

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICIAL MINUTES  
October 6, 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, Marty Ertman, Tony Barton and Tracy Hunt, Attorney Alex Berger 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 Commissioner Hunt. Ayes: Wagoner, Hunt, Barton, Todd. Nays: Ertman. Carried.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Ertman requested to have the minutes of September 15, 2020 and Resolution 2020-13 – Change the Board of Commissioner’s Regular Scheduled Meeting Date from 11/3/2020 to 11/5/2020 pulled from the consent agenda. Commissioner Ertman also asked to have Voucher #66916 pulled for discussion. Commissioner Barton moved to approve the consent agenda, which includes the vouchers, payroll, Collections for September 2020, Chairman’s Signature on Shucraft Subdivision Plat Map, Chairman’s Signature on Baumann Subdivision Plat Map, Chairman’s Signature on Svava Subdivision Plat Map, Treasurer’s Report; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Carried.

**MINUTES**

Vice-Chairman Todd moved to approve the minutes of September 15, 2020 with changes; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 2020-13**

Commissioner Ertman stated, that in all of the years of being a Commissioner, the meetings have not been moved due to the election. Clerk Hadlock explained that the reason she would like the meeting moved again, is the absentee ballots are processed by her office, not at the polls as done in previous elections and the count, as of the date of the meeting, is 830. Commissioner Barton moved to approve the Chairman’s signature on Resolution 2020-13 – Change the Board of Commissioners Regular Scheduled Meeting Date from 11/3/2020 to 11/5/2020; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried.

**VOUCHER #66916**

The Board would like Clerk Hadlock to contact Public Health Director Lori Bickford and have an itemized statement from Dr. Jording explaining the voucher for \$2,222.22 per month and have the perjury statement signed by Dr. Jording not Director Bickford.

**COURTHOUSE UPDATE**

Maintenance Foreman Steve Price let the Board know that the parking lot would be repaved this weekend, the railing on the stairs at the Courthouse was complete and there now was an issue with the Eastside door. Foreman Price reported the estimate to get this fixed would be \$18,500. Commissioner Barton asked how this ranked on priorities and Foreman Price let him know that it was way up there. Commissioner Ertman would like to see if Courtroom Security Grant funds can be used to fix this as it could be a security breach and someone could come in the front door if they don’t lock. Commissioner Ertman would like Foreman Price to get an estimate to replace the front door as well if we can use the Grant funds. Commissioner Barton asked if a push bar can just be put on the door that is there now and

Foreman Price stated that we cannot. Commissioner Ertman added she would like to see something done because it is an issue. Chairman Wagoner would like Foreman Price to get an estimate for both doors, Courthouse Security funds will be tried and if this cannot be done, the Board will try another approach. Vice-Chairman Todd asked how the dome was holding up and Forman Price stated there has not been a leak since it was fixed.

#### **UPTON AIRPORT**

Scott Gerber & Lori Olson came before the Board to give an update about the grant that they applied for back in March. Mr. Gerber let the Board know that Ms. Olson was able to get the grant match down to a 90/10 match. They have support from the Council but would like support from the Board as well. Commissioner Ertman asked how much they would need and Mr. Gerber reported \$10,000. Mr. Gerber added that they would try to come up with the match between the Board, Town of Upton and the members of the Community. Commissioner Hunt asked what the money will be used for and if they approached the Economic Board in Upton for help with the match. Ms. Olson stated they will give some money as well. Vice-Chairman Todd is not comfortable giving an amount that the Board will give until the Town of Upton gives an amount. Commissioner Barton moved to commit match the Town of Upton up to \$5,000; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. During discussion Vice-Chairman Todd and Commissioner Ertman would rather not have that large of an amount stated. Commissioner Barton withdrew his motion. Commissioner Barton moved to commit \$2,500 to the Upton Airport Master Plan; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried.

#### **FAIRGROUNDS**

Fairgrounds Manager Kara Fladstol came before the Board to see if maintenance on the Events Center could be paid by the Board. Vice-Chairman Todd stated he had missed the meeting when the Events Center was discussed but he believed the additional \$17,000 was to be used for this. Fairgrounds Secretary Jessica Graham let the Board know that the Fairgrounds did not qualify for the Business Council COVID grant. Commissioner Ertman let Ms. Graham know that the Fairgrounds could apply for COVID funds through SLIB. Chairman Wagoner agreed that the \$17,500 was given to them to use for maintenance. Vice-Chairman Todd added that if there was something major structurally, because they are County buildings, the Board would help, but if it's small the Fair Board is to fix it.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **BILL FROM HEIN | BOND – COUNTY ATTORNEY**

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##### **VARIANCE ON STATE ORDERS – COUNTY ATTORNEY**

The Board invited Dr. Jording to ask his thoughts on the variance on the State orders that Attorney Berger had written. Dr. Jording wondered how broad the Board's recommendations to the public were going to be. Commissioner Ertman advised that the Board's would like to give the responsibility back to the people of Weston County and also let a business choose. Commissioner Ertman added that the variance would not have action on the schools. Vice-Chairman Todd feels the same way and doesn't like to be told what to do and doesn't think the Board or the State should tell the citizens this. Commissioner Hunt's concerns are that the numbers are inflated and not reflecting the reality on the ground and it's time to get back to work and open up the economy. Commissioner Ertman stated we are pushing seven months, we are doing what we have been trained to do and we need to honor the choices of the individual. Dr. Jording let the Board know that the schools are working with the State on the orders and if the schools do not comply with the orders, they State has the authority to come in and shut them

down. Dr. Jording stated that no one has the authority over the County and added if things are lightened up and things get worse, it will come back to rest on the Board's desk. Dr. Jording stated most all variances brought to him have been granted but he is not ready to open everything up as the Board is asking him to do and does not want to put his name on this variance. Dr. Jording asked to have more time to read it over. Attorney Berger asked to have this added under Old Business at the next meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **LGLP NOMINATION**

Chairman Wagoner asked that the Board look over the LGLP nomination form and bring their nominations back to the next meeting.

### **RESIDENCY ISSUE**

Several members of the community came before the Board because the current residency issue of Commissioner Barton. These members of the community believe that because Commissioner Barton no longer lives in Weston County he should resign as a Commissioner. There were also members of the community who believe Commissioner Barton can still do the same job that he was elected to do even though he lives outside the County. Commissioner Barton spoke and stated he was taught that he always finishes a job that he starts and would be finishing out his term.

### **ROAD & BRIDGE SUPERINTENDENT APPLICATIONS**

The Board looked over the applications that were submitted for the Road & Bridge Superintendent. Commissioner Ertman moved to go into Executive Session per W.S. 16-4-405(a)(ii); seconded by Commissioner Barton. Carried. Executive Session began at 12:56 p.m.; regular meeting reconvened at 1:06 p.m. Applications for the Road & Bridge Superintendent were discussed in Executive Session; no action was taken. Clerk Hadlock will set up job interview times with the applicants after the bid opening on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **VOUCHERS**

066 NCPERS, financial admin, \$240.00, AFLAC, payroll ded, \$2,088.94, Blue Cross Blue Shield, financial admin, \$62,162.00, Circuit Court, payroll ded, \$760.81, Delta Dental of WY, payroll ded, \$2,764.00, Great West Trust Co, payroll ded, \$1,670.00, New York Life, financial admin, \$471.28, VSP Vision Care, financial admin, \$585.66, WEBT, financial admin, \$177.60, WC Clerk, financial admin, \$48,359.83, WC Treasurer, financial admin, \$20.00, WY Child Support, payroll ded, \$1,250.00, WY Dept of Workforce Services, financial admin, \$2,187.99, WY Retirement System, financial admin, \$35,307.08, Pinnacle Bank, bld & grnds, \$37,500.00, Travelers, misc insurance, \$43,652.00, Contech Engineered Solutions, co rd fund/blk thndr brdg, \$239,800.00, Pitney Bowes Global Financial Srvcs, supp, \$650.07, 21 Electric, repair/maint, \$140.05, Ad Pro, supp, \$634.33, Advanced Communications, comm, \$70.00, Alpha Communications, tower rent, \$55.00, Amber Prell, elctn exp, \$92.00, Ashten Marchant, attny exp, \$15.00, AT&T Mobility, comm, \$1,174.41, BH Chemical & Janitorial, brd of prisoners, \$347.92, BH Energy, util, \$3,953.07, BH Plumbing, repair/maint, 185.59, Bomgaars, repair/maint, \$746.03, Brittany Hamilton, ext serv exp, \$32.20, Byrand Streeter, contract wage, \$1,332.09, Cambria Supply, repair/maint, \$288.09, Cheyenne Regional Medical, invol commit, \$5,403.81, City of Newcastle, util/dispatch/p-hlth exp, \$5,849.47, CMI, youth serv exp, \$710.00, Communication Technologies, hmlnd sec exp, \$812.00, Comtronix, misc, \$87.00, Culligan Water Conditioning, misc, \$47.50, Decker's Market, supp, \$49.95, Denette J Price, supp, \$29.83, Double D,

repair/maint, \$676.42, DRM, taxilane, \$279,481.99, Eastern WY Equipment, repair/maint, \$280.88, Eaton Sales & Srvc, maint, \$51.01, Election Systems & Software, supp, \$943.08, Emergency Medical Products, hmlnd sec exp, \$70.48, Fastenal, Imbr/clvrts/brdg, \$178.38, First Northern Bank, taxilane, \$32,861.10, Fisher Sand & Gravel, gravel/rd mtrl, \$7,550.87, Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, repair maint/supp, \$235.36, Golden West Technologies, comp software, \$2,682.00, Grant Management, misc school exp, \$595.00, Greatmats, law enf equip, \$1,344.64, Greens Alignment, maint/fuel, \$54.99, Hillyard/Sioux Falls, supp, \$161.75, Hometown Medical Clinic, p-hlth exp, \$100.00, Hurricane Services 21, repair/maint, \$362.00, Inland Truck Parts, repair/maint, \$873.68, Jodi Brooks, wic exp, \$28.29, Jub Jub, financial admn, \$164.85, KASL, p-hlth exp, \$1,382.50, Kimberly Jenkins, mile/trvl, \$37.38, Kyra L Evick, other emp, \$450.00, Lori Bickford, p-hlth exp, \$219.38, Max Masters, gis land records, \$1,900.00, McKesson Medical-Surgical, p-hlth exp, \$265.39, Minuteman Lube Center, maint/fuel, \$998.98, Mountain States Lithographing, supp, \$201.78, News Letter Journal, advert tax, \$3,026.00, Northern Wy Mental Health, mntlh, \$2,125.00, Osage Ambulance, ambulance, \$3,750.00, Postmaster c/o hmlnd, hmlnd sec exp, \$240.00, Powder River Energy, util, \$1,199.36, R&S Northeast, p-hlth exp, \$107.24, Rebel Renovations Remodel & Repair, maj repair, \$2,145.00, Roadrunner Disposal Service, util, \$60.00, RT Communications, comm, \$2,370.12, Sanofi Pasteur, p-hlth exp, \$3,713.78, Servall Uniform Linen, supp, \$265.21, Southland Medical, hmlnd sec exp, \$1,131.00, Steve Annetts, sheriff exp, \$10.00, Tammy Cleverdon, mile/trvl, \$37.38, Tammy S Cookston, elctn exp, \$30.00, Team Lab Chemical, repair/maint, \$159.00, Top Office Products, supp, \$623.41, Tyler Technologies, misc, \$347.29, Uber Geek Computers, supp, \$825.94, Upton Ambulance, ambulance, \$3,750.00, Upton Chamber of Commerce, chmbr, \$425.00, Upton Co-op, oil/gas/lube, \$22,422.74, Verizon Wireless, comm, \$272.01, Voelkers Autobody, veh maint, \$1,910.74, West End Water District, util, \$60.00, Western States Fire Prot, maj repairs, \$3,998.82, WC 4-H Council, ext service supp, \$214.62, WC Gazette, print pub/co rd fund, \$5,277.00, WC Hospital, prev mang, \$7,728.67, WC Library, block alloc, \$51,779.12, WC Road & Bridge, maint/fuel, \$3,204.36, WC Sr Services, brd of prisoners, \$1,448.00, WC True Value, repair/maint, \$8.58, Woody's Food Center, brd of prisoners/supp, \$244.45, WY Automotive, repair/maint, \$407.49, WY Behavioral Institue, invol commit, \$2,262.00, WY Dept of Health/Rental, p-hlth exp, \$112.50, WY Machinery, repair/maint, \$756.10, WY Network, financial admin, \$270.00, WY Public Health Division, p-hlth exp, \$56.00, Net Payroll, \$164,686.76.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Ed Wagoner  
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock  
Weston County Clerk