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11-15-2022 COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

County Attorney John Worrall discussed with the board that the possibility of dissolving the Joint Powers Board that is associated with the Aquatic Center. Discussion was held on the process to dissolve a joint powers board and how to make sure going forward that the pool will still be available to all residents because the pool was built with sales tax funding. Commissioner Wolf will take this information back to the pool board and discuss further at their upcoming meeting.

County Attorney John Worrall reported that he would be discussing with the attorneys and judge a possible resolution to the current litigation on the proposed ambulance station being located on Road 11.

Approval was given by the board to approve extended sick leave from several county employees for an employee in the Detention Department.

Interim Planner Mike Robinson presented the Thomas Subdivision Plat. There were no issues with the proposed plat. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve the Thomas Subdivision Plat as presented. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Stuart Bower, Tractor and Equipment Byrant Nutting, Mike Adam, and Interim Planner Mike Robinson reviewed with the board the options and costs for refurbishing the road graders. There is pricing for the power train rebuild only and pricing for refurbishing an entire grader. The warranty is comparable to a new grader warranty. Estimated cost for a new grader is \$430,000 and a used grader is \$279,000 with 5000 hours. Estimated time for refurbishing a grader is 6 weeks and there should be an opening in several weeks. The crew could deliver the graders to Great Falls to save on transportation costs. The board will review this information and have a work session regarding budget options for upcoming projects. The board will also be discussing the chip seal proposed projects

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at this work session. WYDOT will not be responsible for removing the lead base paint on the Cottonwood Bridge on Winchester. Stuart has contacted a company that will view the bridge and send an estimate on the cost to have the paint removed. Discussion was held on what entity would be responsible for repainting the bridge and if the bridge would need to be repainted. There was no decision made on this issue. Estimated cost to remove the rock by the Mahogany Buttes area is \$22,500.00. Estimate was received from Midwest Rockfall Inc.

A liquor license hearing was opened at 10:30 am for the renewal of retail liquor licenses for Big Horn Mountain Ski Lodge and Asian Cuisine and a microbrewery license for Ten Sleep Brewing Company. There was no one present for the hearing. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to close the hearing at 10:33 am. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the liquor license applications as presented for Big Horn Mountain Ski Lodge, Asian Cuisine and Microbrewery license for Ten Sleep Brewing Company. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Stuart Bower and Interim Planner Mike Robinson discussed with the board the possibility of receiving additional information from WYDOT engineers regarding the bike path sluffing off issues before proceeding.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer, Public Health Nurse Manager Amanda Heinemeyer, and Cody Regional Ambulance EMS Quality Supervisor Luke Sypherd met with the board to review the proposed plans for remodeling the public health meeting room to add additional office space. Tom reported that there are no load bearing walls, the attic area is open enough to allow for wiring to be completed, and there is no loss of square footage and there are no plumbing needs in the proposed area. Also presented was a quote on new flooring for the entire public health area. Estimated cost is \$25,000. Amanda would like to include this in the price for the remodel and seek approval from the state to utilize the grant funds for this project. Luke does not have any issues with the plans and will continue to have his current office available until a final decision is made on an ambulance station. Approval was given by the board to proceed with the cost estimates and approval from the state on using the grant funds.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reported to the board that a county employee will need to attend a one week training to learn how to test the underground storage tank for the generator at the Law Enforcement Center. This cannot be hired out because the person testing must be a county employee.

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The board has taken this under advisement and will discuss at an upcoming meeting.

Cody Regional Ambulance EMS Quality Supervisor Luke Sypherd met with the board to review a letter of support for a regionalization pilot program. This is for critical care operations and not air ambulance support. The board would like to receive a copy of the proposal for the grant application. The board will sign a letter of support in regards to the services that are provided to Washakie County by Cody Regional Health.

Youth Alternatives Director Sarah Garcia, Grant Administrator Sheri Gunderson and Prevention Specialist Lila Jolley reported to the board upcoming programs that they will be participating in the coming weeks. The Ryan David Leaf assembly at the Worland High School and community event, Cultures of Dignity – November 30, with a focus group to meet Monday, November 2. STEM night is December 1 at West Side School, the W Club will be taking over the It's Who We Are campaign and in February will be the campaign against drugs and alcohol where everyone that is attending the basketball game is asked to where a white t-shirt.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Accept Treasurer's Office Trial Balance and Cash Balance for October 2022.
2. Authorize chairman to sign Final Proof of Loss regarding the vehicle incident on the Big Horn Mountains in the amount of \$16,437.69.
3. All commissioners sign letter of support to the Cody Regional Health Ambulance Service.
4. Ratify chairman signing letter to Bureau of Land Management with joint cooperating agency comments regarding the sage grouse plan amendments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to accept 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. Motion carried.

(Seal)
Mary Grace Strauch
Clerk to the Board

Aaron Anderson, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners

December 8, 2022