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### 11-17-2020 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 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 October 29, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Keith Bower reviewed with the board a right of way easement with Wyoming Gas. The gravel crushing has been completed. The crew is working on annual maintenance on equipment and the fire markers as they have time. The Ten Sleep grader repair is complete.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to convene into executive session beginning at 9:20 am with County Attorney John Worrall and Sheriff Steve Rakness to discuss personnel and security. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioners Anderson to reconvene into regular session beginning at 9:54 am. Motion carried. No action was taken.

Public Health Nurse Manager Amanda Heinemeyer reported to the board that the ambulance service would begin to do COVID testing on Monday and Wednesday. This will be free to the public and test results will be known usually within 24 to 36 hours. The hospital has reduced their fee for performing a rapid test to \$96.00. Amanda has purchased an ultra-cold freezer for the COVID vaccine as it becomes available.

Youth Alternatives Director Sarah Garcia, Grant Administrator Sheri Gunderson and Prevention Specialist Lila Jolley met with the board to discuss upcoming events and virtual meetings.

Planner David Anderson and WYDOT Environmental Specialist Stephanie Lowe both by phone met with the board to discuss moving the Cottonwood Creek Bridge located on Winchester Road to the county museum. The bridge has been classified as a historic bridge. There were no cost estimates available on moving and placing the bridge and the county will be responsible for these expenses. A letter will be sent to the museum regarding placement and estimated costs to move the bridge.

A liquor license hearing was opened at 11:00 am and the notice for hearing was read. There was no one present for the hearing. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to close the hearing at 11:01 am. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve retail liquor licenses for Washakie County as follows: Big Horn Mountain Ski Lodge LLC-DBA Big Horn Mountain Ski Lodge, RBK Ranches LLC-DBA Red Reflet Ranch, Asian Cuisine, and one Micro Brewery License-Ten Sleep Brewing Co. Inc. Motion carried.

Homeland Security Director Kami Neighbors met with the board and presented Resolution No. 365 regarding a CARES Act funding grant application for \$74,700.00 to purchase three Jaguar ul-

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tra violet disinfection units. These units can clean 1000 square feet in 15 minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve Resolution No. 365 for CARES Act funding in the amount of \$74,700.00. Motion carried.

The meeting was moved to the Washakie County Fairgrounds conference room at 1:30 pm to accommodate for social distancing. Discussion was held with the landowners on the vacation of Lane 18 1/2. It was understood by those present that by making Lane 18 1/2 a private road it still allows access to those that own land contiguous to the roadway. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve Resolution No. 358 vacating Lane 18 1/2. Motion carried. Discussion was then held on road petition number 107, which was for Road 17 1/2 (Tie Down Road) as a county road. Discussion was held on ownership of two parcels of land and after much researching by the county planner it was resolved that Washakie County and ANB Bank own the two parcels. Discussion was held on why the road had been maintained in the past and the issue that the paperwork was not correctly completed for a roadway to become a county road. Discussion was held on water seepage, water drainage, items that will be grandfathered into the right of way of the roadway and past landowners that did not want maintenance on the roadway. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to deny Road Petition No. 107. Motion carried.

The county planner has sent consent forms to those landowners that are contiguous to the Road 17 1/2 roadway that the county would like to take as a county road and the board encourages the landowners to sign the consent forms and then the board will complete the process of making Road 17 1/2 a county road. There was opposition to the roadway becoming a county road by at least one landowner that voiced their opinion. The information was taken under consideration and the board again encouraged those present to consider signing the consent agreements.

Sheriff Steve Rakness presented to the board Resolution No. 366 regarding CARES Act funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 for Personal Protective Equipment and plumbing expenses for the washer and dryer. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve Resolution No. 366 as presented. Motion carried.

At 3:00 pm there was a meeting with over 15 participants to discuss a possibility of a mandatory mask order for Washakie County. Washakie County Health Officer Dr. Edward Zimmerman presented a letter to be sent to the Wyoming Department of Health regarding the proposed mandate. Dr. Zimmerman with documentation stated that there is solid evidence that masks help decrease the transmission of the COVID 19 virus. The board does not believe that a mask mandate is necessary, that barriers at work are as effective as masks, and all commissioners are worried that this is an encroachment on the citizen's civil liberties. Discussion was held on other studies that have been completed that cannot prove that masks will prevent the spread of the virus. Commissioner Anderson would like to take the approach of allowing people to make their own decisions on mask wearing but to encourage that all citizens and business's take into account their surroundings, social distancing, screening employees if necessary, and if the guidelines are followed, there will be less chance of overwhelming our county hospital. The board would like to send a letter to all businesses and have the letter in the local news-

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paper and on newspaper website with the available information to help to decrease the spread of the virus. After much discussion from those present on if masks help or do not help with the spread of the disease Dr. Zimmerman announced that his letter to the Department of Health had already been sent to the State Health Officer and the Attorney General's office for their approval without the support from the commissioners. This portion of the meeting ended at 4:30 pm.

The board will be sending a letter to the State Health Officer, Dr. Alexia Harrist, stating that they do not support the letter that Dr. Zimmerman sent regarding the mask mandate for Washakie County.

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Accept monthly for October for Clerk of Court \$2,072.80, Circuit Court \$7287.00 and \$3,091.00, County Clerk \$9,615.75, Treasurer's Office Trial Balance and Cash Balance.
2. Ratify chairman signing Change Order No. 1 regarding the Library remodel in the amount of \$25,179.00.
3. Authorize chairman to sign State Loan and Investment Board Reimbursement Agreement in the amount of \$18,757.00.
4. Authorize chairman to sign MOU with City of Worland regarding Cooperative Winter Road Maintenance.
5. Authorize chairman to sign right of way on with Wyoming Gas to bore Road 13.
6. Authorize chairman to sign Washakie County School District No. 2 Agreement regarding the Ten Sleep Library Branch.
7. All commissioners sign letter to Washakie County Museum regarding expenses to relocate the Cottonwood Bridge.
8. All commissioners sign letter to area businesses regarding a spike in COVID 19 cases and best practices for our community.
9. All commissioners sign letter to Dr. Alexia Harrist regarding not supporting a mask mandate for Washakie County with a letter sent by Dr. Edward Zimmerman.

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 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 3, 2020