

**WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
May 19, 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, Nathan Todd, Marty Ertman, Tracy Hunt and Tony Barton, and Weston County Attorney Secretary Pam Brackett and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Clerk Hadlock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Barton moved to approve the Chairman's signature on pay application #4 – Wyoming Earthmoving Corporation. Motion died due to lack of second. During discussion the Board needs to have a sworn statement from Wyoming Earthmoving Corporation that the project is complete. Commissioner Barton moved to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of April 21, 2020, Chairman's signature on the Agreement between Owner & Contractor CM20408, but exclude pay application #4 to Wyoming Earthmoving Corporation and table this until the next meeting; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried.

The Board recessed at 9:25 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING

At 10:00 a.m., a budget amendment hearing was opened to move funds from 100.00.20.0099000.0000 Misc. Financial Admin. to the 100.00.11.0018000.0000 District Court Special Attorney Account in the amount of \$25,000. Chairman Wagoner asked for public comment three times. Clerk of District Court Clerk Tina Cote stated she may need more. Chairman Wagoner closed the budget amendment hearing. Vice-Chairman Todd moved to approve the Budget Amendment; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried.

FIREWORKS DONATION

Pam Gualtieri came before the Board to ask for a donation for the fireworks fund. Chairman Wagoner let her know that we are facing down turns due to the current situation. Commissioner Ertman suggested Ms. Gualtieri submit a provider of service letter, but these services are also taking a hit.

UPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Upton Police Chief, Susan Bridge would like the Board to work with her to come up with a plan on adults in the County who need immediate care. Chief Bridge would like to work together with Attorney Berger, Commissioners, City Councils and a group to come up with a plan on how to care for these individuals until Adult Protective Service steps in. Right now APS has 48 hours to respond and this is a lot of time with no plan. Attorney Berger stated that the County was not responsible for this and Ms. Bridge responded she would just like guidance from the County on what to do.

OLD BUSINESS

LAW ENFORCEMENT RAMP/ELEVATOR

Commissioner Ertman stated that someone will need to go down with a plan to the SLIB Board in June or be ready to speak on zoom. Vice-Chairman Todd said the concerns with the staircase are solved so he thinks the ramp/staircase will last for a long time since the railing was fixed. Commissioner Hunt asked if we have everything we need or do we need to have an alternative plan.

IRP UPDATE

Add to next agenda.

ANNEX PARKING LOT

Attorney Berger will have the contract ready to sign in June.

HOSPITAL RELEASE OF RIGHT REVERTER

This is done and will stay with the County.

ROAD & BRIDGE – IOOF PROPERTY DISCUSSION

The Board is not interested in purchasing this property.

If Road and Bridge Superintendent Rick Williams is not going to be able to attend the meeting, the Board would like to have Road and Bridge Office Manager Brooke Weigel or Road and Bridge Foreman Jim Hansen attend in his place.

NEW BUSINESS

CITY & COUNTY DISPATCH AGREEMENT

Commissioner Ertman stated that a yearlong process was put into the agreement and wonders why it was just dropped and would like to ask Sheriff Bryan Colvard to come to the next meeting to discuss this. Clerk Hadlock will send the agreement to both Sheriff Colvard and Attorney Berger for review.

WESTON COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCE PLAN SUMMARY REVIEW

The Board would like to have both mining and oil and gas activity added under energy industry and also would like the numbers adjusted for more accuracy. Commissioner Ertman moved to have Y2 Consultants make changes to the plan as discussed and then advertise for a steering committee for the Board to review; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Carried.

BRIDGER PIPELINE

Ken Dockweiler - Director of Land, Government & Compliance with Belle Fourche Pipeline let the Board know that everything is going well and things are well ahead of schedule. Mr. Dockweiler is very happy with how the project is going. Commissioner Barton wondered how far ahead of schedule they were and Mr. Dockweiler reported the hope was to be pushing oil into the pipe within the next few weeks.

COURTHOUSE OPENING

Courthouse Security Officer Joe Czarobski came before the Board for clarification on their expectations on his job description. Officer Czarobski explained that there has been a misunderstanding on the use of the stairs being used by the employees in the Courthouse. Vice-Chairman Todd let Officer Czarobski know that the employees can use the stairs. Commissioner Hunt asked what the purpose of not using the stairs was and Officer Czarobski explained it was so that the public could be funneled one way and this helps control the flow.

HOMELAND SECURITY UPDATE

Homeland Security Coordinator Gilbert Nelson let the Board know that County Health Officer Dr. Jording has submitted a County Variance for the restaurant staff to not have to wear a facemask. Coordinator Nelson then gave the Board an update on how things were going in his office.

Commissioner Hunt would like to make sure that someone from Road and Bridge is at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 p.m.

Ed Wagoner
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk