

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
April 2, 2024

The regular meeting of the Weston County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Don Taylor at 9:00 a.m. at the Weston County Courthouse. Commissioners Ed Wagoner, Nathan Todd, Garrett Borton and Vera Huber, Attorney Michael Stulken and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Mick Bohn opened the meeting with prayer, and Vice-Chairman Borton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Clerk Hadlock asked to pull the Fairgrounds Collections from the Consent Agenda, Attorney Stulken asked to add a pre-pay to Pennington County Sheriff's Office to the Consent Agenda and Commissioner Huber asked to add Budget Meetings to Old Business. Vice-Chairman Borton moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Borton moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the payroll and payroll voucher, collections for March 2024, Minutes of March 19, 2024, Treasurer's Report, 24 Hour Permit for Cambria Inn Inc, DBA Flying V: 4/26/2024 – 4/27/2024, Chairman's Signature – Credit Card Pre-Authorization Request Attorney, Chairman's Signature on Amendment One to the Memorandum of Understanding Between Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division and Weston County, Board's Signature on Resolution 2024-9 Amendment to the 2023-2024 Budget, Board's Signature on Joint Resolution BFY15/16 Funding with Weston County Commissioners, City of Newcastle, and Town of Upton; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mick Bohn spoke during public comment.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION DECLARING VACANCIES

William Curley, Representative Allen Slagle, Representative Chip Neiman, Patricia Baumann, Dan Bau, Tom Wing and Rick King spoke to the Board in support of the proposed resolution. Jerimiah Rieman, Wyoming County Commissioner Association Executive Director cautioned the Board about signing the proposed resolution. Attorney Michael Stulken referenced Wyoming State Statute § 22-18-101 stating the Board did not have the authority to declare a vacancy. Commissioner Todd, Commissioner Wagoner, Commissioner Huber and Vice-Chairman Borton all had questions for those present. Vice-Chairman Borton moved to approve the resolution on declaring vacancies as proposed; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Ayes: Huber, Borton. Nays: Wagoner, Todd. Chairman Taylor voted Aye. Carried.

UPDATE ON NEWCASTLE BLM RMP REVISION, BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST PLAN REVISION, THUNDER BASIN NATIONAL GRASSLANDS & GREATER SAGE-GROUSE EIS

Jeanne Whalen with Whalen Consulting & Commissioner Todd visited with the Board about the Black Hills National Forest Plan Revision. Discussion ensued.

RARE EARTH UPDATE

Roger Conett came before the Board to give an update on Rare Element Resources.

BCBS – PLAN SELECTION – LE RETIREMENT INCREASE

Clerk Hadlock let the Board know that the Blue Cross Blue Shield had increased again this year as well as the Law Enforcement Retirement. This was moved under Old Business for further discussion.

FAIRGROUNDS UPDATE

Fair Board member David Kline and Fairgrounds Manager Eric Dudzinski came before the Board to give an update.

CRIP PROJECT DISCUSSION

Commissioner Todd discussed the price difference of \$1.3 million dollars of paving Old Hwy 85 or \$100,000 if it is roto milled. Road and Bridge Superintendent Jim Hansen let the Board know he has a traffic study scheduled. Concerned citizens Dale and Joyce Niswender and Ted and Marty Ertman voiced concerns about the road. This will be added under Old Business for the next meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW VICTIM WITNESS COORDINATOR

Attorney Stulken introduced Jewell Parrish as the new Victim Witness Coordinator.

OLD BUSINESS

BUDGET MEETINGS

Commissioner Huber would like to start scheduling budget meetings with Department Heads. Clerk Hadlock let her know that wouldn't be possible as the Department Heads do not even have their budget worksheets. Commissioner Huber stated they need to be aware to plan on cuts. Commissioner Todd would like to have Clerk Hadlock send a letter letting them know of the possible cuts.

BCBS – PLAN SELECTION – LE RETIREMENT INCREASE – CONT.

Commissioner Todd suggested the Board give up receiving insurance as a way for the County to save money. Commissioner Huber moved that the County pay the additional increase for Blue Cross Blue Shield for our employees; seconded by Vice-Chairman Borton. Discussion ensued. Carried. Commissioner Wagoner moved for the County to pickup the Law Enforcement Retirement increase over the three year period; seconded by Commissioner Todd. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

AP VOUCHERS

Commissioner Todd wanted to discuss the Rick's Electric voucher with Sheriff Bryan Colvard. Sheriff Colvard explained it was for the fiber optic to the new dispatch to get data from dispatch to his building.

Vice-Chairman Borton moved to approve the AP Vouchers; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner.
Carried.

VOUCHERS

066NCPERS, financial admin, \$224.00, AFLAC, payroll ded, \$2,776.91, Great-West Trust Company LLC, payroll ded, \$870.00, New York Life, financial admin, \$512.59, WEBT, financial admin, \$8,446.36, Weston County Clerk, financial admin, \$50, 034.50, WY Child Support Enforcement, payroll ded, \$550.00, WY Department of Workforce Services, payroll ded, \$2,2054.05, WY Retirement System, payroll ded, \$37,782.83, 21 Electric, arprt runway rpr, \$105.00, Ad Pro, treas suppl, hmlnd suppl, assr suppl, dist crt suppl, annex jntr suppl, \$373.68, Alpha Communications, law enf tower rent, \$55.00, Amanda McDade, mlg, \$203.68, Amber Green, crthse other empl, \$615.00, AT&T Mobility, hmlnd sec exp, maint comm, shrf comm, \$627.26, B3K9 Training Boarding, dog food, kennel door, \$549.00, Becky Hadlock, mlg, \$359.26, Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, law enf brd of prisoners, \$553.55, Black Hills Energy, annex util, bldg & grnds maj rep, crthse util, fair util, hmlnd sec exp, law enf util, p-hlth util & em prep, r&b util, wic spec proj, \$3,899.14, Black Hills Plumbing, law enf, bldg and grounds repair, \$1,250.73, Bomgaars, crthse janitor supp, r&b repair/maint, fair grnds repair/maint, \$91.82, Byrand Streeter, arprt cntrct wages, \$1,793.74, Cambria Discount Drug, jail med, \$169.42, Cambria Supply, r&b repair/maint, \$61.36, Carmen Simon, p hem prep covid vacc, \$262.04, Charm-Tex, gen sheriff uniforms, \$356.70, City of Newcastle, annex util, crthse util, fair util, law enf util, p-hlth util, r&b util, wic spec proj, \$890.86, Civil Air Patrol Magazine, gen sheriff spec office equip, \$405.00, Clerk of District Court, juror/wtnss, \$68.31, Clinical Lab of Black Hills, coroner autopsies, \$3,962.00, Collins Communications Inc, dist crt comm, fair util, \$155.00, Comtronix, bldg & grnds maj rep, \$90.00, Crook Co Family Violence, cc fmly violence, Culligan Water Conditioning, annex misc, r&b supp, \$34.50, Dakota Fluid Power, r&b repair/maint, \$304.20, Deckers Market, dist crt juror/wirness, ext 4H support, r&b maint, \$238.21, Double D, r&b oil/gas/lube/ repair/maint, \$1,126.06, Eastern WY Equipment Company, r&b sm tools, repair/maint, \$1103.39, Employers Council, dues, \$3,800.00, First Northern Bank of Wy, attny office equip/tech, gen elctn trng, assr mile trvl, sheriff mile trvl, sheriff veh maint/fuel, law enf brd prisoners, law enf pre empl, sheriff mile/trvl, pub hlth mile/trvl, sheriff school exp, \$2,780.27, Fisher Sand & Gravel, fed min roy black thunder brdg, r&b gravel/rd mtrl fund, fed min roy Black Thunder, misc grant match, \$29,821.35, Golden West Technologies, annex comp softwr lic, crthse comp softwr lic, p-hlth utilities, shrf spec \$4089.50, Great Western Tire Co, r&b repair/maint, \$3,844.03, Hillyard/Sioux Falls, crthse janitor or supp, annex repair/maint, \$1,100.17, Humphrey Law LLC, dist crt spec attny, \$644.67, Jeani Stone, attny trvl/meal/regis, \$147.53, Jennifer Liggett, crthse other empl, \$90.00, Jodi Brooks, wic spec proj wic, \$62.98, Jordan Pitchford, wic spec proj wic, \$207.00, Jub Jub Inc, misc comp softwr lic, \$90.00, Kami L Lopez, fair slry, \$840.00, KASL, p-hlth em prep, \$390.00, Kayleigh Ann Gould, annex contract wages, \$400.00, Kimberly Jenkins, treas mile/trvl/convent, \$38.86, Marco Inc, annex comp softwr lic, \$153.52, Matthew Bender & Co Inc, misc law library, \$97.56, Max Masters, gis land records, \$4,000.00, Meridian Mortuary, coroner fees, \$295.00, Michelle Sweet, pub hlth mch grant, \$506.56, Mondell Heights LLC, misc co ward-invlv, \$2,252.70, Motor Power Equipment, \$62.22, Motorola Solutions, hmlnd sec exp, \$473.04, Newcastle Ace Hardware, crthse repair/maint, law enf repair/maint, dispatch exp, sheriff suppl, r&b maint, pub hlth comm, airport supp eqp rp, \$758.13, Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, qrtr3fy24, \$575.00, News Letter Journal, misc print/publ, p-health em prep, r&b supp, \$1,083.58, Office of the State Public defender, distr crt spec attny, \$20,134.61, Pitney Bowes Global Financial SRVCS LLC, crthse post/frght, \$4,000.00, Plainsman, clerk misc, \$670.00, Postmaster, p-hlth comm, \$410.00, Powder River Energy Corporation, arprt util, fair util, hmlnd sec exp, law enf util, p-

hlth comm & util, r&b util, wic spec proj, \$2,970.50, Power Plan OIB, repair/maint, post frght, sm tools, \$2,967.96, Radar Shop, sheriff veh aint/fuel, \$364.00, RANGE, arprt comm, assr comm, attny comm, clrk comm, crthse comm, dist crt comm, ext comm, fair util, hmlnd sec exp, law enf util, p-hlth em prep & util, r&b comm, shrf comm, treas comm, wic spec proj, \$3,238.35, Rhoades Dental PC, law enf jail med, \$696.0, Ricks Electric, dispatch exp, \$9,327.26, Roadrunner Disposal Service, fairgrnds util, airport util, \$90.00, Rocky Mountain Police & Fire Chaplains, \$400.00, Sagebrush Marketing, fair admin/fees, \$100.00, Self Storage LLC, gen elctn misc, \$150.00, Servall Uniform/Linen CO, fair repair/maint, crthse janitor supp, \$375.55, Summit Plumbing & Heating, dispatch exp, \$3,550.22, Tammy Cleverdon, treas mile/trvl, \$38.86, Top Office Products, crthse supp, dist crt supp, r&b contract/equip/lbr, annex comp software, law enf maint agree, \$2,082.13, Uline, hmlnd sec exp, \$88.50, University of Wy Extension, ext 4-h educator salary, \$5,833.50, Upton Chamber of Commerce, 3rd qtrfy24, \$575.00, Upton Co-op Assn, r&b oil/gas/lube, \$28,866.99, Verizon Wireless, fair util, p-hlth em prep & mch grant, \$276.83, Vicki Hayman, ext nutrition ed, \$148.07, Visionary Communications, annx comm, \$165.00, WACO, dues, \$400.00, WC Sheriffs Search & Rescue, coroner rent, \$250.00, WC&PAA, attny assoc dues, attny trvl/meal/regis, \$300.00, West End Water District, arprt util, \$60.00, Weston County Childrens Ctr, 3rd qtr fyr24, \$3,187.50, Weston County Gazette, em prep covid 19 vacc out, misc print/publ, \$825.00, Weston County Health Services law enf jail med, r&b cntrct/labr, \$5,107.94, Weston County Hospital District, prevention mngmnt, \$25,9010.94, Weston County Library, gen library blk alloc, \$60,000, Weston County Natural Resource Dist, 3rd qtrfy24, \$1,106.25, Weston County Peace Officers Assoc, law enf uniforms, \$255.00, Weston County Road & Bridge, arprt sup eqp rp, law enf veh maint/fuel, fairgrnds repair/maint, \$3,359.22, Weston County Sheriffs Office, gen sheriff post/freight, \$31.04, Weston County Sr Services, law enf brd of prisoners, \$2,150.00, Wheeler Lumber, r&b lbr/clvrts' brdg, \$10,801.39, Woody's Food Center, law enf brd of prisoners, spec proj wic, \$46.08, Wy Assoc of Sheriffs & Ch;iefs, spec off equip, \$250.00, WY Co Commissioners Assoc, misc financial admin, \$460.19, WY Department of Health, p-hlth mch grant & mile/trvl, \$112.50, WY Department of Health-Lab, public hlth suppl, \$70.00, WY Dept of Transportation, r&b old hwy 85 proj, \$17,314.96, WY Law Enforcement chaplain Assoc, gen sheriff mile/trvl, \$125.00, WY Machinery Co, r&b repair/maint, \$6,45.64, WY Network, financial admin, \$270.00, Net Payroll, \$171,542.02.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Don Taylor
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk