

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
July 19, 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. Clerk Hadlock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Clerk Hadlock asked to add Resolution 2022-16 – A Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application to the State Loan & Investment Board for a Grant through Water & Sewer ARPA under New Business, Commissioner Taylor asked to add Joint Powers Agreement under Old Business. Vice- Chairman Todd moved to approve the agenda with changes; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Todd moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the minutes of July 5, 2022, 24 Hour Permit for Pam Gualtieri, DBA Pizza Barn: 8/4/2022 – 8/8/2022 at Travel Center (Gateway), Chairman’s Signature on Grant Agreement Between Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division and Weston County, MOU Between Weston County, Wyoming, the 21 Wellness Coalition and Weston County Health Services, Corrected Treasurer’s Report, Chairman’s Signature on Resolution 2022-15 – Open Burning Restrictions, Chairman’s signature MOU Between Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division and Weston County, Chairman’s Signature Between Weston County, Wyoming and Timberline Services, Inc. – Congestion Mitigation Air Quality – CM22407; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Ayes: Todd, Wagoner, Barton, Taylor. Nays: Ertman. Carried.

OLD HIGHWAY 85

Residents that live on Old Highway 85 voiced their concerns about the Board’s future maintenance plans. The Board assured them that no plans have been made and the residents would be invited to a public meeting before any final plans are made.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Road & Bridge Superintendent Jim Hansen will get a price to fill the pot on Old Highway 85 and report back to the Board. Superintendent Hansen gave the Board an update on the Road & Bridge Department.

FAIRGROUNDS

Nancy Darnell and Linda Hunt gave a presentation to the Board about a consideration of land designation. Vice-Chairman Todd would like to visit with the Fair Board. Clerk Hadlock will schedule this.

NEWCASTLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – FAIRGROUNDS

Members of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce Board brought concerns to the Board concerning the Fairgrounds Manager. The Board would like to bring the Fair Board in to address the concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

LETTER FROM CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE BUSH – CIRCUIT JUDGE MAGISTRATE

Commissioner Barton moved to appoint Kim M. Hoff as the Circuit Court Magistrate in Weston County; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

LETTER FROM DISTRICT COURT JUDGE CAUSEY – RECOMMENDATION TO KEEP COURTHOUSE SECURITY

District Court Judge James Michael Causey wrote a letter in support of the Board to continue the position of the Courthouse Security Officer. Weston County Clerk of District Court Tina Cote is in support of this as also.

CHAIRMAN’S SIGNATURE RESOLUTION 2022-16 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE LOAN & INVESTMENT BOARD FOR A GRANT THROUGH WATER & SEWER ARPA

Commissioner Barton moved to authorize the Chairman’s signature on Resolution 2022-16 – A Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application to the State Loan & Investment Board for a Grant through Water & Sewer ARPA; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried. Commissioner Wagoner obtained from voting due conflict of interest. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

I.T. – GOLDEN WEST

Clerk Hadlock stated she has visited with Charles Wuestewald with Golden West Technologies and the internet problem at the Annex has to do with internet providers.

MAINTENANCE MANAGER

Maintenance Manager Steve Price asked for direction from the Board on proceeding with the list of maintenance items that need to be completed. Commissioner Barton moved to authorize Manager Price to get the Library and Annex roof fixed; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

JOINT POWERS BOARD

Commissioner Taylor discussed the e-mail sent by Deputy County Attorney Jeani Stone. The Board would like to have this added under new business for the next meeting.

FY2023 BUDGET

Commissioner Barton moved to approve the budget as presented for Fiscal Year 2023; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Failed.

Commissioner Taylor moved to add \$1935 to the Extension Office budget taken out of the Upton Ambulance 1% line item; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Failed.

Commissioner Barton moved to add \$2000 to the Extension Office budget taken out of the Financial Admin line item; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

Commissioner Taylor moved to give Newcastle Chamber of Commerce and Upton Chamber of Commerce \$2300 each taken out of the Financial Admin line item, with the stipulation that the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce Visitors’ Center be open three days per week; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Ayes: Ertman, Todd, Wagoner, Taylor. Nays: Barton. Carried.

Commissioner Barton moved to approve the FY2023 Budget as amended; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Weston County Public Health Nurse Manager Sarah Gregory gave the Board an update on Public Health. Manager Gregory asked the Board to consider giving Public Health Response Coordinator Christia Martens a 15% raise. Commissioner Barton moved to give Coordinator Martens a raise from \$22 to \$25.30; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Ayes: Todd, Wagoner, Barton, Taylor. Nays: Ertman. Carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATE

The Elected Officials and Department Heads gave updates to the Board.

Commissioner Barton moved to table signing the corrected Treasurer's report; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Marty Ertman
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk