

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
January 7, 2020

The regular 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, and Weston County Attorney Alex Berger and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Clerk Hadlock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Barton requested to have the minutes pulled from the consent agenda and Commissioner Wagoner requested to have the Easement Agreement moved under old business for discussion. Commissioner Todd moved to approve the agenda with changes; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Vice-Chairman Ertman reminded the Board that a second was not needed for the nominations. Commissioner Hunt nominated Commissioner Wagoner for Chairman. Carried. Commissioner Hunt nominated Commissioner Todd for Vice-Chairman. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Barton moved to approve the consent agenda, which includes the vouchers, payroll, collections for December 2019, Treasurer's Report, Chairman's signature on WYFI Participation Agreement Between Weston Count & Wyoming Dept. of Health, Chairman's Signature on Contractor's Application for Payment No. 2 – Wyoming Earthmoving Corporation, Chairman's Signature on Contractor's Application for Payment No. 1 – JW Services, LL, Chairman's Signature on TBNG Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comments, Board Appointments – Historic Preservation – Kay Thomas; Betty Petranek, Weston County Solid Waste – George Bondora, Mallo – Jeannie Lewis, Fair – David Kline, Predator – Justin Stevenson, Planning & Zoning – Rick Dunford; Carole Mark, Child Support Authority – Tina Cote, Resolution 2020-01 – Direct Deposit Authorization, Resolution 2020-02 – Official Holiday Schedule; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Carried.

Commissioner Barton moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 2019 with changes; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

Price quotes were requested from the two newspapers that are published in Weston County. A specific set of minutes were given to each, requesting submission of a cost per column inch and to include a total cost for publishing that set of minutes. A quote was received from the *Weston County Gazette* in the amount of \$6.00 per column inch with a total cost to publish the sample of \$240.00, with a paid circulation of 750. A quote was received from the *News Letter Journal* in the amount of \$11.00 per column inch with a total cost to publish the sample of \$775.50, with a paid circulation of 1504. Commissioner Barton moved to appoint the *Weston County Gazette* as the official Weston County newspaper in 2020; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. During discussion Commissioner Barton asked why the price was not a 50% difference and Lisa LeVasseur, owner of the *Weston County Gazette*, stated that their paper was now printed on a broader sheet with bigger column width. Seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

COURTROOM SECURITY

Sheriff Bryan Colvard reported that he is still working through the process of the job description of the Courtroom Security Employee and then he will send it to the Judge for review.

Sheriff Colvard let the board know that there has been talk, that with all of the issues at the Newcastle High School, the City wants to have law enforcement present at the school full time. Newcastle Police Chief Jim Owens stated that Newcastle County Attorney Jim Peck and City Clerk Greg James feel the County needs to oversee this. Sheriff Colvard stated having a School Resource Officer is hard and they have tried this before and it was unsuccessful. Commissioner Barton asked if the officers on duty can go through the school and Sheriff Colvard stated they already do this. Commissioner Ertman asked if Sheriff Colvard felt the issues inside the school were actually a law enforcement issue and Sheriff Colvard felt they were to an extent.

Sheriff Colvard presented the Board with two quotes for new vehicles for the Sheriff's Department and Road and Bridge. Sheriff Colvard reported that Newcastle Motors was \$8,000 less than the State. Commissioner Ertman moved to award the bid to Newcastle Motors for the purchase of three new vehicles, two for the Sheriff's Department and one for Road and Bridge. During discussion Commissioner Ertman requested that Sheriff Colvard find out who gets the old vehicles once the new vehicles are purchased so the titles can be transferred. Sheriff Colvard stated the Fairgrounds had already received a vehicle and he felt Road and Bridge could probably use both of the old ones; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd; Carried.

IRP UPDATE

Attorney Alex Berger reported that he is meeting with two of the landowners on the Cheyenne River Road that have an issue, but he doesn't feel this should affect the progress in anyway.

ROAD & BRIDGE – ENGINEER UPDATE/BLACK THUNDER BRIDGE

Engineer Jerry Hunt and Road and Bridge Superintendent Rick Williams came before the Board to give an update on the road projects. Engineer Hunt thinks everything is squared away with Big R and he should have the bid ready at the January 21st meeting. Superintendent Williams stated that the contractor has reported that the culverts that were for the Materi and Buffalo Creek Roads are not going together. Superintendent Williams has spoken to the salesman and they have stated that they will make it right. Commissioner Ertman asked if the Board needs to get involved in anyway and Engineer Hunt said not yet. Commissioner Hunt stated there is consequential damages in the law and he feels that a letter needs to be sent to them. Attorney Berger agreed and he will get with Superintendent Williams and put a letter together.

The Board questioned Engineer Hunt why the Easement & Access Agreement does not have an amount being paid to the landowner. Engineer Hunt stated it was to have an amount and he did not know why it did not. Commissioner Barton moved to approve the Chairman's signature on the Easement & Access Agreement between the Board of Weston County Commissioners and Soda Creek Land Holding, LLP with the addition of - The payment shall be made in the amount of \$1500 for the temporary easement and the sum of \$.50/cubic yard for fill material; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Carried.

THE GOOD NEIGHBOR ALTERNATIVE

Commissioner Ertman talked about re-submitting the Good Neighbor Alternative as a comment to the Thunder Basin Natural Grasslands. Commissioner Ertman moved to submit the Good Neighbor Alternative as a comment; seconded by Commissioner Barton. During discussion Commissioner Barton asked if it was the Resolution too or just the Alternative and Commissioner Ertman stated it was just the Alternative. Carried.

ELEVATOR

Commissioner Barton suggested Clerk Hadlock contact Engineer Hunt about putting an Engineer RFP together for the Elevator at the Law Enforcement Center.

NEW BUSINESS

RELEASE OF RIGHTS REVERTER – HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Hansen and Peck had presented the Clerk's Office with a Release of Rights Reverter on behalf of the Weston County Hospital District in hopes of selling land that had been deeded to them from the County. Commissioner Ertman stated there was a reason the Quitclaim had been written with this included and if the land was not used for its original purpose it was to come back to the County. The Board feels that the County should have the land back and can then sell the land to the Business that is interested in the land. Commissioner Hunt asked that the Weston County Hospital District come back to the Board with what they find out from the Realtor on what business is wanting to purchase the land. Attorney Berger will write a letter to Hansen and Peck.

REPRESENTATIVE LINDHOLM

Representative Tyler Lindholm and Representative Hans Hunt gave the Board an overview of bills that they were both working on. HB19 – Franchise Fees, HB22 - Exactions, HB28 – Fire Arm Regulations & HB38 – Weed & Pest Amendments.

Commissioner Ertman asked them to please support not cutting the amount of Direct Distribution funding to the counties. Representative Lindholm and Hunt stated that they both will fight for this to stay at the current \$105M.

AIRPORT BOARD & ENGINEERS

Airport Manager Tuff Streeter and Design Engineer Laura Bourne discussed the Mondell Airport updates with the Board. The State Maintenance Program will be in the northeast corner of the State doing upgrades. There are two separate contracts that will come with this upgrade. The first is a Crack/Sealing, which is an 80/20 match (10% from the City and 10% from the County) and will be \$5,600. The second is a Seal Coat and Pavement Marking which is a 90/10 match (5% from the City and 5% from the County) and will be \$4,890, making a total of \$10,500 needed from the County. Mr. Streeter stated this amount can be budgeted into the next Fiscal Year, however Task Order #1 for the Master Agreement needs to be signed now and can be sent to the new Chairman. Commissioner Barton moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on Task Order #1 on the Master Agreement for Crack/Sealing and Seal Coat & Pavement Marking; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Health Director of Services Lori Bickford let the Board know that the thermostats have been fixed at the Public Health Office. Ms. Bickford reported that the State WIC Office is wanting to do more with

the signage at the Office and is not asking for money, just for the Boards permission. The Board doesn't have an issue with them putting a sign on the building as long as it doesn't do damage to the building.

ATTORNEY

Attorney Berger reported that the first jury trial went well, but there is a request to have arm pads put on the juror bench. He had an estimate from Carroll's Upholstery in the amount of \$1,219.00. Clerk Hadlock stated this could be taken out of the Grant as other items have been purchased for the benches already. Attorney Berger presented a resolution for the support of a 4th District Court Judge. Attorney Berger also let the Board know that Michael's Construction got back to him on the panic button issue and is asking the architect on what to do. Commissioner Barton moved to authorize the Boards signature on Resolution 2020-03 for a 4th District Court Judge; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Carried.

Commissioner Barton stated he was contacted by Randy Hein about getting an invoice paid. Commissioner Barton told Mr. Hein to send him what he had sent before and to also send him a signed contract. Clerk Hadlock also stated that she too had been contacted by Mr. Hein and had told him that final payment had been advertised and been paid. Clerk Hadlock told Mr. Hein that his invoice had to be accompanied by a voucher in order to be submitted to the Commissioners and that she too needed a signed copy of the contract and has not received anything.

Commissioner Ertman stated a meeting in Upton needed to be scheduled and added to the next agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VOUCHERS

066 NCPERS, financial admin, \$256.00, AFLAC, payroll ded, \$2,257.68, Blue Cross Blue Shield, financial admin, \$60,282.59, Great West Trust Co, payroll ded, \$1,290.00, New York Life, financial admin, \$471.28, VSP Vision Care, financial admin, \$592.58, WEBT, financial admin, \$181.35, WC Clerk, financial admin, \$47,485.33, WC Treasurer, financial admin, \$20.00, WY Child Support, payroll ded, \$1,295.00, WY Dept of Workforce Services, financial admin, \$2,547.97, WY Retirement System, financial admin, \$33,559.60, Hermes Consolidated, oil/gas/lube, \$13,870.06, Wyoming Earthmoving, contract wages, \$153,665.60, Pitney Bowes Global Financial, supp, \$650.07, Abilene Callison, juror/wtnss, \$30.00, Adam Egging, juror/wtnss, \$60.00, Angela Halifax, juror/wtnss, \$60.00, Bradley Boylan, juror/wtnss, \$30.00, Bruce Perkins, juror/wtnss, \$30.00, Carol Nicholls, juror/wtnss, \$30.00, Cody Stewart, juror/wtnss, \$30.00, Corbin Timberman, juror/wtnss, \$59.00, David Dutcher, juror/wtnss, \$30.00, Elizabeth Mettler, juror/wtnss, \$63.64, Eugene Wilkins, juror/wtnss, \$30.00, Frank Rawhouser, juror/wtnss, \$49.72, Gail Perino, juror/wtnss, \$60.00, Gregory Dunham, juror/wtnss, \$60.00, Hale Redding, juror/wtnss, \$30.00, James Lewis, juror/wtnss, \$30.00, Jolene Deveraux, juror/wtnss, \$35.80.00, Joseph McGinnis, juror/wtnss, \$40.44, Joseph Mefford, juror/wtnss, \$115.68, Julie Oleson, juror/wtnss, \$106.40, Karl Lacey, juror/wtnss, \$60.00, Katherine Townsend, juror/wtnss, \$60.00, Kent Petersen, juror/wtnss, \$30.00, Kevin Wendt, juror/wtnss, \$30.00, Leanne Cox, juror/wtnss, \$30.00, Linda Porter, juror/wtnss, \$30.00, Lynn Bohlman, juror/wtnss, \$30.00, Margaret Jording, juror/wtnss, \$30.00, Mary Duncan, juror/wtnss, \$30.00, Matt Washburn, juror/wtnss, \$30.00, Matthew Overman, juror/wtnss, \$30.00, Michael Tavegie, juror/wtnss, \$56.68, Miles Wilkening, juror/wtnss, \$30.00, Mindy Jennings, juror/wtnss, \$30.00, Rhonda Stearns, juror/wtnss, \$41.60, Ron Willadson, juror/wtnss, \$60.00, Ryan Engle, juror/wtnss, \$30.00, Ryan Voelker, juror/wtnss, \$30.00, Tanya Regan, juror/wtnss, \$60.00, Timothy Coy, juror/wtnss, \$30.00, Trevor Scalise, juror/wtnss, \$60.00, Tyrel Owens, juror/wtnss, \$60.00, William Hayman, juror/wtnss, \$60.00, Zachary Rawhouser, juror/wtnss, \$41.60, 21 Electric, repair/maint, \$620.00, Alpha Communications, tower rent,

\$55.00, American Solutions for Business, supp, \$81.82, AT&T Mobility, comm, \$1,253.28, Billy Soderberg, repair/maint, \$39.44, BH Chemical & Janitorial, brd of prisoner, \$626.74, BH Energy, util, \$5,215.00, BH Occupational Medicine, repair/maint, \$35.00, BH Plumbing, repair/maint, \$1,809.55, Bomgaars, repair/maint, \$18.05, Brittany Hamilton, ext serv exp, \$32.48, Bryan Colvard, mile/trvl, \$197.91, Byrand Streeter, contract wage, \$1,354.65, Cambria Supply, repair/maint, \$181.93, CDW Government, p-hlth exp, \$154.18, Chemical Testing Program, office exp, \$459.00, City of Newcastle, util/dispatch/pub def/p-hlth exp, \$9,369.50, Comtronix, misc/maj repair, \$159.00, Creative Product Source, hmlnd sec exp, \$1,475.76, Crook Co Medical Services, jail med, \$253.00, Culligan Water Conditioning, misc, \$21.50, Cynthia Crabtree, coroner misc, \$5.10, Day Law, spc attny, \$1,423.75, Decker's Market, supp, \$48.63, Denette J Price, mile/trvl, \$37.70, Donna C Podio, mile/trvl, \$298.12, Double D, repair/maint, \$517.14, Eastern WY Equipment, maint/fuel, \$25.57, Erin Darlington, inmate prg, \$115.00, Farnsworth Services, gravel/rd mtrl, \$1,092.50, Fastenal Company, repair/maint, \$146.51, Finkey Law, spc attny, \$380.00, Fisher Sand & Gravel, gravel/rd mtrl, \$16,102.80, Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, repair maint/supp, \$1,055.57, Golden West Technologies, comp software/p-hlth exp, \$3,532.06, Great Western Tire, repair/maint, \$12,060.00, Greens Alignment, maint/fuel, \$364.00, Grimm's Pump & Industrial Supply, tank maint, \$388.04, Hansen Equipment, repair/maint, \$57.75, Heartland Ag Business, mile/trvl, \$75.00, Hurricane Services 21, maj repair/supp, \$2,501.67, IAAO, mile/trvl, \$220.00, Info Hld dba System ID Barcode Solutions, supp, \$110.00, Inland Truck Parts, repair/maint, \$1,445.35, Jub Jub, financial admin, \$54.95, JW Services, contract wages, \$12,677.04, Kenneth Bell, law enf pre empl, \$500.00, Kyra L Evick, other emp, \$450.00, L&D Aero, repair/maint, \$250.00, Lakota Contracting, uniforms, \$1,343.19, Leo Riley & Co, financial admin, \$12,500.00, Lori Bickford, p-hlth exp, \$123.47, Marina Cullum, coroner exp, \$100.00, MasterCard, mile/trvl, \$545.02, Max Masters, gis land records, \$1,900.00, McKesson Medical-Surgical, p-hlth exp, \$15.21, Minuteman Lube Center, maint/fuel, \$284.96, Motor Power Equipment, repair/maint, \$146.18, Newcastle Ambulance Service, ambul, \$1,250.00, Newcastle Fire Suppression, repair/maint, \$279.79, News Letter Journal, supp/print/publ, \$70.70, Northern Wy Mental Health, mntl-hlth, \$2,125.00, Occupational Research & Assessment, coroner exp, \$225.00, Office Ally, phlth exp, \$35.00, Osage Ambulance, ambul, \$3,750.00, Osage Improvement & Service District, coroner exp, \$312.00, Peter Dobro, school exp, \$64.71, Postmaster c/o p-hlth, p-hlth exp, \$310.00, Postmaster c/o WIC, wic exp, \$406.00, Powder River Energy, util, \$2,094.08, Powder River Heating & AC, maj rep, \$3,859.33, Premier Biotech, youth serv exp, \$111.18, Radar Shop, maint/fuel, \$252.00, Ranchers Feed & Supply Newcastle, repair/maint, \$274.40, Rapid Delivery, post/freight, \$14.38, RDO Equipment, maint, \$300,502.00, Rebel Renovations Remodel & Repair, maj repair, \$379.42, Reserve Acct-Pitney Bowes, post/freight, \$4,950.00, Roadrunner Disposal Service, util, \$60.00, Roberts Machine & Repair, repair/maint, \$11,767.02, RT Communications, comm, \$2,138.57, Servall Uniform Linen, supp, \$99.56, Stulken Law, spc attny, \$100.00, Sweetwater County, supp, \$99.60, Tammy Cleverdon, mile/trvl, \$37.70, Team Lab Chemical Corp, repair/maint/freight, \$306.60, Texas Refinery, repair/maint, \$1,960.50, Thomas L Bennett, coroner exp, \$2,000.00, Timberline Services, gravel/rd mtrl, \$3,178.58, Top Office Products, supp/misc, \$862.54, Upton Co-op, oil/gas/lube, \$20,281.99, UW-Admin Business Office, ext service exp, \$5,124.00, Verizon Wireless, comm, \$224.10, Voelkers Autobody, maint/fuel, \$272.50, Wade Regan Trucking, contract wages, \$3,680.00, Wesco Gas, srch & rscue exp, \$47.63, West End Water District, util, \$60.00, West Side Services, contract wages, \$4,140.00, WC 4-H Council, ext service exp, \$315.63, WC Health Services, misc, \$458.00, WC Library, block alloc, \$25,889.56, WC Road & Bridge, maint/fuel/trvl, \$2,940.60, WC Sheriff's Office, post/freight, \$44.07, WC Sr Service, brd of prisoners/sr meal, \$3,678.00, WC True Value, repair/maint, \$181.39, Wilder Graphic Design, supp, \$1,054.82, Woody's Food Center, brd of prisoners/supp, \$368.91, WY Automotive, repair/maint, \$1,815.44, WY DEQ Solid & Hazardous Waste, maint, \$400.00, WY Dept of Health/Rental, p-hlth exp, \$293.40, WY Machinery, repair/maint, \$1,078.89, WY Network, financial admin, \$270.00, WY Sheriff's Assoc, brd of prisoner/mile/trvl, \$687.00, WY Earthmoving, contract wages, \$34,474.09, Net Payroll, \$160,494.80.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Ed Wagoner
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk