

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
November 5, 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, Deputy Attorney Michael Stulken and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Commissioner Hunt 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 October 20, 2020 and Commissioner Barton requested to have the Emergency Meeting minutes of October 22, 2020 pulled from the consent agenda. Vice-Chairman Todd would like to have Courthouse Security Meeting Update added under New Business. Commissioner Ertman also asked to have Voucher #67018 pulled for discussion. Commissioner Barton moved to approve the consent agenda, which includes the vouchers, payroll, Collections for October 2020, Minutes of Special Meeting October 23, 2020, Executive Session Minutes of October 20, 2020, Executive Session Minutes of October 22, 2020, Tax Correction #1404, Treasurer's Report, Chairman's Signature on Minor Subdivision - Plat City View Subdivision; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Carried.

MINUTES

Commissioner Barton moved to approve the minutes of October 20, 2020 with changes; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried.

EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the emergency meeting minutes of October 22, 2020 with changes; seconded by Commissioner Barton. Carried.

EXPLANATION OF GRANT AMENDMENT

Public Health Director Lori Bickford was present and Public Health Regional Supervisor Melissa Ohnstad joined the meeting via telephone, to answer the Board's questions on the grant amendment presented at the last meeting. Director Bickford explained that this amendment was flat funding offered across the State as the other Counties were running low. Director Bickford added that the virus was now going into a vaccine stage and these funds could be used for this. Commissioner Ertman stated Director Bickford had advised the Board that the original grant would be used for contact tracing, low income covid testing and overtime for the employees in her office. Director Bickford explained that the \$23,650 would be used for nurses to come in and not for her employees. Commissioner Ertman let Director Bickford know that the Board had denied the voucher to Dr. Jording and requested an explanation from him as well as his signature on the voucher. Director Bickford had thought Dr. Jording had presented the Board with the requested information and will get into contact with him. Commissioner Ertman does not want to sign the amendment for the grant and feels there will be additional funds available if there is a need for vaccines. Supervisor Ohnstad is not aware of additional funds at the moment, but explained that this grant would be used to purchase equipment to store and transfer the vaccines. Commissioner Hunt asked Supervisor Ohnstad what her job description was and she explained to the Board that she was the

Public Health Regional Supervisor for the North East part of the State. Commissioner Hunt asked if the vaccines would be mandatory and Supervisor Ohnstad answered they would all be voluntary. Commissioner Ertman asked if there is nothing left in the Grant and the County spends money for vaccines, would the State reimburse the County. Supervisor Ohnstad stated the County would get reimbursed, this Grant was just giving the Counties money that expires by December 31st. Commissioner Barton moved to table the decision until the next meeting. Motion died due to lack of second. Commissioner Ertman asked Director Bickford if the hospital was taking COVID patients. Director Bickford would like the hospital to make a press release about that. Director Bickford let the Board know that the hospital can see patients with COVID, but nine times out of ten the patient has to go somewhere else because they need ICU care.

EXTENSION OFFICE – INTRODUCTION OF MANDY MARNEY/ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF EXTENSION

University Extension Educator Vicki Hayman introduced Associate Director of Extension Mandy Marney.

OLD BUSINESS

VARIANCES ON STATE ORDERS

Clerk Hadlock had sent out an e-mail to the Board letting them know that both County Health Officer Jording as well as State Health Officer Alexia Harrist had denied the Variances on all three orders. Commissioner Ertman would like to continue submitting variances to the State. Commissioner Ertman added that the Honor Camp has mandated masks since April and still had a huge outbreak. Because of this large outbreak Weston County was put into the red zone and Commissioner Ertman feels this is one of the reasons the Variances were denied. Commissioner Ertman would like to put the variances forth again and let the public know that the Board is trying to open back up.

NEW BUSINESS

SCHEDULE BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING FOR \$252,208 – CONSTRUCT TAXILANE B (PHASE 2); CONSTRUCT TAXILANE C AND REHABILITATE ACCESS ROAD

Commissioner Ertman moved for a Budget Hearing Adjustment for the Construct Taxilane B (phase 2); Construct Taxilane C and Rehabilitate Access Road on November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Carried.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY MEETING

Maintenance Foreman Steve Price let the Board know that he was approached about the elevator switch and was told it should have been completed a long time ago. Foreman Price reported that he had spoken with the Elevator Repairman and he would be to the Courthouse within the next week to get it fixed. Commissioner Ertman stated that there was a problem because when the bill comes for the elevator the Board has to figure out how to pay for it. Foreman Price was told by Lieutenant Dean Emmert that the Courthouse Security Grant would be used to pay for the elevator. Vice-Chairman Todd moved to go into Executive Session per W.S. 16-4-405(a)(x); seconded by Commissioner Barton. Carried. Executive Session began at 11:18 a.m.; regular meeting reconvened at 11:31 a.m. No action was taken. Lieutenant Emmert and Foreman Price joined the Board to discuss the elevator switch and who was paying for it. Commissioner Ertman let the Board know that the Board had been left in the dark regarding this. Lieutenant Emmert stated it was his understanding from the judges that it was coming out of the Courthouse Security money. Commissioner Ertman let Lieutenant Emmert know that there was a discussion a year ago that the judges can't be telling the Board what to do. Lieutenant Emmert explained that he had turned the elevator project over to Foreman Price and believed it was taken care

of. The Board explained to Lieutenant Emmert to keep the communication going and that the judges need to not be making decisions without coming before the Board first.

VOUCHER #67018

Commissioner Barton moved to approve Voucher #67018; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. During discussion the invoice could not be paid because it was not submitted for payment in the proper fiscal year. Ayes: Hunt, Barton. Nays: Wagoner, Ertman, Todd. Failed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VOUCHERS

066 NCPERS, financial admin, \$256.00, AFLAC, payroll ded, \$1,892.20, Blue Cross Blue Shield, financial admin, \$63,768.00, Delta Dental of WY, payroll ded, \$2,839.00, Great West Trust Co, payroll ded, \$1,690.00, New York Life, financial admin, \$471.28, VSP Vision Care, financial admin, \$571.31, WEBT, financial admin, \$183.25, WC Clerk, financial admin, \$46,016.09, WC Treasurer, financial admin, \$20.00, WY Child Support, payroll ded, \$1,250.00, WY Dept of Workforce Services, financial admin, \$2,089.42, WY Retirement System, financial admin, \$35,264.52, Gilbert Nelson, financial admin, \$541.40, WC Fairboard, fairgrounds, \$33,742.64, Timberline Services, cong-mit/rd mtrl, \$27,808.00, WY Earthmoving Corp, cong-mit/rd mtrl, \$25,494.78, A&H Truck Salvage, repair/maint, \$2,250.00, WY Secretary of State, misc, \$30.00, Ad Pro, supp, \$931.87, Advanced Drug Testing, misc, \$52.00, Air Solutions, repair/misc, \$475.00, Al Costello, maint/fuel, \$46.04, Alpha Communications, tower rent, \$55.00, AT&T Mobility, comm, \$1,122.08, BH Chemical & Janitorial, brd of prisoners, \$114.66, BH Energy, util, \$3,372.30, BH Plumbing, repair/maint, \$123.18, Blue 360 Media, attny exp, \$151.90, Bomgaars, repair/maint, \$44.37, Brittany Hamilton, ext serv exp, \$32.20, Byrand Streeter, contract wage/maint, \$2,948.79, Cambria Supply, repair/maint, \$93.02, Campbell Co Sheriff's Office, youth serv, \$75.00, Carmen Simon, p-hlth exp, \$10.64, Charm-Tex, inmate exp, \$254.70, City of Newcastle, dispatch/p-hlth/crths/r&b util, \$5,822.27, Control Solutions, p-hlth exp, \$58.00, Culligan Water Conditioning, misc, \$41.00, Day Law, spc attny, \$2,705.00, Deckers Market, supp, \$12.14, Defensive Edge Training & Consulting, sheriff school exp, \$1,000.00, Delane Haynes, sheriff equip, \$10.00, Denette J Price, mile/trvl, \$37.38, DRU Consulting, financial admin, \$2,166.18, Election Systems & Software, elctn supp, \$1,554.85, En-Tech, repair/maint, \$1,350.00, Fisher Sand & Gravel, gravel/rd mtrl, \$7,241.40, FOCUS, focus, \$956.25, Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, repair/maint/supp, \$198.95, Golden West Technologies, comp software, \$8,955.93, Grimms Pump & Industrial Supply, airport tank maint, \$989.32, Hometown Medical Clinic, p-hlth exp, \$700.00, Humphrey Law, spc attny, \$1,277.09, Inland Truck Parts, r&b repair/maint, \$269.97, JD Power, treas supp, \$240.00, Jodi Brooks, wic exp, \$7.86, KASL, p-hlth exp, \$1,104.00, Kyra L Evick, other emp, \$450.00, Lori Bickford, p-hlth exp, \$672.24, Lubnau Law Office, spc attny, \$482.30, Mallo Camp, mallo, \$1,250.00, Marina Renee McIlvain, coroner exp, \$275.00, MasterCard, sheriff/attny/elctn/hmlnd exp, \$530.80, Max Masters, gis land records, \$1,900.00, McKesson Medical-Surgical, p-hlth exp, \$264.67, MG Oil Company, oil/gas/lube, \$4,087.70, Minuteman Lube Center, maint/fuel, \$1,140.97, Motor Power Equipment, repair/maint, \$555.03, Newcastle Ambulance Service, ambulance, \$3,750.00, Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, chmbr, \$725.00, News Letter Journal, print/publ/supp, \$345.78, Occupational Research & Assessment, coroner exp, \$225.00, Office Ally, p-hlth exp, \$35.00, Osage Improvement & Service District, coroner exp, \$624.00, Plainsman, supp, \$921.05, Powder River Energy, p-hlth/hmlnd/r&b/ util, \$1,056.65, Quilters Quisine, p-hlth exp, \$500.00, R&S Northeast, p-hlth exp, \$14.68, Range, comm, \$2,502.66, Reserve Acct-Pitney Bowes, post/freight, \$1,750.00, Roadrunner Disposal Service, airport util, \$60.00, Rocky Mt Info Network, sheriff exp, \$50.00, Sanofi Pasteur, p-hlth exp, \$1,093.57, Sarah Thompson, elctn supp, \$18.94, Scott Brothers Inc, airport repair/maint, \$3,808.86, Servall Uniform/Linen Co, supp, \$68.03, Syn-Tech Systems,

r&b tank maint, \$42.00, Tammy Cleverdon, mile/trvl, \$37.38, Texas Refinery Corp, oil/gas/lube, \$1,960.50, Top Office Products, supp, \$1,482.71, Town of Upton, upton comm ctr/landfill, \$2,193.75, True North Steel, Imbr/clvrts, \$13,500.71, Tyler Technologies, misc, \$472.31, Upton Ambulance, ambulance, \$3,750.00, Upton Chamber of Commerce, upton chmbr, \$425.00, Upton Co-op Association, oil/gas/lube, \$17,712.77, Upton Senior Center, sr ctr, \$531.25, UW-Admin Business, ext service exp, \$5,130.00, Verizon Wireless, comm, \$206.73, Vicki Hayman, ext serv exp, \$87.40, Visionary Communications, attny exp, \$103.05, Voelkers Autobody, repair/maint, \$500.00, WC Sheriff's Search & Rescue, srch & rscue, \$189.16, West End Water District, util, \$60.00, WC 4-H Council, ext service exp, \$146.58, WC Gazette, print/pub, \$864.00, WC Humane Society, humane soc, \$637.50, WC Library, block alloc, \$25,889.56, WC Road & Bridge, maint/fuel, \$2,913.79, WC Sr Services, brd of prisoners/sr meals, \$6,630.50, Wheeler Lumber, r&b Imbr/clvrts/brdg, \$10,978.71, White's Queen City, maint/fuel, \$1,122.01, Wilder Graphic Design, sheriff maint, \$273.14, Woody's Food Center, brd of prisoners/r&b/ext supp, \$300.38, WY Automotive, repair/maint, \$184.77, WY Clerks of District Court, court fees, \$150.00, WY Dept of Health, p-hlth exp, \$112.50, WY Machinery Co, repair/maint, \$1,485.24, WY Network, financial admin, \$270.00, WY Public Health Division, p-hlth exp, \$42.00.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Ed Wagoner
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk