

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
March 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, Ed Wagoner, Tony Barton and Don Taylor, Clerk Becky Hadlock and Deputy Attorney Michael Stulken were present. Commissioner Barton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Wagoner moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Barton. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Wagoner asked to pull voucher #67602 – Osage Ambulance Service for discussion. Commissioner Wagoner stated that because the Osage Ambulance Service and the Upton Ambulance Service is not running, the Board needs to make sure the funds are not misused and would like them to submit their finance reports. Commissioner Barton suggested inviting them to a meeting and letting the Ambulance Services know that the Board may transfer funds to the Hospital Board. Commissioner Barton would like Clerk Hadlock to invite both ambulances to the next meeting and Commissioner Taylor would like to invite all three ambulances and bring their finance reports to the meeting.

Commissioner Barton moved to approve the consent agenda, which included the vouchers, payroll, AP vouchers, collections for February 2021, Treasurer's Reports, Chairman's Signature on Reiman Corp. Pay App No. 4, Board's Signature on County Road Fund Eligibility Certificate Forms, and Chairman's Signature on Weston County Management Representation Letter; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

Commissioner Barton moved to approve the Chairman's Signature on the Joint Powers Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners, City of Newcastle & Town of Upton with "The Board will prove the governing bodies with reports detailing its activities and expenditures on a quarterly basis." Highlighted; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING

At 10:00 a.m., a budget amendment hearing was opened to receive unanticipated revenue from the Community Relief Program funds in the amount of \$153,422.91. Chairwoman Ertman asked for public comment three times. Chairwoman Ertman asked for comments from the Board. Hearing none, Chairwoman Ertman closed the budget amendment hearing. Commissioner Wagoner moved to approve the Budget Amendment; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Carried.

CRIP

Scott Taylor, District Engineer for WYDOT, presented the Board with the possibility to apply for the Commission Road Improvement Program (CRIP), which has an 85/15 local funding match. Engineer Taylor explained that this program is a road mileage exchange that allows the County to trade roads mile for mile with the State. Engineer Taylor explained that with this program the State could rebuild the paved portion of Old Hwy 85 in exchange for the State's five miles of Hwy 451 or one mile of Old Hwy 16. Chairwoman Ertman asked Road and Bridge Superintendent Marty Habeck what his thoughts were on this. Superintendent Habeck would like to see the pavement replaced to Greenhouse Road and then gravel for the rest. Commissioner Barton's thoughts were to go with the five miles of Hwy 451 instead of

the one mile of Old Hwy 16 due to the fact that the Board would be obligated to leave Old Hwy 16 as pavement because of the huge dust problem. Commissioner Barton asked Supervisor Habeck if he felt this was a good use of funds and Supervisor Habeck stated it was a good opportunity. Commissioner Wagoner moved for the Board to write a letter to District Engineer Scott Taylor to move forward with the CRIP for 2024-2026 for Weston County Road #1 - Old Hwy 85, pavement to Green House Road and gravel from Green House Road across the bridge to South Hwy 85; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Road & Bridge Superintendent Marty Habeck stated he had nothing to report to the Board. Commissioner Taylor commented that the Road and Bridge Department was doing a good job on Breakneck. Commissioner Taylor added the snow is not completely being taken off of the road and it is getting icy and asked if they could sand it. Superintendent Habeck let Commissioner Taylor know that a blade can only do so much.

County Attorney Alex Berger joined the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Commissioner Barton asked Superintendent Habeck about their new software. Superintendent Habeck reported that it was up and running but they were still trying to work out the kinks. Chairwoman Ertman would like Superintendent Habeck to start looking into the future as the Board is going to start seeing sinking funds. Chairwoman Ertman suggested a road list, equipment list and project eligibilities to bring to the Board. Superintendent Habeck let the Board know that the Black Thunder Bridge turned out great. Alan Slagle, a member of the public, stated that the contractor put all of the rock in the bottom and not on the slope and narrowed the bridge. Mr. Slagle feels that there is nothing on the dirt to keep it from washing away. Superintendent Habeck stated that the seeding will help.

RESOLUTION APPROVING WYOMING DOWNS, LLC TO CONDUCT PARI MUTUEL WAGERING ON HISTORIC HORSE RACING, AND SIMULCAST EVENTS WITHIN WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

Jill Jarrard with Wyoming Downs visited with the Board about approving a resolution to allow gaming in Weston County. Ms. Jarrard let the Board know that in order to have the gaming machines, 14 off-track betting races have to be held per year. Commissioner Taylor asked how it was determined who would get a machine and Ms. Jarrard stated anyone could get one. Vice-Chairman Todd stated it appeared they would have to come before the Board. Commissioner Taylor asked how the machines were regulated. Ms. Jarrard stated the individual had to be 21 years or older to use them. Commissioner Barton asked Attorney Berger his thoughts. Attorney Berger did not see an issue with the Resolution. Ms. Jarrard let the Board know that this is a large tax generator, in 2020 there was 4.2 million dollars given back to the city and counties. Vice-Chairman Todd asked if the gaming education would be up to the bar owner and Ms. Jarrard stated that Wyoming Downs pays for all of the education. Commissioner Barton wondered if the Resolution will apply for bars only in the County and Chairwoman Ertman stated it would be inclusive. Attorney Berger stated the County Commissioners hold the power for the County. Commissioners Barton and Wagoner are in support of the Resolution but feel the Board would need to let the City of Newcastle and Town of Upton know. Vice-Chairman would like to look at the other version of the Resolution. Vice-Chairman Todd moved to table the Resolution until the next meeting; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. During discussion Commissioner Barton would like to cross out existing and truck stops. Carried.

FLOWERING FINGERS GARDEN CLUB

Linda Hunt wanted to make sure it would be ok for the Flower Fingers Garden Club to plant trees at the Fairgrounds. Ms. Hunt stated they have a 60/40 grant with the Natural Resource District for 6 trees, so they are not asking for funds. Commissioner Barton wanted to make sure they let the Fair Board know as well. Ms. Hunt stated they were already on the Fair Board's agenda. The Commissioner's told Ms. Hunt to go for it.

OLD BUSINESS

CITY ROAD

Chairwoman Ertman reported to the Board that she had found a Quit Claim Deed to the County from the State. This portion was annexed into the City but allowed to stay at the County level so it could not be shut down. Chairwoman Ertman visited with former Road & Bridge Superintendent Rick Williams and it has never been maintained.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNEX BUILDING

It was reported to Attorney Berger that perhaps the Board would like to have someone else be in charge of the Annex. Attorney Berger let the Board know that he gets calls after hours, manages the budget of the Annex and feels he does a good job but would gladly give it up if that is what the Board would like.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alan Slagle is against approving the Resolution for Wyoming Downs. Mr. Slagle feels it is a gateway to bringing casinos into Wyoming and asked the Board to vote no.

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, \$569.54, Delta Dental of WY, payroll ded, \$2,949.00, Great-West Trust Co, payroll ded, \$2,060.00, New York Life, financial admin, \$577.59, VSP of Wyoming, financial admin, \$613.92, WEBT, financial admin, \$193.90, WC Clerk, financial admin, \$47,434.50, WC Treasurer, financial admin, \$20.00, WY Child Support, payroll ded, \$1,250.00, WY Dept of Workforce Services, financial admin, \$2,180.08, WY Retirement System, financial admin, \$36,791.39, WC Library, block allocation, \$25,889.56, FOCUS, emrg relief (comm relief), \$5,701.61, Helping Hands Foundation of WC, emrg relief (comm relief), \$8,901.00, Newcastle Babe Ruth Baseball, emrg relief (comm relief), \$20,000.00, 21 Electric, repair/maint, \$991.60, Ad-Pro, supp, \$304.20, Alpha Communications, tower rent, \$55.00, Antlers, p-hlth crisis relief, \$59.70, API Systems Integrators, maj repairs, \$282.00, Architectural Specialties, repair/maint, \$755.09, AT&T Mobility, comm, \$1,523.83, Axis Forensic, coroner exp, \$659.00, BH Chemical & Janitorial, brd of prisoners, \$468.77, BH Energy, util, \$5,888.18, BH Plumbing, repair/maint, \$1,649.76, Bomgaars, repair/maint, \$127.47, Bridgestone Americas, repair/maint, \$1,115.00, Brittany Hamilton, mile/trvl, \$215.04, Brownwells, law enf exp, \$664.31, Byrand Streeter, contract wages, \$1,332.08, Cambria Discount Drug, jail med, \$289.33, Cambria Supply, repair/maint, \$15.75, Campbell Co Memorial Hospital, ward-involuntary, \$7,038.15, Carmen Simon, p-hlth crisis relief, \$7.60, Childrens Home Society, sheriff exp, \$150.00, Christia Ault, ext exp, \$86.24, City of Newcastle, util/dispatch/p-hlth exp, \$5,204.39, Clinical Lab of BH, coroner exp, \$2,091.00, Clinton Whitney, annex misc, \$30.50, Control Solutions, p-hlth crisis relief, \$160.00, County Clerks Assoc of WY, mile/trvl/convention, \$300.00, Creative Product Source, hmlnd sec exp, \$161.52, Culligan Water

Conditioning, misc, \$6.50, Cynthia Crabtree, coroner misc, \$7.70, Day Law, spc attny, \$3,220.00, Deckers Market, supp, \$78.86, Delane Haynes, law enf exp, \$480.54, Double D, repair/maint, \$765.29, DRU Consulting, financial admin, \$875.00, Eastern WY Equipment, repair/maint, \$398.76, Fastenal Company, repair/maint, \$43.28, Fisher Sand & Gravel, gravel/rd mtrl, \$39,461.45, Freds Welding Service, repair/maint, \$258.03, Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, repair/maint/supp, \$361.39, Gillette Steel Center, repair/maint, \$500.00, Glock Professional Inc, sheriff exp, \$250.00, Godfrey's Brake Service, repair/maint, \$125.51, Golden West Technologies, software/comm, \$4,877.99, Grimms Pump & Industrial Supply, repair/maint, \$1,036.91, Hansen Equipment Co, repair/maint, \$8.75, Humphrey Law, spc attny, \$1,783.81, Hurricane Services 21, repair/maint/supp, \$1,791.00, Inland Truck Parts, repair/maint, \$1,359.83, KASL, p-hlth crisis relief, \$2,732.40, Kimberly Jenkins, mile/trvl, \$36.40, Kyra L Evick, other emp, \$450.00, Leads Online, sheriff exp, \$1,826.00, Local Govt Liability Pool, misc insc, \$22,292.00, Lori Bickford, p-hlth exp, \$797.69, Marina Renee Mcllvain, coroner exp, \$100.00, Mastercard, sheriff/crthse exp/softwr lic, \$1,175.54, Max Masters, gis land records, \$1,900.00, Minuteman Lube Center, maint/fuel, \$913.97, Modern Marketing, hmlnd sec exp, \$430.14, Monument Health, coroner exp, \$461.00, Motor Power Equipment, repair/maint, \$224.95, Natrona County Legal Dept, ward-involuntary, \$1,405.00, News Letter Journal, supp/print/publ, \$3,877.68, Occupational Research & Assessment, coroner exp, \$225.00, Osage Ambulance, ambulance, \$3,750.00, Osage Improvement & Service District, coroner exp, \$312.00, Plainsman, supp, \$21.82, Powder River Energy, util, \$1,883.13, Power Plan, repair/maint, \$151.18, RANGE, comm, \$2,590.57, Reiman Corp, blk thndr brdg, \$148,219.99, Ringer Law, spc attny, \$6,587.50, Roadrunner Disposal Service, arprt util, \$60.00, Self Storage, elctn misc, \$375.00, Servall Uniform Linen, supp, \$174.93, System ID Barcode Solutions, elctn supp, \$90.50, Tammy Cleverdon, mile/trvl, \$36.40, Thomas L Bennett, coroner exp, \$2,250.00, Tina Conklin, supp, \$387.17, Top Office Products, supp, \$686.36, Uber Geek Computers, sheriff exp, \$320.00, Upton Co-op, oil/gas/lube, \$20,069.33, USA Judo Inc, law enf exp, \$500.00, Verizon Wireless, comm, \$232.23, Visionary Communications, attny exp, \$103.05, Voelkers Autobody, veh maint, \$120.00, West End Water District, util, \$60.00, WC Childrens Center, child ctr, \$3,187.50, WC 4-H Council, ext service supp, \$646.08, WC Gazette, print/pub, \$914.25, WC Health Services, misc, \$1,275.00, WC Hospital Dist, prvntn mngmnt, \$4,743.01, WC Library, block allocation, \$25,889.56, WC Natural Resource Dist, nat res, \$1,168.75, WC Road & Bridge, maint/fuel/trvl, \$2,753.64, WC Sr Services, brd of prisoners, \$994.00, Weston Engineering, blk thndr brdg, \$5,483.50, Woody's Food Center, supp, \$279.93, Words Window Washing, repair/maint, \$55.00, WY Dept of Health, p-hlth mile/trvl/state reimb, \$17,019.63, WY Machinery, repair/maint, \$1,200.00, WY Network, financial admin, \$270.00, WY Public Health Div-Comm Hlth, p-hlth exp, \$157,320.02, WY Public Health Div, p-hlth exp, \$28.00, WY Sheriff's Assoc, sheriff mile/trvl/pub/yth serv, \$687.00, Net Payroll, \$163,306.99.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Marty Ertman
Chairwoman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk