

**WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
February 2, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Weston County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairwoman Marty Ertman at 9:00 a.m. at the Weston County Courthouse. Commissioners Marty Ertman, Nathan Todd, Tony Barton and Don Taylor, Clerk Becky Hadlock and Deputy Attorney Michael Stulken were present. Vice-Chairman Todd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Clerk Hadlock requested to have Budget Amendment Hearing be added under New Business. Vice-Chairman Todd moved to approve the agenda with changes; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Todd requested to have the minutes from the January 19, 2021 meeting and the Executive Session Minutes of January 19, 2021 pulled. Commissioner Barton moved to approve the consent agenda, which included the vouchers, payroll, collections for January 2021, Tax Roll Corrections #1432-#1444, Chairman's Signature on Engagement Letter for Federal Audit, Chairman's Signature on WYO Service Pay App No. 1 & No. 2, Chairman's Signature on Reiman Corp. Pay App No. 3, Board's Signature on County Road Fund Eligibility Certificate Forms; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Carried.

MINUTES

Vice-Chairman Todd moved to approve the minutes of January 19, 2021; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

Commissioner Barton moved to approve the Executive Session Minutes of January 19, 2021 with changes; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

FOCUS

Stacie Hoxie, Executive Director of FOCUS, thanked the Board for allowing them to move offices which now gives them a direct entrance to outside. Director Hoxie gave the Board a report of clients that FOCUS has helped to serve in Weston County.

WYDOT – BRIDGE OVER BNSF RAILROAD

Chairwoman Ertman let the Board know that she would like to relocate the meeting at the bridge and asked if anyone would like to discuss anything before relocating the meeting. Chuck Farella, representative for the LAK-True Ranches, wanted the Board to know if they removed the bridge, it would be cutting off their main way to and from the Ranch. Dennis Stirmel, with BNSF, added that the BNSF Railroad uses the bridge daily and if the bridge is gone, there will be a large amount of heavy truck traffic on a road that is not rated for that. Craig Cummings stated that his wife owns Roadrunner Disposal and uses the bridge at least twice a day and having to go around would cost a lot of money and time. Jeff Shuck, landowner on both sides of the bridge, stated that he hauls water daily to his livestock and having to use an alternative route would be hard on his trucks. Homeland Security Coordinator Gilbert Nelson addressed the issue of losing egress to the subdivision located by the bridge. Coordinator Nelson stated that if the bridge is taken out and there is a train derailment, this could cause the issue of this subdivision not being able to evacuate. Commissioner Taylor asked Sheriff Colvard what his thoughts were about the bridge. Sheriff Colvard stated that Coordinator Nelson was 100% correct. Scott Taylor, District Engineer for WYDOT, spoke with the Board about the results of the survey that was taken

by the public with 75% in favor of replacing the bridge. Commissioner Taylor asked if the one million dollars for the project would come out of the Road & Bridge budget and Chairwoman Ertman let him know it would be able to come out of the County Road Construction and Maintenance account.

Meeting location was moved to the bridge at 10:42 a.m.

Meeting location was moved back to the Commissioners' room at 11:32 a.m.

Tracy Hunt was asked to let the Board know that Craig Deveraux comes into town to get his mail at Kelly Stith's house and uses the bridge to get there. Mr. Hunt let the Board know that if the bridge was removed, this would cause a huge inconvenience to Mr. Deveraux. Mr. Farella stated that TRUE has been a good neighbor by giving ground for the new dump, the old dump is on ground donated by them and they have donated top soil. Mr. Farella added that they would be willing to chip in money if it will help replace the bridge. Clyde Bayne stated that his wife had an appendix attack in the middle of the night and if the bridge was gone and the bridge on Highway 85 was out, his wife would have died with no way into town. Chairwoman Ertman let the Board know that Commissioner Wagoner would like to be called when it comes time to vote. Commissioner Wagoner would like to replace the bridge.

Commissioner Barton moved to reconsider the question from the last meeting and move forward with replacing the bridge; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

Engineer Taylor let the Board know that when they replace Hwy 85 South, they will contact the Road & Bridge department to see about being included on material so that they can fix Old Hwy 85.

BENT SPROCKETS – PUMP TRACK & BIKE PARK AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

Jeremy Dedic, with Bent Sprockets, came before the Board letting them know that his organization was not asking for money but would like the Board's permission to build a pump track & bike park. Mr. Dedic explained that right now there are three options for the pump track & bike park; one would be at the east gate at the Fairgrounds, the second is on City property next to the old landfill and the third is on the Spearfish pellet/Neimen property (they are still two weeks out hearing back on this).

Mr. Dedic explained that the club is also working with WYDOT to get a walking/running trail along Hwy 85 that will start at Pinnacle Bank and end at the Serenity Trail.

Commissioner Barton asked Mr. Dedic to present option #1 to the Fairgrounds as he felt this is the best option, however if they were to go with option #2 there might be grants available. Commissioner Taylor asked about the liability insurance and Mr. Dedic stated they would be getting the insurance. Vice-Chairman Todd asked about an exit plan. Mr. Dedic let the Board know that they would be putting down just dirt, so there would be nothing to be maintained. Commissioner Taylor wondered about the supervision and Mr. Dedic stated anyone can use the park so the supervision would be on their own.

Linda Hunt was present and let the Board know that this group has maintained the trails for ten years and has proven themselves. Ms. Hunt added that the spot at the Fairgrounds would be the center place for the kids to get to and an added activity for the Fairgrounds.

OLD BUSINESS

VARIANCES

Chairwoman Ertman stated that the State Health Officer would review the Variances and extend them when they needed to be.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

Deputy County Attorney Michael Stulken let the Board know that the Office of the State Public Defender's Office has hired a new Public Defender that will serve Weston County. The Board can either pay \$300 per month or provide office space when the Public Defender is doing business in Weston County. William Curley added that when he served as the County Public Defender he was provided with an office space. Deputy Attorney Stulken let the Board know that as long as the space has a place for a laptop and chair it will work. Commissioner Barton added that the Annex would not work as the Attorney and Public Defender should not be in the same building. Mr. Curley agreed with Commissioner Barton that there are cases that the Prosecutor and Defender should not be in the building at the same time. The Board agreed that they will find an office space for the Public Defender to use when he is in town and Clerk Hadlock will write a letter letting the State Public Defender's Office know of the Board's decision.

SCHEDULE BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING

Commissioner Barton moved to schedule a Budget Amendment Hearing to receive unanticipated revenue from grant funds in the amount of \$2,000 for the Survey & Record Weston County Small Rock Art Sites for Weston County Historical Preservation Board and to move funds from the Financial Admin Account 100.00.20.0099000.000 to the Ward-Involuntary Account 100.00.20.0095000.0000 in the amount of \$30,000; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Road & Bridge Superintendent Marty Habeck reported that someone hit the new guardrail on Painted Hills and he is getting a quote to have this fixed. Commissioner Barton asked if the new program is up and going and Superintendent Habeck let the Board know that Golden West has gotten Pub Works working and is finished getting it hooked into the server. Chairwoman Ertman let Superintendent Habeck know that the County Road Standards Committee has sent a letter stating the County Road Construction and Maintenance fund reporting received a yellow rating, so Road & Bridge needs to work on reporting better. Chairwoman Ertman said that Treasurer Susie Overman would be contacting Road and Bridge about this.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Curley asked the Board if they were still looking at forming a joint powers board with the City of Newcastle. The Board reported that they were still trying to figure it out.

VOUCHERS

066 NCPERS, financial admin, \$240.00, AFLAC, payroll ded, \$2,157.36, Blue Cross Blue Shield, financial admin, \$66,193.00, Circuit Court, payroll ded, \$671.06, Delta Dental of WY, payroll ded, \$2,949.00, Great West Trust Co, payroll ded, \$1,760.00, New York Life, financial admin, \$557.08, VSP of Wyoming, financial admin, \$613.92, WEBT, financial admin, \$188.90, WC Clerk, financial admin, \$47,714.80, WC Treasurer, financial admin, \$20.00, WY Child Support, payroll ded, \$1,250.00, WY Dept of Workforce Services, financial admin, \$1,205.69, WY Retirement System, financial admin, \$36,905.59, Reiman Corp, blk thndr brdg, \$184,612.50, WC Fairboard, block allocation, \$29,371.32, Ad-Pro, supp, \$880.41,

Advanced Communications, comm, \$120.00, Advanced Drug Testing, misc, \$52.00, Airgas USA, p-hlth exp, \$71.89, Airport Lighting Company, airport repair/maint, \$2,174.00, Alpha Communications, tower rent, \$55.00, American Solutions for Business, supp, \$55.67, AT&T Mobility, comm, \$1,190.51, BH Chemical & Janitorial, brd of prisoners, \$1,518.44, BH Energy, util, \$6,157.53, Bomgaars, repair/maint, \$63.30, Boom Concrete, Inc, r&b lmr/clarvts/brdg, \$544.00, Byrand Streeter, contract wages, \$1,332.09, Cambria Discount Drug, jail med, \$164.90, Cambria Supply, r&b repair/maint, \$174.74, Campbell County Commissioners, fin admin, \$842.25, Carmen Simon, supp reimb, \$49.96, Charm-Tex, inmate exp, \$261.90, City of Newcastle, util/dispatch/p-hlth exp, \$5,156.85, Culligan Water Conditioning, misc, \$30.00, Cureuv.com, brd of prisoners, \$24.99, Cynthia Crabtree, coroner misc, \$52.60, Day Law, spc attny, \$4,535.00, DBT Transportation Services, repair/maint, \$655.00, Deckers Market, supp, \$40.56, Denette J Price, mile/trvl, \$37.38, Double D, repair/maint, \$1,315.74, Eastern WY Equipment, repair/maint, \$22.50, Fastenal Company, repair/maint, \$281.81, Fisher Sand & Gravel, gravel/rd mtrl, \$11,397.64, Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, repair/maint/supp, \$269.88, Godfrey's Brake Service, r&b repair/maint, \$996.78, Golden West Technologies, software/comm, \$4,844.09, Great Western Tire, repair/maint, \$451.90, Hometown Medical Clinic, p-hlth exp, \$1,650.00, Humphrey Law, spc attny, \$530.50, Hurricane Services 21, repair/maint, supp, \$1,002.00, KASL, p-hlth exp, \$2,739.20, Kimberly Jenkins, mile/trvl, \$37.38, Kyra L Evick, other emp, \$450.00, Leo Riley & Co, fin admin, \$15,000.00, Lori Bickford, p-hlth exp, \$984.07, Mallo Camp, mallo camp, \$1,250.00, Marina Renee McIlvain, coroner exp, \$150.00, Mastercard, sheriff/treas exp, \$180.00, Max Masters, gis land records, \$1,900.00, Minuteman Lube Center, maint/fuel, \$102.07, Morrison Maierle Inc, seal coat/mark pvmnts/taxilane exp, \$14,008.00, Motor Power Equipment, repair/maint, \$1,754.23, Newcastle Ambulance Service, ambulance, \$5,981.21, Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, chmbr, \$725.00, Newcastle Motors, r&b maint, \$134.87, News Letter Journal, supp/print/publ, \$2,105.55, Office Ally, p-hlth exp, \$35.00, Osage Ambulance, ambulance, \$3,750.00, Osage Improvement & Service District, coroner exp, \$312.00, Plainsman, sheriff supp, \$329.87, Powder River Energy, util, \$1,499.35, Powder River Heating & AC, maj repair, \$848.78, Power Plan, repair/maint, \$238.59, Quilters Quisine, p-hlth exp, \$250.00, Range, comm, \$2,605.77, Reiman Corp, blk thndr brdg, \$26,316.00, Pitney Bowes, post/freight, \$3,500.00, Rick's Electric, p-hlth exp, \$574.40, Roadrunner Disposal Service, airport util, \$60.00, Rocky Mountain Propane, util, \$1,470.75, Servall Uniform Linen, supp, \$278.44, Stephens-Peck, supp, \$100.00, Texas Refinery, repair/maint, \$1,324.00, Thomas L Bennett, coroner exp, \$2,000.00, Tina Conklin, supp, \$67.60, Top Office Products, supp, \$1,715.67, Town of Upton, comm ctr/landfill, \$4,693.75, Tracker Software, r&b equip, \$8,500.00, Travelers, insc, \$540.00, Upton Chamber of Commerce, upton chmbr, \$425.00, Upton Co-op, oil/gas/lube, \$31,661.61, Upton Senior Center, sr ctr, \$531.25, Verizon Wireless, comm, \$232.10, Visionary Communications, attrny exp, \$103.05, Voelkers Autobody, r&b/sheriff maint/fuel, \$1,088.43, West End Water District, util, \$60.00, Weston County, repair, \$226.77, WC 4-H Council, ext service exp, \$165.72, WC Gazette, print/pub, \$1,528.00, WC Health Services, misc, \$37,988.23, WC Hospital Dist, prvntn mngmnt, \$16,626.37, WC Humane Society, humane soc, \$637.50, WC Pharmacy, law enf exp, \$8.95, WC Road & Bridge, maint/fuel/trvl, \$2,255.59, WC Sheriff's Office, supp/post/freight, \$79.90, WC Sr Services, brd of prisoners/sr meal, \$7,268.50, WC True Value, repair/maint, \$71.92, Weston Engineering, engineer srvc, \$8,242.00, Wheeler Lumber, r&b lmr/clarvts/brdg, \$10,952.64, Woody's Food Center, supp, \$393.09, WY Dept of Health, p-hlth mile/trvl, \$112.50, WY Dept of Transportation, airport exp, \$4,776.00, WY Law Enforcement Academy, jailor school, \$25.00, WY Machinery, repair/maint, \$10,261.76, WY Network, financial admin, \$270.00, WY Public Health Division, p-hlth exp, \$70.00, WY Taxpayers Assoc, financial admin, \$195.00, WYO Services, rd constr, \$25,554.70, Y2 Consultants, financial admin, \$8,315.90, Net Payroll, \$164,723.65.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Marty Ertman
Chairwoman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk