

**WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**May 3, 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, Deputy Attorney Jeani Stone and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Carey Voss led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Clerk Becky Hadlock indicated Nicole McFarland would not make it to the meeting. Newcastle Mayor Pam Gualtieri sent an e-mail early that morning and asked to be added to the agenda following Homeland Security Coordinator Gilbert Nelson. The City was added to the agenda at 3:30 p.m. Commissioner Wagoner moved to approve the agenda with changes; seconded by Commissioner Barton. Carried.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Barton moved to approve the Consent Agenda, minus warrants #69223 and #69224, which included the vouchers, payroll, AP vouchers, collections for April 2022, Minutes of April 19, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2022, Executive Session Minutes of April 26, 2022, Tax Roll Corrections #1505-#1506, Chairman's Signature on Resolution 2022-7 -2022 Election Districts and Precincts for Primary and General Elections, Chairman's Signature on Resolution 2022-8 – Amendment to the 2021-2022 Budget, Board's Signature on National Preservation Month Proclamation; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

Commissioner Barton moved to pay warrant #69223 with changing the total from \$21,906 to \$20,728 and changing the deductible; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

Commissioner Barton moved to accept warrant #69224 pending signature by a current Board member; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Weston County Nurse Manager Sarah Gregory and Public Health Response Coordinator Christia Ault came before the Board to discuss the amended contract for the PHRC contract position. Commissioner Barton moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on Amendment One to the Contract between Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division and Weston County; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

Commissioner Barton moved to authorize the Board's signature on the Eligibility Certificate form for Old Hwy 85 Bridge Bros Project; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Carried. Road & Bridge Superintendent Jim Hansen let the Board know that the State denied the bid for CMAQ Project. Commissioner Barton moved to table this to the next meeting; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Carried. Superintendent Hansen stated the project on Dewey Road can be 100% federally funded. Commissioner Wagoner moved to halt engineering processes on Dewey Road Bridge and move forward with WYDOT 100% replacement; seconded by Commissioner Barton. Discussion ensued. Carried.

**ROAD NORTH OF CITY OF NEWCASTLE BY OLD WATER TANK**

Discussion ensued on the Road North of Newcastle by the old water tank. The Board would like Tim Ottaway to do a petition to start the process and bring this to the Board.

#### **DISCUSSION USING TELEPHONE LINE FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT BUILDING TO CITY HALL**

City Engineer Mike Moore, Mayor Gualtieri and Newcastle Police Chief Sam Keller came before the Board to discuss the current Communication tower located at the County Law Enforcement Center. The Board would like to visit with the Sheriff and discuss this at the next meeting.

#### **WESTON COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCE PLAN**

Dru Palmer, with Dru Consulting phoned in to update the Board on the Natural Resource Plan the Black Hills National Forest Plan and the BLM Resource Revision Plan.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **COMMISSIONER SCHOLARSHIPS**

The winners of the 2022-2023 scholarships are Olivia McVay, Zade Orsborn & Slade Roberson. Alternates are Reece Barritt, Hailey Turner & Alana Hadlock. The winner of the 2022-2023 renewal scholarship is Hailey Wehri and the alternate is Tyrell Harrington.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE LITIGATION**

Vice-Chairman Todd moved to go into Executive Session per W.S. 16-4-405(a)(iii); seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried. Executive Session began at 1:00 p.m.; regular meeting reconvened at 2:06 p.m. Matters concerning possible litigation were discussed in Executive Session; no action was taken.

Commissioner Barton moved to allow Tucker Ruby to communicate with Bruce Moates to resolve the lawsuit against the Board; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

Commissioner Barton moved to authorize Deputy Attorney Stone to engage Tucker Ruby as legal Counsel; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Carried.

#### **LE RAMP UPDATE**

Nick White with White Construction came before the Board with updated plans on the elevator for the Law Enforcement Building. Commissioner Wagoner moved to authorize White Construction to put an elevator in at the Law Enforcement for \$340,196.04; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

#### **ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARY & EMPLOYEE SALARY DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Barton moved to authorize a 15% COLA adjusting all hourly and salary employees effective on the next pay period; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Discussion ensued. Carried.

Commissioner Barton moved to set the County Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor & Clerk of District Court salaries at \$65,000, the Sheriff & County Attorney at \$70,000, the County Commissioners & Coroner at \$15,000; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Discussion ensued. Ayes: Barton Nays: Ertman, Todd, Wagoner, Taylor. Failed.

Commissioner Wagoner moved to set the County Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor & Clerk of District Court at \$69,000, the Sheriff & County Attorney at \$75,000, the County Coroner at \$16,500 & the Commissioner at \$14,400; seconded by Commissioner Todd. Carried.

#### **DISPATCH**

Commissioner Wagoner made a motion to move forward with the Motorola equipment with the Sheriff running dispatch with a Joint Powers Board in place, once the equipment arrives, with representation of all entities involved; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Discussion ensued. Carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

During public comment there was support for one dispatch.

#### **VOUCHERS**

066 NCPERS, financial admin, \$176.00, AFLAC, payroll ded, \$1,823.82, Blue Cross Blue Shield-WEBT, payroll ded, \$69,072.00, Delta Dental of WY, payroll ded, \$3,020.00, Great-West Trust Co, payroll ded, \$1,540.00, New York Life, financial admin, \$512.59, VSP of Wyoming, financial admin, \$564.29, WEBT, financial admin, \$174.75, Weston County Clerk, financial admin, \$44,511.42, Weston County Treasurer, financial admin, \$15.00, WY Child Support, payroll ded, \$1,250.00, WY Department of Workforce Services, financial admin, \$2,093.63, WY Retirement System, payroll ded, \$34,492.90, Kathryn Thomas, hist presv, \$399.99, Aced Embroidery, shrf uniforms, \$272.00, Ad Pro, misc exp, \$893.37, Advanced Drug Testing Inc, r&b cntrct/equip/lbr, \$78.00, Alpha Communications, law enf tower rent, \$55.00, Amber Prell, crthse other emp/elctn mile/trvl, \$695.54, AT&T Mobility, comm, \$1,649.40, Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, law enf brd of prisoners, \$1,770.92, Black Hills Energy, util, \$4,790.74, Black Hills Plumbing, crthse/bldg & grnds maj repairs, \$925.75, Blue Dog Cleaning, annx cntrct wages, \$240.00, Bomgaars, r&b/crthse repair/maint, \$238.50, Byrand Streeter, arprt cntrct wages, \$1,332.11, Cambria Car Wash, shrf veh maint/fuel, \$200.00, Cambria Supply, r&b repair/maint, \$135.68, Catherine Alison Emmert, law enf repair/maint, \$378.00, City of Newcastle, util, \$5,104.03, Civil Air Patrol Magazine, shrf pub rel, \$395.00, CLT Flooring & Furnishings, crthse maj repair, \$219.95, Culligan Water Conditioning, annx/r&b maint, \$36.50, Day Law LLC, dist crt spec attny, \$2,900.00, DBT Transportation Services LLC, arprt awos repair/maint, \$3,096.11, Decker's Market, ext/shrf/law enf exp, \$187.66, Double D, r&b repair/maint, \$1,795.34, Dru Consulting LLC, financial admin, \$1,973.43, Eastern WY Equipment Co, r&b repair/maint, \$1,282.06, Elite Edge Firearms LLC, law enf jailor schls, \$200.00, Farnsworth Services Co Inc, r&b cntrct/equip/lbr, shrf invstgtns, \$5,730.00, First State Bank, crthse misc, \$125.00, Fisher Sand & Gravel, r&b gravel/rd mtrl/rd constr co rd fund, \$23,032.12, Frontier Home, Ranch & Hardware, arprt/r&b/law enf supp, repair/maint, \$290.30, Golden West Technologies, misc comp softwr lic, p-hlth comm, hmlnd sec exp, \$4,303.44, Humphrey Law LLC, dist crt spec attny, \$335.53, Inberg-Miller Engineers, rd constr co rd fund, \$30,948.69, Jacki Hubbard, law enf jailor schls, \$25.67, Jodi Brooks, wic spec proj, \$78.00, Karl's, law enf repair/maint, \$264.36, Kimball Midwest, r&b repair/maint, \$357.50, Kimberly Jenkins, treas mile/trvl, \$38.03, LN Curtis & Sons, law enf uniforms, \$171.27, Mallo Camp, mallo camp, \$1,250.00, Marco Inc, annx comp softwr, \$145.69, Mastercard, p-hlth/law enf/shrf/attny/elctn/hmlnd sec exp, \$4,838.18, Max Masters, gis land records, \$1,900.00, Minuteman Lube Center, shrf veh maint/fuel, \$97.99, Motor Power Equipment, r&b repair/maint, \$1,066.31, Motorola Solutions, hmlnd sec exp, shsp interoperable, \$11,384.08, Newcastle Lodge & Convention Center, attny trvl/meals/regis, \$332.49, News Letter Journal, p-hlth/wic/r&b/dist crt supp/print/publ, \$226.22, Office Ally, p-hlth fmlly plnng/immuniz adlt, \$70.00, Office of the State Public Defender, public def, \$15,561.84, Parkridge Behavioral

Healthcare, law enf pre empl, \$500.00, Plainsman, record retn/dist crt supp, \$1,023.84, Powder River Energy Corporation, util, \$1,605.69, Powder River Heating & AC, crthse maj repair, \$250.00, Powerphone, hmlnd sec exp, \$1,393.00, R&S Northeast LLC, p-hlth family plnng, \$156.58, RANGE, comm, \$2,361.20, Roadrunner Disposal Service, arprt util, \$60.00, Self Storage LLC, elctn misc, \$150.00, Servall Uniform/Linen Co, crthse janitor supp, \$69.25, Sign Solutions USA LLC, rd constr co rd fund, \$1,208.79, Sundance Extinguisher LLC, r&b cntrct/equip/lbr, \$557.00, Tammy Cleverdon, treas mile/trvl, \$38.03, Top Office Products, crthse/treas/clerk/treas/dist crt/shrf supp, \$1,013.23, Tough Rugged Laptops, hmlnd sec emp g arpa, \$50,313.86, Town of Upton, upotn comm cntr, Indfl, \$2,193.75, Trugreen, bldg & grnds maj repair, \$67.00, Upton Chamber of Commerce, upotn chmbr, \$425.00, Upton Co-op Association, r&b oil/gas/lube, \$48,792.87, Upton Senior Center, upotn sr cntr, \$531.25, Verizon Wireless, p-hlth em prep, \$181.16, Vicki Hayman, ext nutrit educ, \$287.82, Voelker's Autobody, shrf supp, \$543.10, West End Water District, arprt util, \$60.00, Weston County 4-H Council, ext educ supp, \$516.96, Weston County Gazette, print/publ, \$612.00, Weston County Humane Society, humane soc, \$750.00, Weston County Library, library block alloc, \$26,583.33, Weston County Road & Bridge, arprt/law enf/shrf/yth serv/maint veh maint/fuel, \$4,547.06, Weston County Senior Services, sr serv/law enf brd of prisoners, \$7,794.50, Woody's Food Center, lw enf brd of prisoners/crthse repair/maint/r&b maint/ext nut educ, \$326.65, WY Association of Sheriff's & Chiefs, shrf/jailor schl exp, \$555.00, WY Department of Health/Rental, p-hlth mile/trvl, \$112.50, WY Department of Transportation, rd constr co rd fund, \$512.36, WY Guardian Ad Litem, dist crt spec attny, \$12,603.08, WY Machinery Co, r&b repair/maint, \$865.35, WY Network, financial admin, WY Public Health Division, p-hlth fmly plnng, \$98.00, Wyoming Secretary of State, crthse misc, \$10.00, Y2 Consultants LLC, financial admin, \$718.50, Net Payroll, \$151,292.07.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Marty Ertman  
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock  
Weston County Clerk