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WASHAKIE COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS November 19, 2024

The Washakie County Board of County Commissioners met at the above date beginning at 9:00 a.m. Those present were Chairman Aaron Anderson, Commissioner Terry Wolf and clerk to the board Lily Rakness Parra. Also present was Tom Schmeltzer, Road and Bridge Superintendent Stuart Bower, and Interim Planner Mike Robinson. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance led by Stuart Bower.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2024, meeting. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Stuart Bower gave an update to the BOCC. A discussion was held regarding moving the cattle guard on Lane 17 and that it may be better to do in the spring when the frost has left the ground. The BOCC reviewed a ROW Application for Lane 6.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the Jordan Farms, Copper Mountain Permit for the line to be bored across the lane. Motion carried.

Interim Planner Mike Robinson gave a planning update to the BOCC. He advised that the response for public use of gravel out of Billy's Flat Gravel Pit was a "hard no" due to federal regulations preventing it for public use. Robinson gave an update on the process with Ten Sleep Rock Ranch. He advised there is a WYDOT Access Permit, and he is currently working on the proposed conditions for approval from the Planning Commission.

Building Maintenance Manager Breck Buer gave the BOCC an update. He advised that he will be putting in for the WAM Energy Lease Program in hopes of getting new energy efficient windows in the shop at the fairgrounds.

Dan Vanderploeg with Washakie County Extension spoke to the BOCC about the upcoming WESTI Ag Days and the importance of the event. He also introduced the new Office Administrator

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Sheri Gunderson, Lila Jolley and Kassie Nolting gave a WCPC update to the BOCC. Kassie advised that the diversion program was going well and that her position could move to a more "full-time diversion" due to the large number of participants. Lila advised that the recent suicide prevention training went very well and was well attended. They updated the BOCC on the weekly meeting dates as well as the School Prevention Nights coming up in February 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve the \$225.00 ad in support of the Chamber of Commerce Map. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to authorize the Chairman to sign the RFP for the VA Lease pending approval by County Attorney Barton. Motion carried.

Public Health Coordinator Amanda Heinemeyer gave a Public Health update to the BOCC. She advised that Wyoming Disability had requested to rent some space approximately once a month to do exams for Disability benefits. She advised that it would be an all-day event and that they could utilize the conference room. She will be in contact with the department regarding rental fees etc. and report back to the BOCC.

Sheriff Austin Brookwell spoke to the BOCC regarding one of his patrol vehicles that is in disrepair to the extent of needing to be replaced. The BOCC agreed to the purchase coming out of the Courthouse New Vehicle line item. Brookwell also discussed the need for a local nurse to come in and do daily check-ups for the inmates. He advised that the current nurse is doing a telehealth visit and that the in-person checks would be more beneficial. He advised that he would like to increase the pay for the nurse position. The BOCC advised Brookwell to make the change in the salary and as the year goes on, watch the bottom line to see if a budget amendment will be needed.

The BOCC made a call to Rose Montanez regarding her fence line on Lane 17 and if she intended on putting the fence up before

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winter. Montanez advised that she had planned on doing it in the spring. It was agreed upon by Montanez that the cattleguard and fence could be put up around the same time during the spring of 2025.

Anna Venable with the Washakie Historical Preservation Commission presented the Commission's Annual Report to the BOCC. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve the signing of the Washakie Historical Preservation Commission's Yearly Report. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Authorize Chairman to sign 2024 SHSP Grant Agreement
2. Authorize Chairman to sign Library Expansion Notice to Proceed for Groathouse Construction, Inc.
3. Approve October 2024 County Clerk's Receipt totals in the amount of \$10,697.25
4. E-911 \$29,008.85
5. St Co. Rd Construction Funds \$172,433.45
6. Approve October 2024 Trial Balance for Washakie County Treasurer in the amount of \$12,223,372.82
7. Washakie Co Sheriff's Office Cash and Disbursements October 2024 \$3,130.00
8. Authorize Chairman to Sign Terra GIS Service Contract
9. Approve the Wyoming Health Council Revenue and Expense Report for October 2024

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve 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 at 10:50 am. Motion carried.

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Lily Rakness Parra
Clerk to the Board

Aaron Anderson, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners

December 19, 2024