

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
May 18, 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, Deputy Attorney Michael Stulken and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Commissioner Wagoner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Barton asked to add Maintenance Foreman under Old Business and Budget Process under New Business, Chairwoman Ertman asked to add Executive Session, possible litigation under New Business. Vice-Chairman Todd moved to approve the agenda with changes; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Barton moved to pull the Contract between Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division and Weston County and Amendment One to the Memorandum of Understanding between Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division and Weston County for review. Commissioner Barton moved to approve the consent agenda, which included the Minutes of May 4, 2021, Executive Session Minutes of May 4, 2021, Chairman's Signature on Agreement Between Weston County & Linea Sundstrom, Day Star Research, Catering Permit for Cambria Inn Inc./dba: Flying V on 6/26/2021 & 7/2/2021, 24 Hour Permit for Cap 'N' Bottle: 6/5/2021, Chairman's Signature on Cooperative Agreement Between The Wyoming Department of Transportation and Weston County Commissioners; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

FAIRGROUNDS – BUDGET AMENDMENT

Fairgrounds Manager Kara Fladstol reported that the Fair Board received a SLIB Grant in the amount of \$8,859 and they will need to have a budget amendment hearing. Chairwoman Ertman asked if she had filed the grant with the Clerk and Treasurer. Ms. Fladstol stated she had not. Commissioner Wagoner stated that due to State and Federal audits, if this is not ran through the Clerk and Treasurer, the County could be fined. Chairwoman Ertman reminded Ms. Fladstol that it is State Statute that she have her budget into the Board by May 1st every year. Commissioner Barton moved to schedule a Budget Amendment Hearing to receive unanticipated revenue from the SLIB grant in the amount of \$8,859 for Weston County Fair Board; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

Ms. Fladstol also let the Board know that the repairs have been made to the building that the stolen vehicle went through. When Ms. Fladstol contacted the insurance company, they explained the payments have went directly to the County. The Board would like the bills to be paid directly through the Clerk's Office.

CORONER RECORDS

Dave Larson, Upton Police Office, let the Board know that he is currently working on a case from eleven years ago. Officer Larson stated the Coroner records have been kept by the previous Coroners and he would like the Board to help him to try and get the records all in one place. Deputy Attorney Stulken stated it didn't make any sense and his office would try to reach out to the previous coroners to try to

help gather the records. County Coroner Cindy Crabtree too would like to see all of the records in one place. Deputy Attorney Stulken added that these are public records.

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONTRACTS

The Board will open up the County Public Health Officer job as soon as the new law is passed and for now will continue to have Alexia Harrist as the County Public Health Officer. Commissioner Taylor moved to table the Contract between Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division and Weston County until the June 1, 2021 meeting; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Carried.

Commissioner Barton moved to table the MOU and ask Public Health Director Lori Bickford to come to the next meeting and explain it and have Deputy Attorney Michael Stulken review it; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Barton reported that he had made a few changes to the RFP that Clerk Hadlock had created. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to table the Law Enforcement Ramp/Stairs – RFP, until the June 1, 2021 meeting, so that Deputy Attorney Stulken has time to review it; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

MAINTENANCE FOREMAN

Commissioner Barton asked Clerk Hadlock for an update on the Maintenance Foreman job opening. Clerk Hadlock let the Board know that the job opening will run in both papers starting May 20, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Barton stated that the Budget Process is a struggle every year due to the fact that they are waiting on the Revenue until the last minute. Commissioner Barton suggested doing an average of the last three years rather than asking the Departments to do a major cut and then at the last hour there be a massive swing in funds.

TREASURER

Treasurer Susie Overman and Assistant Deputy Treasurer Kim Jenkins came before the Board with concerns about SF60. Treasurer Overman explained about the loss of funds to the County with this bill. Deputy Attorney Stulken will look more into the details about collecting these funds and get back to the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairwoman Ertman moved to go into Executive Session per W.S. 16-4-405(a)(iii); seconded by Commissioner Barton. Carried. Executive Session began at 10:36 a.m.; regular meeting reconvened at 10:52 a.m. Matters concerning litigation were discussed in Executive Session; no action was taken.

DISPATCH

Commissioner Barton discussed either the Sheriff's Department or a Joint Powers' Board taking over Dispatch. Commissioner Wagoner stated the County and City would each have two members and everyone else would have one. Commissioner Taylor added that the problem with the Sheriff doing it, they'd be in the same boat they're in now. Vice-Chairman Todd stated he has heard horror stories about Joint Power Boards and would rather look into a special tax and feels this is the most fair way to handle it. Commissioner Barton made a motion that the Board offers to pay their portion of the CAD system and consoles, based on the unincorporated County's population, with the understanding that all parties

work towards a Joint Powers' Board or turning dispatch over to the Sheriff or County; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. During discussion, the Board agreed if they want the price based off of call volume instead of population, the decision could be made by the Chairwoman. Ayes: Ertman, Todd, Wagoner, Barton. Nays: Taylor. Carried.

Vice-Chairman Todd moved to cover the Town of Upton's portion of the CAD system and consoles; seconded by Commissioner Barton. During discussion, Vice-Chairman Todd stated the Town Council would be miffed receiving a bill regardless of who it comes from. Chairwoman Ertman added that they were having a meeting and the amount that the City of Newcastle was asking them to come up with would wipe out their savings. Chairwoman Ertman stated that this is why the Board is going to do what they are going to do. Vice-Chairman Todd stated that the misappropriated funds over the last ten years needs to be brought up. Chairwoman Ertman added that they did try.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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

Marty Ertman
Chairwoman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk