, Comtronix, misc, \$87.00, Confidential Cleaners, supp, \$100.00, Co Clerks Assoc of Wy, mile/trvl/conv, \$300.00, Crook Co Medical Services, law enf pre-empl, \$131.00, Crook Co, misc, \$10,750.00, Culligan Water Conditioning, misc, \$41.00, Dan Fields, sheriff school exp, \$231.29, DBT Transportation, repair/maint, \$6,669.75, Decker's Market, misc/p-hlth supp, \$31.05, Delane Haynes, contract wages, \$14,777.50, Dixon Bros, oil/gas/lube, \$418.64, Double D, repair/maint, \$515.39, Double O Express, contract wages, \$3,422.00, Eastern WY Equipment, airport support eqp, \$62.97, Finkey Law, spec attny, \$724.00, Fisher Sand & Gravel, gravel/rd mtrl, \$106,148.78, Fred's Welding Service, brd of prisoners, \$1,911.45, Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, repair maint/supp, \$1,614.84, Gastroenterology Associates, jail med, \$272.00, Genes Lock Shop, brd of prisoners, \$387.00, Golden West Technologies, comp software/new equip/p-hlth exp, \$11,667.08, Great Western Tire,

repair/maint, \$610.56, Hansen Equipment, repair/maint, \$76.00, Hurricane Services 21, contract wages, \$23,402.50, Inland Truck Parts, repair/maint, \$1,062.14, Iron Creek Services, contract wages, \$33,695.00, Jeff Regan Trucking, contract wages, \$12,932.50, Jones Construction, contract wages, \$1,280.00, Jub Jub, financial admin, \$44.95, Kenneth Bell Phd, law enf pre-empl, \$500.00, Kimberly Jenkins, mile/trvl, \$37.70, Kregel Towing & Recovery, sheriff pub rel, \$83.60, Kyra L Evick, other emp, \$450.00, Lori Bickford, p-hlth exp, \$363.78, Mallo Camp, mallo Camp, \$1,250.00, MasterCard, mile/trvl/p-hlth exp, \$1,624.81, Max Masters, gis land records, \$1,900.00, McKesson Medical-Surgical, p-hlth exp, \$110.48, Minuteman Lube Center, maint/fuel, \$36.00, Motor Power Equipment, repair/maint, \$97.00, Newcastle Ambulance Service, ambul, \$1,250.00, Newcastle Motors, maint/fuel, \$844.73, News Letter Journal, supp/print/publ, \$3,201.61, Northern Wy Mental Health, mental health, \$2,125.00, Nutrition Matters, wic exp, \$60.00, Occupational Research & Assessment, coroner exp, \$225.00, Osage Improvement & Service District, coroner exp, \$312.00, Personnel Concepts, misc, \$194.00, Plainsman, supp, \$714.14, Powder River Energy, util, \$1,047.13, R&S Northeast, p-hlth exp, \$65.47, Rapid Delivery, post/freight, \$14.38, Rick Williams, misc, \$4.00, Roadrunner Disposal Service, util, \$60.00, Robin King Trucking, contract wages, \$11,298.75, Rocky Mt Info Network, sheriff officer equip, \$50.00, RT Communications, comm, \$3,058.32, Sanofi Pasteur, p-hlth exp, \$3,563.00, Servall Uniform Linen, supp, \$351.75, Smilemakers, p-hlth exp, \$55.84, Steve Price, repair/maint, \$60.00, Steven Titus & Associates, special attny, \$833.50, Stulken Law, special attny, \$480.00, Sundance Equipment, leased equip, \$366.04, Susan K Overman, mile/trvl, \$236.06, Tammy Cleverdon, mile/trvl, \$37.70, Timberline Services, cong-mit/rd mtrl, \$222,429.05, Tina Conklin, miles/trvl, \$218.33, Top Office Products, supp/repair/maint/misc, \$1,791.12, Townsend Company, maj repair, \$500.00, Tyler Technologies, misc, \$25,274.84, Upton Co-op, repair/maint, \$26.34, UW Admin Business Office, ext serv exp, \$5,124.00, Verizon Wireless, comm, \$275.81, Vilas Pharmacy, jail med, \$164.96, Voelkers Autobody, repair/maint, \$1,113.05, WACO Composites, brd of prisoners, \$980.00, Wade Regan Trucking, contract wages, \$20,465.00, West End Water District, util, \$60.00, West Side Services, contract wages, \$24,676.25, WC 4-H Council, ext serv exp, \$259.81, WC Gazette, print/pub, \$785.38, WC Health Services, jail med, \$32.00, WC Library, block alloc, \$25,889.56, WC Pharmacy, jail med, \$14.84, WC Road & Bridge, maint/fuel/trvl/maint, \$4,016.33, WC Sheriff's Office, post/freight/youth services, \$39.35, WC Sr Service, brd of prisoners/sr meal, \$3,344.00, Whites Queen City, maint/fuel, \$3,008.20, Woody's Food Center, brd of prisoner/supp, \$291.77, WY Automotive, repair/maint, \$127.12, WY Dept of Health/Rental, p-hlth exp, \$463.05, WY Network, financial admin, \$270.00, WY Public Health Division, p-hlth exp, \$49.00, Net Payroll, \$162,210.30.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Tony Barton  
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock  
Weston County Clerk