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07-21-2020 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, Clerk to the Board Mary Grace Strauch. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Fred Frandson. All present at the meeting maintained the six feet distance as is needed for social distancing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Keith Bower reviewed a right of way easement filed by Kyle O'Donnell to bore Road 47. Approval was given. Discussion was held on repairing the 29-year-old Bomag Roller. Parts are no longer available to repair the unit. Keith will receive estimates for a used roller. Repairs will be needed on the Washakie Ave Bridge this fall and the tree on Washakie Ave will be taken down soon. Road 82 is holding up great after the magnesium chloride was placed and Lane 17 and Road 77 are holding up well. There were several areas along county roads that need to be addressed that the person mowing has found. Keith will address when time permits. Discussion was held on Road 17 ½ - Tie Down Road and completing the process of establishing this road as a county road.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reported that final cleanup will be completed at the Fairgrounds next week. The Plexiglas has been placed in the food booths. The Circuit Court air conditioning unit will be fixed this week in Circuit Court. Approval was given to purchase a blade and winch for the 4-wheeler. Estimated amount was \$600.00.

Commissioner Frandson wanted to alert all county residents that the county does still have a contract with AirMedCare Network dba Guardian Flight through March 31, 2023 for emergency flight services. Any resident of the county is covered with the flight membership and should not receive an invoice for any portion of the flight. AirMedCare Network has 320 locations throughout the United States.

Public Health Nurse Amanda Heinemeyer discussed with the board events with a gathering of over 250 people and not asking for a variance. There was a basketball tournament held several weeks ago and the State Health Officer had called this to Amanda's attention because there was no variance requested. The board would like the health nurse to continue to have the information available to the public regarding the governor's orders and the variance that is available. Discussion was held on the fair board variance and receiving additional information on capacity with the bleachers. Discussion was held on a grant that has been approved for public health regarding COVID 19 testing and partnering with the hospital when testing may need to be completed and those that may qualify for the funding. Discussion was held on additional funds that are available through the CARES Act regarding all county entities.

Youth Alternatives Director Sarah Garcia, Grant Specialist Sheri Gunderson, And Prevention Specialist Lila Jolley reported to the board that they had a successful prevention coalition meeting. There is a reminder to the public of a summer activity sheet is available on the Youth Alternatives website.

Planner David Anderson discussed with the board Road Petition 107 regarding Road 17 ½ - Tie Down Road and about vacating Road 18 ½. The next step will be to appoint a road viewer for Road 17 1/2. David will ask Mike Robinson if he is interested in serving as a viewer. Discussion was held on the Red Vista Village Subdivision and the fact that David has not seen all of the documentation that is needed as of this date. Also discussed was the CMAC Funding that is available for dust control. Several roads were identified for this grant application. Commissioner

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Anderson will be setting up a meeting in the near future to work with landowners and the BLM regarding the fencing along the Lower Nowood. Discussion was held on the bid specification for the library remodel project.

Fire Chief/Warden Chris Kocher discussed with the board the Neiber Fire which is 100% contained. Also discussed was a possibility of a cheat grass grazing project with the BLM in the area in the future. Commissioner Frandson will discuss further with BLM representatives. The board reviewed the Summitt Forests agreement in regards to the Annie Tolman Project. The amount of acreage has been reduced to 73 acres and the amount of the agreement is \$86,797.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the Summitt Forests Agreement As presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to convene into executive session with County Attorney John Worrall at 11:11 am to discuss possible litigation. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to reconvene into regular session beginning at 11:29 am. Motion carried. No action was taken.

FSA Representative Lisa Bower, Conservation District Director Amanda O'Keefe, past Conservation District Director Tori Dietz, Extension Educator Caitlin Youngquist and USDA Representative Laura Galloway met with the board to discuss a possible declaration of drought for Washakie County to help area ranchers and farmers. Discussion was held on preliminary reports and statistics that will be needed in regards to the letter the board will be writing to the governor regarding the declaration. Discussion was held on the 5 and 10 year averages for drought conditions, state engineers information on creek flows, BLM information that may be available regarding the loss of feed on AUM's, and the need for self-reporting by area landowners that is needed in regards to the US Drought Monitor NOA map. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to draft a letter to the governor's office requesting a drought declaration for Washakie County. This letter will be completed upon receiving adequate information from landowners, Farm Service Agency, Ag Extension, NRCS and Washakie County Conservation District. Motion carried.

Dessa Dale with DJ&A Associates met by phone and Planner David Anderson was present and met with the board to review the Draft Natural Resource Management Plan. The entire document was reviewed by the board and several changes were made and several items deleted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve a Catering Permit for the Brass Plum for an event to be held at the Griemsman property on August 1, 2020. Motion carried.

Further discussion was held on the capacity at the fairgrounds grand stands. The total amount of people is 954. Additional portable stands could be utilized for a total of 1500 people. The variance would have to be written for 750 people.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to convene into executive session beginning at 3:30 pm with County Attorney John Worrall and Planner David Anderson to discuss possible litigation. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to reconvene into regular session beginning at 4:00 pm. Motion carried. Commissioner Frandson will respond to a request from Cole Smith for a variance to the subdivision regulations by email.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to appoint Mike Robinson as the road viewer for Petition 107, which is Road 17 ½ - Tie Down Road. Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to adopt the Appropriation Resolution and the Resolution Necessary To Provide Income Necessary to Finance Budget regarding the 2020/2021 fiscal year. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Accept monthly report from Sheriff's Dept. \$2,005.45.
2. Authorize chairman to sign Modification of Grant Agreement with Bighorn National Forest extending the performance period.
3. Authorize chairman to sign MOU with Wyoming Department of Health and Washakie County regarding Public Health Nursing Services and home visitation services with MCH.
4. Authorize chairman to sign Family Planning Expense/Revenue report for June 2020.
5. Ratify chairman signing Business Ready Community Grant with Wyoming Business Council regarding the library remodel.
6. Authorize chairman to sign VOA draw down request in the amount of \$6,274.65.
7. Authorize chairman to sign MOU with Wyoming Department of Health and Washakie County regarding Public Health Personnel Salaries and support contact tracing and other outbreak response activities.
8. Accept bond for Tad DeBolt, Worland Fire Protection District Secretary/Treasurer, in the amount of \$10,000.00.
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, Lower Nowood Improvement and Service District, Nowood Watershed Improvement District.
10. All commissioner sign Worland Fire Protection District No. 1 and City of Worland Dispatch user agreements.
11. Authorize chairman to sign the Start-Up documents regarding the Library Grant.
12. Approve bond for Steven Snyder, Hanover Irrigation District Treasurer, in the amount of \$250,000.00.
13. Approve bond for Luke Lungren, Hanover Irrigation District, in the amount of \$10,000.00.
14. Approve bond for Robert Shelton, Bluff Irrigation District, in the amount of \$5,000.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf 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 6, 2020