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WASHAKIE COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS May 21, 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, Commissioners Terry Wolf and Morgan Martinez and clerk to the board Lily Rakness Parra. Also present were Mike Robison and Stuart Bower. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance led by Mike Robison.

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

Road and Bridge Superintendent Stuart Bower gave an update to the BOCC. He advised that signs continue to be stolen and shot up throughout the county. Some of the signs will be hard to replace. Bower said that campers around Tom's Pit continue to grow and is becoming more of an issue. He advised that he will be touching base with Sheriff Brookwell to see if there is anything that can be done. Mowing and pothole patching is in the works currently and a discussion was held regarding the issue of pivots spraying on the roadways which is what is continually causing the potholes. Bower said that he will be hiring at the end of May and part time options were discussed along with the current pay scale.

Chairman Anderson read aloud the Audit Bid notice and opened the one (1) sealed bid that was received from Carver Florek and James for the "Total Maximum Fee" of \$62,925 for FY 2024 with an increase each Fiscal Year until 2028. The BOCC advised that they will take the bid into consideration and decide after some questions are answered.

Interim Planner Mike Robison gave an update to the BOCC. He advised that the CMAQ24 Dustbusters proposal needed to be signed, which the BOCC will do in Consent Agenda. Robison discussed chip seal numbers and options and advised that he would like to have them ready to present during the next meeting. A discussion was held regarding gravel crushing materials and options. Chairman Anderson advised that a homeowner questioned as to whether their driveways would be done as well. A discussion regarding what has been done in the past as well as the complications it would bring to the project. Bower advised that while paving certain roads, if the homeowner would like their driveway done, they could contact the company and make those arrangements as necessary.

Robison advised that after further discussion with the owners of Ten Sleep Rock Ranch, nothing has been expanded. He was waiting for a final response from DEQ and if everything is ok with them, he does not believe there are any issues with their project. A discussion was held regarding a small sliver of property in city limits owned by Washakie County. The BOCC advised that they would like to consider all options, let the city take control of and potentially give the property owners in the area to an opportunity to provide input on what could be done with the property. Chairman Anderson advised that there was no logic in the County keeping the property.

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Building Maintenance Manager Breck Buer gave an update to the BOCC. He advised that the new ambulance building had been cleaned up and was ready to be moved into. It was requested that a key pad door lock be installed in order to alleviate the need for multiple keys. Buer advised that the courthouse grass had a fungal issue and Green Turf estimated that it could be taken care of throughout the summer for an estimated cost of \$3,200.00. The BOCC advised Buer to proceed.

A public hearing was opened at 9:45 am to transfer funds for WIC. No one was present and no comment was made. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to close the hearing at 9:46 am. Motion Carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to increase the funds as advertised for WIC by \$10,000.00. Motion carried.

A public hearing was opened at 9:48 am to increase the funds as advertised for the Public Health budget - Imprest Immunizations. Persons present were Public Health Coordinator Amanda Heinemeyer; who commented on the need for more vaccinations as the new flu, pneumonia and COVID vaccinations were on the rise and being used more than anticipated. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to close the hearing at 9:50 am. A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to amend the budget to increase the funds in the Imprest immunization budget by \$65,000.00. Motion carried.

Public Health Coordinator Amanda Heinemeyer gave an update to the BOCC. She advised that their new lock system had been put in and was working. She was able to utilize two different grants to cover the cost. In the future they would like to look at a new front door to install the same locking mechanism. Heinemeyer said that County Health Officer Dr. Asay recently signed an order so that Public Health would now be able to have NARCAN available to the public at no cost.

Sheri Gunderson, Lila Jolley and Kassi Nolting with WCPC gave an update to the BOCC. Kassie Nolting, the newest employee of WCPC introduced herself to the board and elaborated on her background. Jolley advised that the prevention walk was still on for Wednesday May 22nd and that they were working on year-end ins and outs. Gunderson said that Safe Community Day was coming up on June 1st and that it was going to be a big event for the community and welcomed everyone to participate in the important event.

Drug Court Coordinator Sabrina Burke presented the BOCC with a request for funding for the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year. Burke advised that the state did not provide enough funding to properly operate as needed. She stated that they were still waiting for the nonprofit status to be approved by the IRS and was taking longer than anticipated, which she believed was a factor in the state's decision. Drug Court is requesting approximately \$4,416 a month from Washakie County until the nonprofit status come in. Chairman Anderson advised that the funding could be considered with the current OPIOD funds available to the County for such use. He advised that the BOCC would consider her proposal within the scope of the new fiscal year budget that is currently being worked

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on. Attorney Richard Hopkinson spoke to the benefits of the Drug Court program and the successful participants.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to allow Representative Commissioner Wolf to sign the Forest Service National Old Growth Amendment Cooperating Agency Agreement MOU pending County Attorney Barton's review. Motion Carried.

A discussion was held regarding the library parking lot draft. The draft included three options, concrete, pavement and gravel. Anderson advised that once the funding for the library addition comes back and we know what is available, he would like to look at paving the parking lot.

Consent Agenda:

1. Authorize Chairman to sign JPT renewal for Washakie County
2. Authorize Chairman to sign AirMedCare Network Full Municipal Site Membership for Washakie County, WY
3. Approve April 2024 Wyoming Health Council Revenue and Expense Report
4. Affirm Chairman's signature stamp on Catering Permit for Brass Plum on May 9, 2024
5. Authorize Chairman to sign Agreement between Washakie County and Dustbusters Enterprises, Inc. for CM24513 Dust Suppression
6. Approve April 2024 Family Planning Narrative in the amount of \$6,721.01
7. Authorize Chairman to sign grant agreement between Washakie County and WY Dept. of Health, Public Health Division Contract #238832
8. Authorize Chairman to sign grant agreement between Washakie County and WY Dept. of Health, Public Health Division Contract #238782
9. Approve April 2024 Treasurer's Report for Washakie County State and Co. Road Construction Funds in the amount of \$281,085.70
10. Approve April 2024 Treasurer's Report for Washakie County Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$64,608.73
11. Approve April 2024 Washakie County Treasurer's Trial Balance Report in the amount of \$12,948,432.46
12. Authorize Chairman to sign the Amended WIC Form

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 Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 am. Motion carried.

(Seal)
Lily Rakness Parra
Clerk to the Board

Aaron Anderson, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners

June 6, 2024