

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
January 21, 2020

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Barton requested to have the elevator RFP added under old business. Vice-Chairman Todd moved to approve the agenda with changes; seconded by Commissioner Barton. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Barton moved to approve the consent agenda with corrections, which includes the minutes of the January 7, 2020 meeting with changes and the Tax Roll Correction #1380; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

COURTROOM SECURITY

Clerk Hadlock let the Board know that Sheriff Colvard has hired two Courthouse Security Employees and they are to start work the beginning of February.

FAIRGROUNDS

Fairgrounds Manager Kara Fladstol came before the Board with a few questions pertaining to how she was to be handling the grants at the Fairgrounds. Manager Fladstol stated she has been told even though she applies for the grants, the funding is to go through the County Treasurer's Office. Chairman Wagoner explained that it is critical that it does come through this way, due to how these funds effect the audit. Commissioner Barton also explained that the Board must follow the laws and policies that are already set up.

Manager Fladstol wanted to let the Board know that the roof in the Open Class Building is needing to be replaced. Manager Fladstol is working on fundraisers and getting donations and right now she has \$21,000 to help with the cost of the roof. Manager Fladstol handed out a breakdown of the charges and explained the amount she was asking from the Board was almost the amount that the Fairgrounds had not charged to various groups, throughout the year, who had used the buildings. Chairman Wagoner stated that he feels comfortable making a decision once the other two Commissioners are present.

Commissioner Barton asked to have the Fairgrounds added under Old Business for the next meeting.

Manager Fladstol asked the Board if they would like to sponsor the Messy Mania again this year for Fair. Commissioner Barton moved that the Commissioners sponsor the Messy Mania; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Manager Fladstol reported that the price was \$800 per day if they were there for two days or \$1000 per day if it was only one day. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS – CONTINUED

ROAD & BRIDGE – ENGINEER UPDATE/BLACK THUNDER BRIDGE

Engineer Jerry Hunt gave an update on the Road Projects, he stated the gravel was finished on Lynch Road and the crossing on Little Thunder was done so the reseeding was all that was left for this. The culverts are in on Fiddler Creek and the gravel would also be done, leaving the reseeding on this as well. The bridge was being pulled off of Soda Creek and the detour has been built. Engineer Hunt stated that the nice weather has really helped these projects.

Engineer Hunt stated that Road and Bridge Superintendent Rick Williams was meeting with Big R about the culverts situation on the Materi Road and they would have a report on this at the next meeting. Vice-Chairman Todd asked if the painting and cutting of the culverts would hurt them. Engineer Hunt reported that these culverts are aluminized and galvanized so it would not, but the grinding and cutting doesn't set well with him. Engineer Hunt said his personal opinion is it's shoddy work. Commissioner Barton stated that Engineer Hunt is the agent for the County and the engineer on the record and the Board trusts his judgement, but Commissioner Barton hopes Engineer Hunt will act in the County's favor. Engineer Hunt said he's trying to but it was really Superintendent William's call on this stuff. The County provided the pipe. Commissioner Barton added that the County doesn't need to be friends with Big R. If it's going to cost the County money down the Road, they need to add a warranty for an extended period or replace it.

Engineer Hunt reported that he needs another week to finish putting the specs together for the Black Thunder Bridge. Commissioner Barton suggested Engineer Hunt coordinate with Clerk Hadlock to finalize the dates for advertising and bid opening.

Commissioner Barton asked Engineer Hunt how he was coming on the Elevator RFP. Engineer Hunt stated that he did not have it, but would have it ready for the next meeting.

ANNEX PARKING LOT

Maintenance Foreman Steve Price asked the Board where they were with the purchase of the parking lot at the Annex. The Board let Foreman Price know that Attorney Alex Berger is working on this and they will get an update from him. Foreman Price stated that the canopy is falling apart and it is going to take some time to fix it however he wanted to make them aware of it. Foreman Price also wanted to make the Board aware that there is a metal hatch and he isn't sure if it was where the tubing is for the ATM or if it could be where the waterline is. Chairman Wagoner asked to have Attorney Berger give an update on the Annex Parking Lot purchase at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

COURTHOUSE IT UPDATE

Clerk Hadlock let the Board know that she was going to send a letter to the State that the monitors/computers, for the Judge's chambers, will have to be purchased by the State not the County. Clerk Hadlock stated that she believes the State was under the impression that the Grant just buys them outright and that is not how the Grant works. Commissioner Barton stated the Courts are responsible for the hardware and technology and the County is responsible for anything that goes on the wall.

COURTROOM CHAIRS

Clerk Hadlock reported that Judge Deegan had approached her about purchasing new chairs for the Courtroom. Clerk of District Court Tina Cote explained that these were needed for the council tables, court reporter and the clerk. Commissioner Barton moved to purchase the chairs for \$2,250 from Ad

Pro; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. During discussion Commissioner Barton asked if we had budgeted for this and Clerk Hadlock stated we had not, but a grant would be used for this. Carried.

BRIDGER PIPELINE

Ken Dockweiler - Director Land, Government & Compliance with Belle Fourche Pipeline let the Board know that they have started working out on 450 and are trying to get through the sage grouse before the stipulations kicks in. Mr. Dockweiler reported there are a few road crossing permits still owed to the Road and Bridge Department and the will be done by the end of the week. Chairman Wagoner asked Mr. Dockweiler if the pipe is being unloaded directly to the Right of Way and change of ownership being made on the Right of Way and Mr. Dockweiler stated it was. Mr. Dockweiler stated he had a good meeting with Foreman Williams and the roads will be taken care of while they are there working. Mr. Dockweiler reported they are still trying to finish up getting the easements from the landowners.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Ed Wagoner
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk