

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
June 2, 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 Barton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Ertman requested to have the minutes pulled from the consent 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 consent agenda, which includes the vouchers, payroll, AP vouchers, collections for May 2020, Treasurer's Report, Appointment of Weston County Travel Commission Board Member; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Carried.

Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the minutes of May 19, 2020 with changes; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Carried.

PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

Crook County Attorney Joe Baron, Crook County Clerk of District Court Tina Wood and State Public Defender Diane Lozano phoned in to discuss the agreement that Crook County has with Weston County concerning the Public Defender's Office rent. State Public Defender Lozano reported that the Weston County office handles all of the cases for both Weston and Crook County. Because of the possibility of the work being moved to Campbell County it was suggested that instead of doing a yearly contract to do a monthly one. Attorney Berger asked when County Public Defender William Curley retires if his position would be replaced. State Public Defender Lozano let him know that his last day was August 3rd and they would be working to replace him as well as the legal assistant as she is also retiring.

DISPATCH

Homeland Security Coordinator Gilbert Nelson met with the Board and asked that they hold off on signing the dispatch agreement with the City. Coordinator Nelson would like to see a few things added to the contract. The Board does not want to wait to sign the contract so they would like to have everything done by the next meeting.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Road and Bridge Superintendent Rick Williams stated he was waiting for a report from the WYDOT structural engineer to see if there is structural damage to the bridge on the Cheyenne River Road. Superintendent Williams also reported that there are issues with the Green Mountain Road bridge and will need to be fixed. Superintendent Williams would like to pull the timbers out and put a cattle guard in the middle of the bridge. Superintendent Williams let the Board know this is a project that Road and Bridge can do and it will cost around \$12,000.

OLD BUSINESS

IRP UPDATE

Superintendent Williams will do a viewer's report and report back to the Board as well as check with the Bentonite Company to see what they are going to do with the project. The Board thinks they should build the road. Superintendent Williams will have Office Manager Brooke Weigel get with WYDOT to see if the funding is still available for the IRP.

ROAD & BRIDGE – ENGINEER UPDATE/BLACK THUNDER BRIDGE

Superintendent Williams would like to get Engineer Jerry Hunt going on this project as it needs to be advertised for three weeks before work can begin. The Board suggested Superintendent Williams send Engineer Hunt a formal letter asking him where he was on the projects for the County.

Commissioner Ertman asked Superintendent Williams what he was going to do with his old pickup as the Assessor's Office was needing to replace their current vehicle. Superintendent Williams let the Board know that he was planning on putting a welder in the back of it. Due to the amount of miles on it, Superintendent Williams stated it would not be a very dependable vehicle for the Assessor's Office.

ANNEX PARKING LOT

Attorney Berger reported that he would have the contract ready at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNEX PUBLIC DEFENDER LEASE

Attorney Berger stated that the Public Defender's office serves Crook and Weston County and they should split the fee but will change the lease to monthly rather than yearly. The Board would like to have a letter added that that they are looking for a new tenant.

The Board recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY

Judge Perry phoned in to answer any questions that the Board had about the Court Appointed Attorney's. Commissioner Hunt asked why both parents were appointed council. Judge Perry replied that the law requires council to be appointed to both parents. Commissioner Hunt also asked if CASA was still a thing and Judge Perry stated that it was although he does not appoint them to the Weston County cases because they do not travel.

The Board asked Judge Perry about getting the money back and his response was that the County Attorney's Office will ask for this back. Judge Perry advised the amounts were all tracked in the Clerk of District Court's Office. Crook County has no problem collecting this money by sending out letters advising these individuals are in contempt of court by not paying them.

Judge Perry suggested an affidavit be mailed to the client stating they are in contempt of Court and more and likely they will come in and pay before they have to appear before him.

Deputy Attorney Jeanie Stone spoke about the increase in the number of cases requiring the Court Appointed Attorneys. Deputy Attorney Stone explained the type of cases that she works with and the importance of the Court Appointed Attorneys. Deputy Attorney Stone also stated that she would be willing to help with the process of trying to getting the money back on the cases if it's a matter of

keeping families safe. Clerk Hadlock will check with Crook County to find out the process that they go through and see if this is something that Weston County could look into implementing.

Deputy Clerk of Court Clerk Donna Podio added that the cases are on the rise due to the current situation that we are in right now. Commissioner Ertman question if the Legislatures could do something to help with this. Deputy Attorney Stone stated that Lisa Finkey with the Wyoming Supreme Court, is trying to push for help with this, but there is nothing right now.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VOUCHERS

066 NCPERS, financial admin, \$240.00, AFLAC, payroll ded, \$2,088.94, Blue Cross Blue Shield, financial admin, \$61,270.54, Great West Trust Co, payroll ded, \$1,670.00, New York Life, financial admin, \$471.28, VSP Vision Care, financial admin, \$603.49, WEBT, financial admin, \$185.45, WC Clerk, financial admin, \$48,896.01, WC Treasurer, financial admin, \$20.00, WY Child Support, payroll ded, \$1,015.00, WY Dept of Workforce Services, financial admin, \$2,484.96, WY Retirement System, financial admin, \$36,323.18, Hermes Consolidated, oil/gas/lube, \$12,600.92, JW Services, rd fund, \$19,450.49, Wyoming Earthmoving, rd fund, \$122,371.77, Hermes Consolidated, oil/gas/lube, \$12,600.92, Ad Pro, supp, \$784.29, Alpha Communications, tower rent/radio exp, \$55.00, AT&T Mobility, comm, \$1,237.63, BH Chemical & Janitorial, brd of prisoners, \$202.87, BH Energy, util, \$4,050.31, Bomgaars, repair/maint, \$41.95, Byrand Streeter, contract wage/repair maint, \$1,435.37, Cambria Supply, repair/maint, \$5.40, CDW Government, p-hlth exp, \$164.21, City of Newcastle, util/dispatch/p-hlth exp, \$5,188.13, Culligan Water Conditioning, misc, \$54.00, Cynthia Crabtree, misc, \$2.70, Dakota Radiology, jail med, \$455.00, Day Law, spc attny, \$1,180.00, DBT Transportation, financial admin, \$650.50, Decker's Market, supp, \$24.65, Dixon Bros, oil/gas/lube, \$203.22, Double D, repair/maint, \$464.84, Eastern WY Equipment, repair/maint, \$124.98, Evident Crime Scene Products, sheriff exp, \$39.75, Fisher Sand & Gravel, gravel/rd mtrl, \$5,048.46, Flash Industrial Painting, cntrct/equip, \$2,800.00, Focus, focus, \$956.25, Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, repair maint/supp, \$263.06, G&C Glass, supp, \$594.65, Golden West Technologies, comp software/p-hlth exp, \$4,292.50, Great Western Tire, repair/maint, \$150.00, Gregory Locke, hmlnd sec exp, \$75.00, Grimms Pump & Industrial Supply, repair/maint/post, \$397.01, Hansen Equipment, repair/maint, \$25.00, Inland Truck Parts, repair/maint, \$3,617.75, KASL, p-hlth exp, \$272.50, Kenneth Bell, pre-emp, \$400.00, Keyhole Technologies, Imbr/clvrts, \$355.40, Kyra L Evick, other emp, \$450.00, Lori Bickford, p-hlth exp, \$997.16, MasterCard, hmlnd sec exp, \$176.79, Max Masters, gis land records, \$1,900.00, McKesson Medical-Surgical, p-hlth exp, \$81.08, MG Oil Company, oil/gas/lube, \$2,111.30, Michelle Sweet, p-hlth exp, \$30.00, Minuteman Lube Center, maint/fuel, \$254.97, Morrison Maierle, taxilane exp, \$44,574.20, Motor Power Equipment, repair/maint, \$141.80, Motorola, maint/fuel, \$10,875.20, Newcastle Ambulance Service, ambulance, \$1,250.00, Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, chmbr, \$725.00, News Letter Journal, print/publ/supp, \$882.00, On Target Ammunition, law enf exp, \$3,516.00, Osage Improvement & Service District, coroner exp, \$312.00, Pennington Co Sheriffs, attny exp, \$175.80, Plainsman, supp, \$256.65, Powder River Energy, util, \$1,417.61, Quilters Quisine, p-hlth exp, \$330.00, R&S Northeast, p-hlth exp, \$454.95, Regional Health, law enf exp, \$115.80, Ringer Law, spc attny, \$10,844.92, Roadrunner Disposal Service, util, \$60.00, RT Communications, comm, \$2,423.64, Sanofi Pasteur, p-hlth exp, \$937.06, Servall Uniform Linen, supp, \$281.79, Sundance Extinguisher, misc, \$737.79, Sustainable Homes & Design, misc, \$300.00, Timberline Services, gravel/rd mtrl, \$70,673.48, Top Office Products, supp/new equip, \$7,732.82, Upton Co-op, oil/gas/lube, \$4,985.36, Verizon Wireless, comm, \$275.08, Visionary Communications, attny exp, \$403.05, Voelkers Autobody, sheriff exp, \$565.44, WC Sheriff's Search & Rescue, srch & rscue,

\$2,705.35, West End Water District, util, \$60.00, WC Children's Center, child ctr, \$3,187.50, WC Gazette, print/pub, \$1,174.75, WC Health Services, law enf exp, \$3,930.00, WC Humane Society, humane soc, \$637.50, WC Library, block alloc, \$25,889.51, WC Pharmacy, law enf exp, \$34.79, WC Road & Bridge, maint/fuel, \$1,892.96, WC Sheriff's Office, post/freight, \$38.30, WC Sr Services, brd of prisoners, \$1,430.00, WC True Value, repair, \$107.39, Woody's Food Center, brd of prisoners/supp, \$258.88, WY Automotive, repair/maint, \$284.39, WY Crane and Rigging, rd fund, \$1,747.50, WY Dept of Health, p-hlth exp, \$17,414.80, WY Dept of Health/Rental, p-hlth exp, \$112.50, WY Network, financial admin, \$270.00, Net Payroll, \$166,538.12.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Ed Wagoner
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk