

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
June 15, 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. Clerk Hadlock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairwoman Ertman asked to add a voucher from Rick's Electric under Old Business. Commissioner Barton moved to approve the agenda with changes; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Barton moved to approve the consent agenda, which included the Minutes of June 1, 2021, 24 Hour Permit for Rocking Cowboy Cuisine, LLC: 6/19/2021, Resolution 2021-5 – Amendment to the 2020-2021 Budget, Resolution 2021-6 – Open Burning Restrictions; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Carried.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

Commissioner Wagoner and Treasurer Susie Overman explained to the Board that the County has applied for and received the first half of the American Rescue Plan funds in the amount of \$672,744.50. Chairwoman Ertman would like to hold off hiring an administrator until the Legislation can figure everything out. Commissioner Taylor asked if this could be put into an interest bearing account. Commissioner Wagoner stated that Wyoming County Commissioners Association Executive Director Jerimiah Rieman said that the funds could be put into this type of account and suggests to not be in a hurry to spend it. Commissioner Barton asked where these funds came from and Commissioner Wagoner stated it was given to the State and then given to the County. The Board would like to see what the WCCA figures out and see if they have some type of guideline to follow.

OLD HWY 85 PETITION

Randy Warburton came before the Board asking the Commissioners to keep Old Hwy 85 paved, from Greenhouse Road to the railroad bridge. Mr. Warburton stated he had a petition signed by seventeen citizens that lived along Old Hwy 85 that would like to keep the pavement. Chairwoman Ertman let Mr. Warburton know that the Board appreciated him coming in and right now the road was just in the discussion phase.

BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING

At 10:00 a.m., a budget amendment hearing was opened to move funds from the Public Health Family Planning State Grant account 122.04.18.0076000.000 to the Public Health Family Planning account 100.00.18.0087000.0000 in the amount of \$17,174.25. 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 Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

VOUCHER – RICK'S ELECTRIC – YOUTH EXHIBIT HALL

The Board would like this voucher to be put through with the other vouchers and Clerk Hadlock will visit with the insurance adjuster to see what is left to be paid.

NEW BUSINESS

MOWING OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Commissioner Taylor stated he was contacted by Linda Hunt about the property south of the Public Health Building about who is responsible for mowing it. Chairwoman Ertman stated it is used for Fairgrounds type activity and so it would be the Fairgrounds' responsibility. Commissioner Wagoner agreed that the Fairgrounds uses the property and should maintain it. Commissioner Taylor made a motion for the Board to write a formal letter to the Fair Board on whose responsibility it is to maintain the property and if they don't have equipment, to reach out to Road & Bridge; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

VEHICLE FOR MALLO

Mallo Board member John Prell came before the Board to let them know that the vehicle at Mallo is needing replaced. Mr. Prell stated that in the past they have always had a vehicle handed down from the Sheriff's Department and wondered if there was one available. Clerk Hadlock will see if there is one and get back to the Mallo Board.

REASSIGNING ACCOUNTS ON VOUCHERS

Public Health Director Lori Bickford came before the Board asking to adjust accounts on vouchers after they have been submitted. Chairwoman Ertman explained to Director Bickford that once a voucher comes before the Board of Commissioners and is presented to the public it cannot be changed. Commissioner Wagoner stated this would be back-dating and will cause problems with the Auditors. Director Bickford stated that there was one voucher that would need to be changed as a grant would not pay for an item that was purchased.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Barton moved to go into Executive Session per W.S. 16-4-405(a)(ii); seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried. Executive Session began at 10:36 a.m.; regular meeting reconvened at 10:46 a.m. Matters concerning the Maintenance Foreman Job were discussed in Executive Session; no action was taken.

COWBOY SKILLS GAMES

Mick Shober, Leslie George and Guy Cameron came before the Board to discuss Cowboy Skill Games.

BUDGET

The Board discussed the 2021-2022 County Budget. Commissioner Taylor moved to schedule a Special Budget Meeting for 9:00 a.m. on June 23rd; seconded by Commissioner Barton. Carried. Vice-Chairman Todd moved to hold a Final Budget Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on July 5th; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Marty Ertman
Chairwoman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk