

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
June 16, 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 Alex Berger and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Commissioner Hunt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Clerk Hadlock would like to have Wyoming Earthmoving added to New Business. Commissioner Barton moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Ayes: Wagoner, Todd, Hunt, Barton. Nays: Ertman. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Ertman would like to pull Resolution 2020-09 – Open Burning Restrictions from the Consent Agenda and have it added to New Business for discussion. Commissioner Barton moved to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the minutes of June 2, 2020, Proposed Budget approval for publication, Chairman’s Signature on Agreement between Wyoming Department of Family Services, Child Support Enforcement and Weston County Clerk of District Court and Catering Permit for Full House Horse Sale on 6/20/2020; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Carried.

DISPATCH

Weston County Homeland Security Coordinator Gilbert Nelson, Newcastle Volunteer Fire Chief Robert Munger, City Council Member/Newcastle Volunteer Fireman Donnie Steveson came before the Board to discuss the dispatch agreement. Coordinator Nelson has been working with other agencies that too are wanting to fix the issues in Dispatch and would like to form an advisory board that consists of the Police Departments, City Council Members, Weston County Fire Warden Daniel Tysdal, both Mayors and the Commissioners.

Commissioner Hunt asked if the City acknowledged that there was a problem. Mr. Steveson stated that when filing reports, the #1 complaint is communication and how can we make it better. Coordinator Nelson let the Board know that this committee is not wanting to change the amount of funds in the contract. Attorney Berger said there is no reason a committee cannot be formed once the contract is entered into. Attorney Berger didn’t believe the contract could be changed once it was signed. Commissioner Barton disagreed and said the contract could be changed as long as both parties agreed on the change. Commissioner Barton also wanted clarification that Police Chief Jim Owens is under the City Council and Dispatch is then under Police Chief Owens.

Upton Police Chief Susan Bridge spoke on a few incidences that had taken place with Dispatch and the Upton Police Department. Chief Bridge stated the Upton Police Department had to take care of themselves and their citizens that needs to be addressed. Commissioner Ertman believes that an advisory board would solve a lot of these problems and give them a voice to be heard. The Board gave their blessing to move forward on creating an Advisory Board.

Commissioner Barton moved to approve the Chairman’s signature on City and County Dispatch Agreement; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ANNEX PARKING LOT

Attorney Berger reported that he is still waiting on Frontier to finish the contract as Pinnacle Bank has made the sale contingent on Frontier being included.

ROAD & BRIDGE – ENGINEER UPDATE/BLACK THUNDER BRIDGE

Road and Bridge Superintendent Rick Williams and County Engineer Jerry Hunt met with the Board to give an update on the Black Thunder Bridge. Engineer Hunt stated he had met with his draftsman and would be ready to advertise for bids next week. Commissioner Barton showed concern as the last time bids were put out for a project the bid documents were not ready. Commissioner Ertman asked that these be put on the website and Clerk Hadlock stated she would do this as long as she had the documents. Chairman Wagoner added the Board would like to see this project completed soon.

Commissioner Barton questioned Superintendent Williams and Engineer Hunt as to whether the bill had been sent to Big R. Engineer Hunt stated his cost would be around \$3,000 and he wasn't sure about the Road and Bridge's cost.

The Board asked Engineer Hunt about the vouchers that were submitted from Wyoming Earthmoving. Engineer Hunt then presented the Board with a Pay App and Change Order from JW Services as well. Engineer Hunt stated that the projects were complete and could be advertised for final payment. Commissioner Barton moved to advertise for final payment for Weston County 2019 Road Project Schedule A, B & C; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried.

SCHEDULE UPTON MEETING

Commissioner Todd moved to have the July 21st meeting in Upton at 3:00 p.m. at the Upton Town Council chambers; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried.

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 100.00.04.0012000.0000 Assessor Dep/Clerk Salary Account in the amount of \$148.02. Chairman Wagoner asked for public comment three times. Chairman Wagoner closed the budget amendment hearing. Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the Budget Amendment; seconded by Commissioner Barton. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

WYOMING EARTHMOVING VOUCHERS

The Board would like to table the Pay Applications until the next meeting so that Superintendent Williams can look them over and make sure the work has been completed. Commissioner Ertman does not like the fact that the Change Orders have already been completed and Engineer Hunt knows that this is not how the process is to be done. Chairman Wagoner agreed and he too is not pleased how these projects were done. Commissioner Ertman moved to approve Change Order 1 for JW Services; seconded by Commissioner Barton. During discussion Commissioner Barton wanted to make sure that the motion maker wanted this to be reviewed by Superintendent Williams. Commissioner Ertman stated that the work has already been done, so there was no point in having the Change Orders reviewed. Carried. Commissioner Ertman moved to approve both of the Change Orders submitted by Wyoming Earthmoving; seconded by Commissioner Barton. Carried.

The Board would like to invited Superintendent Williams, Engineer Hunt and Wyoming Earthmoving to the next meeting to go over how the bid process is to be handled.

OPEN BURNING RESTRICTIONS

The Board approved the Chairman's signature on Resolution 2020-09 via electronic submission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Darlington visited with the Board about a couple of items of concern that he had.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Ed Wagoner
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk