

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
January 4, 2022

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 Nathan Todd, Ed Wagoner, Tony Barton and Don Taylor, Attorney Michael Stulken and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Assistant Publisher/Editor for the *Weston County Gazette*, Nick Trandahl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Wagoner nominated Chairwoman Ertman for Chairman; seconded by Commissioner Barton. Carried. Commissioner Taylor nominated Vice-Chairman Todd for Vice-Chairman. Carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Barton moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the vouchers, payroll, AP vouchers, collections for December 2021, Treasurer's Report, Minutes of December 21, 2021, Tax Roll Corrections #1493-1494, Calcutta Approval, Board Appointments – Weston County Solid Waste – Ed Wagoner, Mike Mills, Mallo – Riley Hampton, Fair – Susan Bridge; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

Price quotes were requested from the two newspapers that are published in Weston County. A specific set of minutes were given to each, requesting submission of a cost per column inch and to include a total cost for publishing that set of minutes. A quote was received from the *Weston County Gazette* in the amount of \$6.00 per column inch with a total cost to publish the sample of \$237.00, with a paid circulation of 727. A quote was received from the *News Letter Journal* in the amount of \$10.00 per column inch with a total cost to publish the sample of \$840.00, with a paid circulation of 1815. Commissioner Barton moved to appoint the *Weston County Gazette* as the official Weston County newspaper in 2022; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. During discussion, Commissioner Taylor talked about the budget, but felt the County information needs to be in both papers. Commissioner Barton feels that the County is blessed to have two newspapers and there can be a competitive bid. Owner of the *Weston County Gazette*, Lisa LeVasseur added that the *Weston County Gazette* is the only Weston County owned paper. Stanley Jasinski, added that he would like to see the advertisements in both papers. Ayes: Ertman, Todd, Wagoner, Barton. Nays: Taylor. Carried. Kim Dean, Managing Editor of the *News Letter Journal*, addressed the Board about putting information in both newspapers. Commissioner Barton moved to approve to advertise board openings, Courthouse closings & special meeting notices in the *News Letter Journal* at the government rate; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

PHRC CONTRACT POSITION

Chairwoman Ertman stated that Clerk Hadlock had been contacted to see if the salary could be raised for this contract position. Vice-Chairman Todd asked for a brief job description of the Public Health Response Coordinator. Considering the Board is still not sure what the job description is, this will be added to the agenda again and Melanie Pearce, State of Wyoming Public Health Nursing Regional

Supervisor will be invited to attend along with Weston County Homeland Security Coordinator Gilbert Nelson.

REDISTRICTING UPDATE

Chairwoman Ertman and Commissioner Wagoner gave an update on the redistricting meeting they attended in Cheyenne. The plan that was voted on keeps Weston County whole, but the Joint Corporations will meet again on January 12, 2022.

ATTORNEY UPDATE ON GUIDE FOR PUBLIC CHANGES TO COUNTY ROAD

Attorney Michael Stulken put together a guide for the public to follow if they would like to make any changes to a County Road. Vice-Chairman Todd questioned pushing through government property that is not State property and Attorney Stulken stated these would be special circumstances that he would look into.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW THE DRAFT WESTON COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Board needs more time to review this. It will be added to the next agenda.

REVIEW THE DRAFT DRU CONSULTING, LLC SERVICE AGREEMENT

Attorney Stulken will make some suggested changes and e-mail them to Clerk Hadlock to forward to the Board for review. This will be added to the next agenda.

DISPATCH UPDATE

Deputy Attorney Jeanie Stone, Sheriff Bryan Colvard and Upton Police Chief Susan Bridge came before the Board to give an update on Dispatch. Deputy Attorney Stone gave a general overview which included the meetings with the three chiefs every two weeks. Deputy Attorney Stone believes they are making some headway by having these meetings. Deputy Attorney Stone reported that the City of Newcastle has plans of moving into their own building. Commissioner Barton stated that the agreements transcend provision processes and that there are consequences. Commissioner Barton added that if the needs are not being met, it needs to be handled. Commissioner Taylor stated that he was confused by the City needing to purchase a server before the CIS could be updated as this is not what the Board was told. Commissioner Taylor added that this is giving all of the power to the City and this is not the direction they are to be going in. There is a lot of confusion and anger from the Board due to the lack of updates that were to be done and also not being told the direction the City was going. Commissioner Taylor stated the City is not a group, it is one entity making the decisions and commended the individuals for making great progress but indicated there are still a lot of holes. Commissioner Taylor stated the Board needs to get the cost of a server and purchase it.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VOUCHERS

066 NCPERS, financial admin, \$192.00, AFLAC, payroll ded, \$1,688.27, Blue Cross Blue Shield-WEBT, payroll ded, \$69,744.00, Delta Dental of WY, payroll ded, \$3,024.00, Great-West Trust Co, payroll ded, \$1,710.00, New York Life, financial admin, \$512.59, VSP of Wyoming, financial admin, \$584.32, WEBT, financial admin, \$185.10, WC Clerk, financial admin, \$49,547.01, WC Treasurer, financial admin, \$15.00,

WY Child Support, payroll ded, \$1,250.00, WY Department of Workforce Services, financial admin, \$2,336.08, WY Retirement System, \$36,814.80, 21 Electric LLC, bldg. & grnds maj repair, \$186.70, Airgas USA LLC, vaccine/campaign, \$77.34, Alexander Berger, attny exp, \$5,000.00, Alpha Communications, tower rent, \$55.00, AT&T Mobility, comm, \$1,638.67, BAM Document Destruction & Recycling, crthse misc, \$475.90, Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, brd of prisoners, \$235.95, Black Hills Energy, util, \$6,028.35, Black Hills Occupational Medicine, law enf repair/maint, \$80.00, Black Hills Plumbing, repair/maint, \$3,548.42, Blue Dog Cleaning, crthse other emp, \$720.00, Bomgaars, supp, \$30.91, Brittany Hamilton, ext educator, \$425.00, Byrand Streeter, contract wages, \$1,364.94, Cambria Discount Drug LLC, jail medcl, \$35.09, Cambria Supply, r&b repair/maint, \$123.20, Catherine Alison Emmert, law enf repair/maint, \$343.00, CDW Government Inc, law enf exp, \$290.24, City of Newcastle, util, \$5,194.96, Comtronix, crthse misc, \$90.00, Creative Product Source, hmlnd sec exp, \$475.83, Decker's Market, supp, \$70.68, Denette J Price, treas mile/trvl, \$72.80, Dite's Tinkering Designs, crthse misc, \$65.00, Don Taylor, comm mile/trvl, \$447.36, Double D, r&b repair/maint, \$156.43, Eastern WY Equipment Co, shrf veh maint/fuel, \$19.98, Ed Wagoner, comm mile/trvl, \$869.47, Fisher Sand & Gravel, r&b gravel/rd mtrl fund, \$5,398.02, Frontier Home, Ranch & Hardware, supp, \$472.20, GenPro Energy Solution LLC, bldg & grnds maj repair, \$900.00, Gillette Steel Center, r&b lmr/clartr/brdg, \$6,197.60, Godfrey's Brake Service, r&b repair/maint, \$153.18, Golden West Technologies, software/comm, \$2,941.00, Great Western Tire Co, r&b veh maint, \$846.88, Hillyard/Sioux Falls, crthse janitor supp, \$213.01, Humphrey Law LLC, dist crt spec attny, \$548.60, Inland Truck Parts, r&b repair/maint, \$92.48, J.D. Power, treas supp, \$285.00, Jub Jub Inc, financial admin, \$308.25, KASL, p-hlth exp, \$1,080.00, Kimberly Jenkins, treas mile/trvl, \$36.40, LN Curtis & Sons, law enf uniform, \$90.68, Lubnau Law Office, PC, dist crt spec attny, \$31.66, Marco Inc, annx comp software, \$167.69, Martha L Ertman, comm mile/trvl, \$492.80, Mastercard, gen exp, \$1,485.91, Max Masters, gis land records, \$1,900.00, McKesson Medical-Surgical, p-hlth supp, \$223.42, Modern Marketing, hmlnd sec exp, \$321.67, Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, newcchmbr, \$725.00, News Letter Journal, print/publ/supp, \$1,608.85, Northern WY Mental Health, ne wy mntl hlth, \$2,125.00, Office Ally, p-hlth exp, \$35.00, Osage Improvement & Service District, coroner rent, \$312.00, Perino Blade Service, r&b cntrct/equip/lbr, \$2,337.50, Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services LLC, crthse supp, \$650.07, Plainsman, crthse supp, \$41.37, Pocket Press LLC, shrf officer equip, \$108.40, Postmaster, p-hlth exp, \$342.00, Powder River Energy Corp, util, \$1,375.15, Powder River Heating & AC, bldg & grnds maj repair, \$440.00, Power Plan OIB, r&b repair/maint, \$594.84, Pro Plus Construction, misc insc, \$10,837.70, R&S Northeast LLC, p-hlth fmly plnng, \$32.83, Randy Bury, covid-19 crisis response, \$137.76, RANGE, comm, \$2,306.11, Rapid Delivery, annex misc, \$31.80, Roadrunner Disposal Service, airport util, \$60.00, Rocky Mountain Propane, airport util, \$1,680.00, Self Storage LLC, elctn misc, \$150.00, Servall Uniform/Linen Co., crthse janitor supp, \$68.09, Sundance Extinguisher LLC, repair/maint, \$166.50, Syn-Tech Systems, r&b fuel tank maint, \$48.00, Team Lab Chemical Corp., repair/maint/post/frght, \$164.50, Top Office Products, supp, \$2,353.75, Traveler's Insurance, misc insc, \$144.00, Ty Farella, r&b gravel/rd mtrl fund, \$252.00, Upton Co-op Association, r&b oil/gas/lube, \$27,126.35, UW-Admin Business Office, ext educator slry, \$5,130.00, Verizon Wireless, p-hlth exp, \$181.28, Vicki Hayman, ext educator, \$31.58, Visionary Communications, annex comm, \$155.65, WC Sheriff's Search & Rescue, srch & rscue, \$1,295.14, West End Water District, airport util, \$60.00, Weston County 4-H Council, ext supp, \$67.63, Weston County Gazette, print/publ, \$652.50, Weston County Health Services, r&b supp, \$36.00, Weston County Hospital District, prvntn mngmnt, \$56,006.40, Weston County Library, library block alloc, \$26,583.33, Weston County Natural Resource District, nat res, \$1,106.25, Weston County Road & Bridge, veh maint/fuel, \$4,974.93, Weston County Senior Services, brd of prisoners, \$1,560.00, Weston County Treasurer, airport repair/maint, \$1,345.00,

Wilder Graphic Design, shrf exp, \$166.93, Woody's Food Center, supp, \$316.21, WY Department of Health/Rental, p-hlth mile/trvl, \$112.50, WY Machinery Co., r&b repair/maint, \$98.09, WY Network, financial admin, \$270.00, WYDOT-Financial Services, r&b Imbr/clvrts/brdg, \$14.84, Y2 Consultants LLC, financial admin, \$7,666.75, Net Payroll, \$163,386.66.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Marty Ertman
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk