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WASHAKIE COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS March 21, 2023

The Washakie County Board of County Commissioners met at the above date beginning at 9:00 a.m. Those present were Chairman Aaron Anderson, Commissioners Terry Wolf, and Morgan Martinez. Also present were Clerk to the Board Lily Rakness Parra, and Northern Wyoming News representative Karla Pomeroy. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Karla Pomeroy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Superintendent Stuart Bower gave an update on Road and Bridge. Bower advised that several caution cones had disappeared on the Lower Nowood which has added to the depletion of the County's equipment in signage, cones, etc. He expressed his frustration with this issue as it is a burden to the County. He feels that the County should not have to continue to remedy it as the signs and cones continue to disappear. The grader that is currently being refurbished should be done within two to three weeks. A discussion was held on crushing options and priority's for the County.

Interim Planner Mike Robinson gave a planning update to the BOCC. He advised that CMAC was about 6 weeks out for approval of obligation of funds. Robinson discussed the gravel pit status and the need for around 10,000 yards per location for gravel road maintenance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and approved by Commissioner Martinez to authorize Robinson to put Tom's Pit out to bid for 10,000 yards. Motion Carried.

Building Maintenance Manager Ryan Casad updated the BOCC on the county's septic dump site. He is looking in to a diagnosis or replacement of the heaters which quit working, and caused a pipe to freeze and break. Casad also advised that a new mini split is needed in the County Map Room for the air conditioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to authorize the Maintenance Manager to replace the mini split in the map room in the amount of \$11,323.00. Motion carried.

Public Health Nursing Manager Amanda Heinmeyer updated the BOCC on the remodel bid for the Public Health offices.

Sheriff Brookwell and Dispatch Sargent Ryan Rakness discussed the final pieces of the SHSP WYDOT ARPA Grant and the additional funding in the amount of \$15,801.56 that would be needed in order to complete the entirety of the purchase.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to authorize Sheriff Brookwell to sign the contractual agreement for the SHSP WYDOT ARPA Grant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to go into executive session to discuss confidential personnel beginning at 10:28 am. Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to reconvene into regular session at 10:34 am. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to authorize Kami Neighbors to pursue the full time position for the EMPG Grant. Motion Carried.

The BOCC authorized Clerk Rakness Parra to proceed with the WEX Fuel Card Program.

A discussion was held on the Cottonwood Creek Winchester Bridge. In attendance were Stephanie Lowe with WYDOT via conference call and County Attorney Anthony Barton. As the Washakie County Museum was no longer interested in the bridge due to the lead paint issues, options in ways to proceed were discussed. Photos and memorabilia for the bridge will be kept in regard to the history and importance of the bridge. Washakie County would like to advertise the bridge and look for potential land owners taking and utilizing it instead of destroying the bridge. The county will still provide the funds to help move the bridge as the funds have already been allocated towards the move. WYDOT agreed that they would cover similar circumstances of moving the bridge and paying for the interpretive signs at the museum as well. It was decided that they would like to collaborate at a different time for a final agreement on the bridge accepting bids.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to go into executive session for legal advice beginning at 1:46 pm. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to reconvene into regular session at 1:56 pm. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wolf made a motion and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to propose an amendment to the procurement policy to change the procurement limits on "Vehicles, Heavy Machinery and Equipment" from "Competitive Bidding" to "Informal RFP's and RFQ's". Motion carried.

County Attorney Barton gave the BOCC an update and a recommendation on the OPIOID proposals.

A discussion was held with Avery Howe of the Northern Wyoming News on the background and details of the Ambulance Service and the procurement of a building to house both the ambulance and the employees of Cody Regional Health.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to authorize Sheriff Brookwell to purchase 2020 Ford F150 in the amount of \$44,309.00 from Griner Ford and outfit the truck in the amount of \$3,601.91 for a total of \$47,910.91. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and Seconded by Commissioner Martinez to authorize Superintendent Bower to inspect and if adequate, purchase a 2020 Ford F150 in the amount of \$40,436.00 from Fremont Motors Riverton. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by

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commissioner Wolf to go into executive session for legal counsel beginning at 3:07 pm. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to reconvene into regular session at 3:28 pm. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

1. Ratify Chairman's signature on letter to Big Horn REA regarding Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) - Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships, (GRIP) - DE-FOA-0002740 Letter of Commitment/Holy Cross Energy, from Emergency Management Director Kami Neighbors.
2. Approve Bond for Leah Linster, President of the Ten Sleep Recreation District, in the amount of \$25,000.00
3. Approve Bond for Holly Redland, Treasurer of the Ten Sleep Recreation District, in the amount of \$25,000.00
4. Approve Bond for Rolly Redland, President of the Washakie County Predatory Animal Board in the amount of \$5,000.00
5. Approve Bond for Mark Dooley, Vice President of the Washakie County Predatory Animal Board in the amount of \$5,000.00
6. Accept Treasurers Office Trial Balance and Cash Balance February 2023
7. Accept Treasurer's Report for State and County Road Funds
8. Accept Treasurer's Report for Washakie County Enhanced 911
9. Accept ALSCO 12 month Terms and Conditions for Rental Service Agreement for the Court House, Emergency Management Building, Public Health Building, Law Enforcement Center and Washakie County Worland Library
10. Approve funds in the amount of \$15,801.56 to be allocated towards the purchase of Dispatch SHSP Radio Grant.
11. Approve Right-of-Way for David Ray and Wyoming Gas
12. Approve Right-of-Way for Tanner Haun and M&T Underground

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to accept the consent agenda. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

(Seal)
Lily Rakness Parra
Clerk to the Board

Aaron Anderson, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners

April 6, 2023