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### 12-15-2020 SPECIAL COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

The Board of County Commissioners met at the above date beginning at 9:00 am. 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 Road and Bridge Superintendent Keith Bower. All present at the meeting maintained the six feet distance as is needed for social distancing and wore facemasks.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Keith Bower reported that the crew has been working on snow removal and fire markers as they have time. Discussion was had on having a phone line place at the Big Trails Shop for a camera so that the crew can see how much snow is in the area. Keith will receive costs for this and report to the board. Commissioner Frandson stated that he had received several positive comments on the roadwork that has been done on Big Trails and the Dry Farm Road.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reported that the fairgrounds leaves have been taken care of. The lighthouse safety issues have been addressed and Tom will continue to monitor the situation. A drain will be installed at the Law Enforcement Center; this is for the new washer and dryer that was purchased. Ron Harvey donated several gates to the county and they can be used at the Ten Sleep Shop if that is what the board would like to do with them.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to appoint Marty Cross to the fair board for a five-year term. Motion carried.

Public Health Nurse Manager Amanda Heinemeyer reported that a person had been hired to take care of media, posting on facebook and upcoming COVID information that will be needed. Discussion was held on the vaccine for the Coronavirus and when it will be available in Washakie County and how it will be disbursed. The new phones have been installed at Public Health.

Youth Alternatives Director Sarah Garcia, Grant Administrator Sheri Gunderson and Prevention Specialist Lila Jolley reported on upcoming projects that they continue to work on.

Planner David Anderson reported that he had completed the underground storage tank training and he will do a walk through with Heather Shryack this month and then take over doing the inspection. David continues to work on the Lower Nowood striping project RFP. David reported that he has not received final information from WYDOT regarding the dust control grant that was received but hopes to have the work completed this summer. Dessa Dale with D J & A called into the meeting to discuss the final version of the Washakie County Natural Resource Plan. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the County Natural Resource Plan as presented and have the plan posted on the county website. Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to convene into executive session with County Attorney John Worrall and Planner David Anderson 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 10:50 am. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to direct County Planner David Anderson to survey the remaining portion of Road 17 ½ (Tie Down Road) to the west edge of the county property. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to convene into executive session beginning at 10:53 am with County Attorney John Worrall to discuss possible litigation and contract negotiations. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to reconvene into regular session beginning at 11:04 am. Motion carried. No action was taken.

Ambulance Director Luke Sypherd and County Attorney John Worrall met with the board to discuss the Cody Regional Health proposal and additional information that is needed before moving forward. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to authorize County Attorney John Worrall to draft a letter to Cody Regional Health Emergency Medical Services regarding a proforma report with a confidentiality agreement that information will not be shared with any others. Motion carried. Also discussed was a letter that will be sent to the City of Worland regarding misinformation on the ambulance service and the proposal that was received by the county. Discussion was held on if it would be possible to have a living quarters built within the building that was purchased on South 8th street. Luke will meet with Tom Schmeltzer to further discuss this project.

Historic Preservation member Mike Bies and Grant Director Anna Venable met with the board to review the Annual audit for the Historic Preservation Board.

Commissioner Wolf left the meeting to join a Zoom meeting and testify with the Joint Appropriations committee regarding cutting funding to county government.

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Accept monthly reports for Clerk of District Court for November \$1,436.55, Sheriff – October \$6,776.30, November \$9,459.37.
2. Authorize chairman to sign Homeland Security EMPG grant in the amount of \$53,478.00.

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3. Ratify chairman signing Wyoming Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant Draft Request in the amount of \$18,757.00 for Courthouse technology needs.

4. Ratify chairman signing WAM Energy Lease Program application.

5. Authorize chairman signing Firesmart Grant request for reimbursement in the amount of \$23,987.00.

6. Authorize chairman signing CAFA Grant request for reimbursement in the amount of \$3,366.25.

7. Approve holidays for 2021 as follows: New Years January 1, President's Day February 15, Good Friday April 2, Memorial Day May 31, Independence Day July 5, Labor Day September 6, Columbus Day October 11, Veteran's Day November 11, Thanksgiving November 25 and 26, Christmas December 23 and 24, December 31. New Years eve.

8. Authorize chairman to sign Amendment agreement with the WARM contract.

9. Authorize chairman to sign the Annual Report Form for the Historic Preservation Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson, after removing himself from the chair, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

The library remodel project was toured. Discussion was held on additional change orders that will need to be addressed in the future.

The board met with Dr. Amber Moss regarding the public health officer position. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to appoint Dr. Amber Moss as the Washakie County Public Health Officer effective today. Motion carried. Commissioner Frandson will have the contract completed with Dr. Moss.

Discussion was held on moving forward with listing the current county library for sale. Commissioner Frandson will work on this with the area realtors.

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

(Seal)  
Mary Grace Strauch  
Clerk to the Board

Fred W. Frandson, Chairman  
Washakie County Commissioners

December 31, 2020