

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
September 7, 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, Ed Wagoner, Tony Barton, and Don Taylor, Clerk Becky Hadlock and Attorney Michael Stulken were present. Clerk Hadlock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairwoman Ertman asked to say a couple of words for a couple of people. Chairwoman Ertman gave recognition to Lori Bickford for all of her years of service not only in the military, but as the Public Health Director. She did her job with due diligence and fidelity. The other person Chairwoman Ertman wanted to recognize was John Strong. "There are heroes that walk among us and he definitely was one and Weston County was benefit to an amount we will never understand, we will never realize, we will never comprehend what that man did for us. So heaven gained an angel, we lost a hero, but may other people step up and try to fill the shoes that he left vacant," added Chairwoman Ertman.

Chairwoman Ertman stated the next thing to recognize was to state something that was put in the *News Letter Journal*; that we did not put a notice of our Special Meeting and we did.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Wagoner moved to approve the consent agenda, which included the vouchers, payroll, AP vouchers, collections for August 2021, Minutes of August 17, 2021, Executive Session Minutes of August 17, 2021, Executive Session Minutes of August 17, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2021, Executive Session Minutes of August 19, 2021, Treasurer's Report, Chairman's Signature on Exhibit A – Task Order No. 2 for Master Agreement between Mondell Field Airport & Morrison-Maierle, Inc., Chairman's Signature on Reimbursement Request Form for GLC & Final Report – Weston County Small Rock Art; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

BID OPENING – RFP ENGINEERING SERVICES

The bid opening for the RFP Engineering Services for the bridge removal and culvert installation project on Weston County Dewey Road #2 was done. There was only one bid, Inberg-Miller Engineers. Commissioner Barton questioned how much of the project could be spent on engineering. Commissioner Barton moved to award Inberg-Miller Engineers for Dewey Road #2 Bridge Removal; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. During discussion Chairwoman Ertman told Road & Bridge Superintendent Marty Habeck to have all of the proper documents filled out ahead of time. County Attorney Michael Stulken looked into Commissioner Barton's question and stated the Board was ok to proceed. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

SIGNS

Superintendent Habeck stated County Road signs are special order signs and they can't be done with the State Program and he is still waiting to hear back from the State. Commissioner Barton asked if there were sign companies in Wyoming and Superintendent Habeck stated there was not. Commissioner

Taylor asked to refresh his memory if we were just getting pricing or were we ordering them too. Chairwoman Ertman stated we were ordering them too. Superintendent Habeck asked if the Board would like to put signs on the non-maintained County Roads. Commissioner Barton stated we should put signs on the non-maintained County Roads for emergency purposes but put no maintenance on them. Chairwoman Ertman asked Superintendent Habeck to get a list of these roads to the Board. Superintendent Habeck handed the Board a Road and Bridge report.

NEW BUSINESS

E-MAIL

Commissioner Barton read an e-mail from Crook County Commissioner Jeanne Whalen pertaining to all outdoor recreation activities and the money available for citizens and groups that do outdoor activities. This will be added to the next agenda.

REDISTRICTING

Allen Slagle updated the Board about the redistricting and reported that Senator Ogden Driskill and Representative Hans Hunt would be making contact about this next week. This will be added to the next agenda.

30 X 30 LAND GRAB

Brian Birkley came before the Board to discuss the 30 X 30 Land Grab that President Biden put in after he was elected. Mr. Birkley feels there are things that can be done and would like support from the County. Mr. Slagle presented the Board with a resolution but indicated there were some highlighted sections that were not complete, but he hoped to have it completed by the next meeting. Chairwoman Ertman let Mr. Slagle know that the information he was needing could be found in the County's Land Use Plan. Clerk Hadlock let Susan Love know that she could get her a copy of the Land Use Plan. Commissioner Wagoner stated that if they were to restrict hunting it would kill us. Mr. Slagle stated they make everything so vague. Chairwoman Ertman added that the Federal Government is to come to the County and let us know what they are doing. Mr. Birkley stated that they have since changed the name to Conserving and Restoring America the Beautiful and updated the content. Clerk Hadlock took a copy and will provide this to the Board. This will be added under New Business for the next agenda. Ms. Love wanted to add to the restriction on hunting; if we weren't allowed to put out fires, we would be in a world of hurt.

BARTON ROAD

No one was present for the Barton Road discussion, but Superintendent Habeck stated he has not been able to do the study as T² is behind, so he may have to do the study next year.

ROAD & BRIDGE SUPERVISOR – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Wagoner moved to go into Executive Session per W.S. 16-4-405(a)(ii); seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried. Executive Session began at 11:15 a.m.; regular meeting reconvened at 11:38 a.m. Matters concerning the Road & Bridge Supervisor were discussed in Executive Session; no action was taken.

CAD SYSTEM – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Barton moved to go into Executive Session per W.S. 16-4-405(a)(iii); seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. During discussion Commissioner Barton invited Upton Town Council to go into Executive Session and stated the Town of Upton Clerk would be allowed to join when she arrived.

Executive Session began at 11:41 a.m.; regular meeting reconvened at 12:50 p.m. Matters concerning litigation were discussed in Executive Session; no action was taken.

Commissioner Barton moved to authorize Deputy Attorney Stone to draft a letter to the City of Newcastle; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. After much discussion on how to word the motion, Commissioner Barton rescinded his motion.

Commissioner Barton moved to provide 180 days written notice to the City of Newcastle, we are terminating our existing expired Dispatch and Law Enforcement Agreement; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Commissioner Barton's intention is to let the City of Newcastle that we are wanting to renegotiate the contract because it is not working. Carried.

Commissioner Barton moved to authorize Deputy Attorney Stone to write a letter inviting City of Newcastle, Town of Upton, Fire Department, etc. to form a Joint Powers Board in lieu of a new Dispatch and Law Enforcement Rental Agreement; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VOUCHERS

066 NCPERS, financial admin, \$208.00, AFLAC, payroll ded, \$1,790.75, Blue Cross Blue Shield, financial admin, \$69,503.00, Delta Dental of WY, payroll ded, \$2,993.00, Great-West Trust Co, payroll ded, \$1,830.00, New York Life, financial admin, \$512.59, VSP of Wyoming, financial admin, \$582.60, WEBT, financial admin, \$187.30, WC Clerk, financial admin, \$44,291.53, WC Treasurer, financial admin, \$20.00, WY Child Support, payroll ded, \$1,250.00, WY Dept of Workforce Services, financial admin, \$2,219.02, WY Retirement System, \$34,107.69, Reiman Corp, blk thndr brdg, \$36,174.45, ACED Embroidery, hmlnd sec exp, \$94.00, Ad-Pro, crthse supp, \$1,096.09, Advanced Drug Testing, r&b exp, \$26.00, Airgas USA, LLC, covid-19 vaccine/campaign, \$33.71, Alpha Communications, tower rent, \$55.00, Architectural Specialties, LLC, bldg & grnds maj repair, \$36,045.38, Arrow Service, r&b repair/maint, \$4,350.00, Ashten Marchant, attny office exp, \$120.64, AT&T Mobility, comm, \$1,639.81, BAM Document Destruction & Recycling, misc exp, \$803.70, BH Energy, util, \$6,879.12, BH Plumbing, repair/maint, \$229.63, Blue 360 Media, attny exp, \$165.75, Blue Dog Cleaning, other emp, \$640.00, Bomgaars, supp, \$334.33, Brittany Hamilton, trvl, \$151.20, Byrand Streeter, contract wages, \$1,332.11, Cambria Supply, repair/maint, \$147.25, Campbell Co Commissioners, financial admin, \$575.01, Campbell Co Memorial Hospital, ward-invol, \$8,162.30, Catherine Emmert, other emp, \$392.00, CWCSWD, cwcswd, \$1,875.00, City of Newcastle, util, \$6,604.33, Civil Air Patrol Magazine, shrf pub rel, \$395.00, Communication Technologies, hmlnd sec exp, \$833.00, Culligan Water Conditioning, annx/r&b supp, \$21.50, Decker's Market, supp, \$189.36, Double D, repair/maint, \$2,730.09, Eastern WY Equipment Co, repair/maint, \$21.81, FOCUS, focus, \$956.25, Frontier Home, Ranch & Hardware, repair/maint, \$429.83, Gillette Steel Center, r&b repair/maint, \$338.00, Golden West Technologies, software/comm, \$3,931.50, Grossenburg Implement, r&b repair/maint, \$83.00, Hotline Farm Equipment, assr supp, \$160.00, Humphrey Law LLC, dist crt spec attny, \$1,431.58, Inland Truck Parts, r&b repair/maint, \$529.10, Jeani Stone, attny office exp, \$110.39, Jodi Brooks, WIC spec proj, \$58.50, Jon Hugh Moss PHD, law enf pre empl, \$700.00, KASL, covid-19 vaccine/campaign, \$512.00, KC's Lawn Service, crthse janitor supp, \$1,450.00, Kimberly Jenkins, mile/trvl, \$36.40, Kregel Towing & Recovery, shrf exp, \$271.00, Lexis Nexis-Matthew Bender, law library, \$225.31, Liberty Law Offices PC, dist crt spec attny, \$1,433.66, Linea Sundstrom, hist

preservation, \$2,000.00, Lori Bickford, p-hlth reimb, \$282.28, Lubnau Law Office, PC, dist crt spec attny, \$745.04, Mallo Camp, mallo, \$1,250.00, MARCO, Inc, annx comp exp, \$298.04, Mastercard, gen exp, \$264.97, Max Masters, gis land records, \$1,900.00, Meridian Mortuary, financial admin, \$1,500.00, Michelle Sweet, mile/trvl, \$50.04, Minuteman Lube Center, shrf veh maint/fuel, \$82.99, Newcastle Motors, veh maint/fuel, \$718.99, News Letter Journal, print/publ/supp, \$7,106.18, Office Ally, covid-19 vaccine/campaign, \$35.00, Osage Improvement & Service District, coroner rent, \$312.00, Pathfinder Firearms, law enf equip, \$1,445.00, Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services LLC, crthse postage, \$650.07, Plainsman, crthse supp, \$518.43, Powder River Energy Corp, util, \$1,297.99, R&S Northeast LLC, covid-19 vaccine/campaign, \$15.21, RANGE, comm, \$2,790.02, Reserve Acct-Pitney Bowes, crthse post/freight, \$3,450.00, Ringer Law PC, dist crt spec attny, \$5,691.65, Roadrunner Disposal Service, airport util, \$60.00, Self Storage LLC, elctn misc, \$150.00, Servall Uniform/Linen Co, supp, \$176.79, Steve Price, crthse other emp, \$286.00, Summit Plumbing & Heating, bldg & grnds maj repair, \$334.78, Tammy Cleverdon, mile/trvl, \$36.40, Team Lab Chemical Corp, r&b repair/maint, \$320.20, Thomas L Bennett, coroner exp, \$2,250.00, Timberline Services, r&b gravel/rd mtrl, \$1,360.30, Top Office Products, supp, \$1,155.25, Town of Upton, comm ctr/landfill, \$2,193.75, Tri-Tech Forensics, brd of prisoners, \$515.00, Tyler Technologies, comp sftwr lic, \$1,111.32, Upton Ambulance, ambulance, \$5,000.00, Upton Co-op Association, r&b oil/gas/lube, \$28,603.77, Upton Senior Center, sr cntr, \$531.25, Verizon Wireless, comm, \$181.50, Visionary Communications, comm, \$103.05, Voelkers Autobody, veh maint/fuel, \$1,423.00, WACERS, r&b mile/trvl, \$25.00, WACO, dist crt misc, \$225.00, West End Water District, airport util, \$60.00, WC Children's Center, wc chld ctr, \$3,187.50, Weston County, bldg & grnds maj repair, \$231.77, WC 4-H Council, supp, \$853.00, WC Gazette, print/publ, \$2,379.25, WC Health Services, r&b repair/maint, \$40.00, WC Hospital District, in-home hlth, \$1,500.00, WC Humane Society, humane soc, \$750.00, WC Library, library block alloc, \$26,583.33, WC Road & Bridge, veh maint/fuel, \$3,746.56, WC Senior Services, sr services, \$6,164.50, White's Queen City Motors, shrf veh maint/fuel, \$1,408.63, Woody's Food Center, supp, \$305.01, Word's Window Washing, law enf repair/maint, \$55.00, WY Behavioral Institute, ward-invol, \$500.00, WY Department of Health/Rental, p-hlth reimb to state, \$17,570.40, WY Department of Transportation, r&b lmb/clkvrts/brdg, \$73.70, WY Machinery Company, r&b repair/maint, \$3,741.52, WY Network, financial admin, \$270.00, WY Public Health Division, p-hlth family plan, \$335.00, Net Payroll, \$153,644.60.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Marty Ertman
Chairwoman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk