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07-20-2021 COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

The Board of County Commissioners met at the above date beginning at 9:00 a.m. Those present were Chairman Fred Frandson, Members Aaron Anderson and Terry Wolf, and Clerk to the Board Mary Grace Strauch. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Terry Wolf.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the minutes for the July 7, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

A public hearing was opened at 9:00 am to transfer money to General Accounts from Unanticipated Emergency Expense in the amount of \$11,500.00. There was no one present for the hearing. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to close the hearing at 9:03 am. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to authorize the transfer of funds from the Unanticipated Emergency Expense to General Accounts in the amount of \$11,500.00. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Keith Bower reported to the board that the mowing of the county rights of way has stopped due to the drought and possible fire danger. Patching has taken place on the Winchester Road. Scheduling has been made for watering the fairgrounds area during the fair and to assist with the Monster Truck show. Work will be done on the Road 580. Parts have been ordered for the water truck pump.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reported that all of the goat heads had been removed from the fairgrounds and the dirt is piled and ready to be put in the arena for the Monster Truck show. Clean up is nearly complete for the upcoming fair. Tom will begin to work on the furniture as it arrives at the library. Discussion was held on the staircase displays that are used during fair and if there was an enclosed area for them to be stored. They will not fit in any of the enclosed trailers. Also discussed was adding windows to the doors in the upstairs of the library in all of the offices. Tom will do this as soon as the fair is completed.

Planner David Anderson presented the applications that are needed to begin the process of establishing the Spring Creek Pit, which is located on the Brubaker property. The dust control CMAQ grant documents will be ready for the next commissioner meeting for approval. The WYDOT funds are available through next year. The project will be let in early spring of 2022. A meeting will be held with those involved with the fencing of certain areas along the Lower Nowood. David is waiting for final approval from WYDOT to move forward with this project.

County Assessor Nancy Quinn met with the board to discuss a horizontal move on the salary scale for Caryn Agee and Bobby Swalstad. A new assessor employee will be starting at the beginning salary scale wage. Nancy would like to be able to attend a meeting in Casper in December and has the funds in her budget. Approval was given for the salary move and to attend the meeting in Casper.

Washakie County Nurse Manager Amanda Heinemeyer reported that two nurses had just returned from state trainings. Currently 29.5% of the county residents that can be vaccinated with the COVID 19 vaccine have been. Discussion was held on possibly getting new flooring at Public Health. The board would like to wait and see if a new ambulance station is built and then address the flooring at public health. Discussion was held on testing for COVID 19 at large events. It was decided that testing would be decided by the event organizer not public health.

Youth Alternatives Director Sarah Garcia and Grants Administrator Sheri Gunderson reported to the board that a take back your prescriptions event will be held on July 24 at the Law Enforcement Center. This will be to drop off old unused prescription drugs. There will be a movie night on August 11 at the High School football field. Discussion was held on their new offices and that everything was working well with all those involved.

The annual STIP program was presented by several WYDOT

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personnel. Upcoming road projects were discussed along with the Wyoming Sugar Bridge Project in regards with a timeline on when the project may actually begin. Currently the project is scheduled for a 2025 letting date with construction to begin in 2026.

New York Life representatives Matt Grant and Judy Baker presented to the board the option of receiving a quote from New York Life for short term and long term life insurance. The board took this information under consideration.

Larry and Nancy Heiser representing the Sharon Burton Estate asked permission to have a metal bench placed along the bike path in memory of Sharon. The concrete pad and bench along with all preparation work will be paid for by the estate of Ms. Burton. The only request of the board was that the company that places the bench do line locates before doing any work and meeting with Road and Bridge Superintendent Keith Bower with any questions or issues.

Dr. Jim Gilman and John Davis met with the board to discuss the possibility of placing the Ludlow house, which is currently located at the fairgrounds, on a cement pad to assist with preserving the building. The history of the home was discussed as this being one of the homes that was moved across the river when Worland moved from one side of the river to the other. Discussion was held on ownership of the house and if the current historic preservation board might be interested in assisting with moving the home to the museum lot. Additional information and discussions will be held with the museum and historic preservation board.

Jason Brand, General Manager with Wyoming Whiskey Inc. asked for a Manufacturer's Off-Premise Permit for an event that will be held September 2 through September 5, 2021 at the Ten Sleep Brewery. This will be for taste testing of Wyoming Whiskey and they will not be selling any of the whiskey. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the Wyoming Whiskey Manufacturer's Off Premise Permit. Motion carried.

Fire Chief/Warden Chris Kocher presented the Amendment No. One to the cooperative agreement for the 2017 Western States Wildland Urban Interface grant with the Wyoming State Forestry for an extension of time to complete several projects. The grant agreement would be extended through May 31, 2022. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioners Wolf to authorize the chairman to sign the amendment to the 2017 Western States Wildland Urban Grant. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to authorize the chairman, after approval is received from the county attorney, to approve the extension on the contract with Chris Weydeveld of Technical Forestry to complete the work on the 2017 Western States Wildland grant. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to appoint the following board members: Dean Carroll-Hospital Board, Mike Robinson-Ten Sleep Solid Waste, Jody Smith – Library, Michael Collen-Ten Sleep Solid Waste, and Kent Lamm-Predatory Animal Board. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to authorize selling the Bomag roller to Nowood Construction at scrap metal prices. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the possibility of giving the search and rescue the two used Ford Explorers instead of trading those in with the Sheriff's Office vehicle purchase. Discussion will be held on the cost of the repairs needed on the Assessor's vehicle and other trade in vehicles through the Sheriff's Department before a final decision is made.

Library Director Karen Funk discussed with the board the purchase of a refrigerator for the library. Approval was given to purchase a 22 cubic foot refrigerator for \$1073.00. Discussion was held on the dishwasher and the purchasing of several televisions for the study rooms. Karen will get updated prices and sizes for

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the televisions and meet with the board again. One donation as has been received to assist with the purchase of the television's from the Faure Family.

Discussion was held on the 2021-2022 budget. The board of commissioners is going to add \$200,000 in cash reserve and \$135,000 in unanticipated emergency expense. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to adopt the Appropriation Resolution and the Resolution To Provide Income Necessary to Finance the Budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to support the Wyoming County Commissioners Association to introduce the Resilient Federal Forests Act by ranking member Bruce Westerman through the House Natural Resources Committee. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve bond for John T. Scheuerman, Hanover Irrigation District Treasurer, in the amount of \$250,000.00.
2. Accept monthly report from Clerk of Court \$1,659.39, Treasurer's Office Trial Balance and Cash Balance.
3. Authorize chairman to sign Understanding of Services with Carver, Florek & James regarding the 2021-2022 audit.
4. Approve bond for Jimmy Phelps, Washakie County School District No. 2 Superintendent, in the amount of \$1000.00.
5. Authorize chairman to sign Payment and Financial Policies with Public Health.
6. Authorize chairman to sign Memo of Understanding with the Wyoming Supreme Court.
7. Authorize chairman to sign Change Order No. 6 regarding the Library remodel.
8. Authorize chairman to sign the Family Planning Expense/Revenue report for June 2021.
9. Approve Assessment rolls for the following districts: Worland Drainage District, Worland Bench Drainage District, Highland Hanover Irrigation District, Bluff Irrigation District, Upper Bluff Irrigation District, Colter Drainage District, Big Horn Canal, Gooseberry Creek Irrigation District, Hanover Irrigation District, South Circle Estates, Nowood Watershed Improvement District, Lower Nowood Improvement and Service District.
10. Authorize chairman to sign the Notice of Intent for mineral mining, Free Use Permit – Mineral Material and the New Source Review Permit Application regarding the Spring Creek proposed gravel pit.
11. Authorize chairman to sign the VOA Cooperative agreement in regards to funding for Youth Alternatives.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

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

(Seal)
Mary Grace Strauch
Clerk to the Board

Fred W. Frandson, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners

August 5, 2021