

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
March 19, 2024

The regular meeting of the Weston County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice-Chairman Garrett Borton at 9:00 a.m. at the Upton Town Hall. Commissioners Ed Wagoner, Nathan Todd and Vera Huber, and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Commissioner Huber opened the meeting with prayer, and Commissioner Wagoner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Clerk Hadlock asked to add Chairman's Signature on Request for Cooperating Agency Status Regarding the Forest Service Land Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Old-Growth Forest Conditionals Across the Nation Forest System and to have the Mallo Board appointment pulled from the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Todd moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Huber moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the Minutes of March 5, 2024, the Executive Session Minutes of March 5, 2024, Chairman's Signature on Credit Card Pre-Authorization Request Road & Bridge, Board's Signature on Resolution 2024-5 Amendment to the 2023-2024 Budget, Chairman's Signature on Resolution 2024-6 Open Burning Restrictions, Board's Signature on Resolution 2024-7 Amendment to the 2023-2024, Board's Signature on Resolution 2024-8 Amendment to the 2023-2024 Budget, Tax Roll Corrections #1638-1639, Board Appointment: Planning Board – Tom Streeter; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

Clerk Hadlock handed out to the Board a copy of Chapter 9 and read 18-9-102 stating that citizens of the county appointed by the board of county commissioners can serve on Fairgrounds, Airport, Parks, Pleasure Grounds and Recreational Boards. The individual who applied for the Mallo Board does not qualify for the Board. Commissioner Todd would like Clerk Hadlock to write a letter letting her know she cannot serve on the Board. Commissioner Todd would also like an e-mail sent to the other Board's letting them know their Board members must be Weston County residents.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

EXTENSION OFFICE – BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Attorney Michael Stulken and University of Wyoming Nutrition & Food Safety Extension Educator Vicki Hayman discussed a budget adjustment for copies made by the Extension Office. Commissioner Todd moved to add \$3,000.00 from Financial Admin. 100.00.20.0099000.0000 into the Gen. Annex Com. Software 100.00.31.0113000.0000; seconded by Commissioner Huber. During discussion the Board asked Clerk Hadlock to send a letter to the Department Heads and Elected Officials to watch their spending. Carried.

AIRPORT BOARD

Airport Board members Don Cooksey and Bob Svava and Airport Manager Tuff Streeter came before the Board to let the Board know of an increase of \$291.17 for the crack seal project. Commissioner Wagoner moved to take the \$291.17 out of the Grant Match account and put it in the Airport Budget; seconded

by Commissioner Todd. During discussion there was an amendment to the motion to give the Airport Board authority to adjust the project by \$291.17 next year. Carried.

4-H UPDATE

4-H/Youth Development Extension Educator Erin Persche gave the Board an update on 4-H.

OLD BUSINESS

CRIP PROJECT

Commissioner Todd updated the Board on the Old Hwy 85 prices. If the Board continues with the plans of paving the road it will cost the County \$1 million dollars and if the Board goes back to the original plan of putting roto mill on the road the price will be \$100,000. Discussion ensued. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

EMPLOYER'S COUNCIL

Clerk Hadlock let the Board know that the January bill for Employer's Council was needing to be paid. Commissioner Todd moved to approve Employer's Council for Consulting Membership in the amount of \$3,800 for this annual cycle; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Ayes: Wagoner, Todd. Nays: Huber. Carried.

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE ON REQUEST FOR COOPERATING AGENCY STATUS REGARDING THE FOREST SERVICE LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT AND ENVIRONMENT IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) FOR OLD-GROWTH FOREST CONDITIONS ACROSS THE NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM

Commissioner Todd let the Board know that he attended a meeting discussing the letter presented by Dru Bower with Dru Consulting. Commissioner Wagoner added that if the Board does not move forward with requesting a seat at the table, we will lose a seat. Commissioner Todd moved to approve the Chairman's Signature on Request for Cooperating Agency Status Regarding the Forest Service Land Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Old-Growth Forest Conditions Across the National Forest System; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ted Ertman and Dan Fouch spoke during public comment.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Huber spoke during Commissioner Comments.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 p.m.

Garrett Borton
Vice-Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk