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### WASHAKIE COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS May 16, 2023

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 Morgan Martinez and clerk to the board Lily Rakness Parra. Commissioner Wolf was absent due to a previously scheduled event. Also present were Interim Planner Mike Robinson and Road and Bridge Superintendent Stuart Bower. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mike Robinson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Chairman Anderson after removing himself from the chair, to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Stuart Bower gave an update to the BOCC. Bower advised that the gravel on Road 8 and Lane 11 had been complete. He discussed the issues and concerns with Road 54. A discussion regarding the condition and possible solutions for Spring Creek/Road 58. Bower said that they will need to do some crushing at the Worland pit and are looking at getting approximately 10,000 yards crushed. He also said there were several items that Road and Bridge would like to get rid of and put up for sale, the BOCC agreed and advised that Washakie County also had the right to refuse any offer not adequate for the purchase.

Interim Planner Mike Robinson gave a Planning update to the BOCC. He advised that the CMAQ bids came in and were sent off to WYDOT for approval. A discussion was held on the affidavit language as well as the exemption language. Robinson advised that he would like to see some changes that would add more clarity to the expectations of the State Statute, County and the Planning Board. He stated that the language for the camp-ground regulations that provide adequate services could be improved as well.

Chairman Anderson opened and read the crushing bids as advertised for Tom's Pit at 9:30 am. Two bids were received. One from 383 Construction, LLC in the amount of \$175,150.00 and the second from Frost Rock Products in the amount of \$251,115.00. No decision was made. Interim Planner Mike Robinson and R&B Superintendent Bower will look the bids over and give their recommendation in the afternoon.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Chairman Anderson after removing himself from the chair, to approve the Cowdrey Subdivision Final Plat. Motion carried.

Building Maintenance Manager Ryan Casad gave an update to the BOCC. He advised that he was in the process of receiving bids and producing a scope of work for the electrical update at the Washakie County Fairgrounds. He said they are also working on dust control out at the fairgrounds and packing in the arena. There will be a carnival out at the fairgrounds the weekend of May 25th - 28th that they are preparing for as well.

Cheryl Ley with the Worland Community Center Complex requested that Washakie County sponsor part of the funds for a Culture Fest entertainer. Discussion was tabled in order to discuss further with Commissioner Wolf via phone during the afternoon session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Chairman Anderson after removing himself from the chair, to go into executive session at 9:55 am to discuss Personnel. A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Chairman Anderson after removing himself from the chair, to reconvene into regular session at 10:12 am. The BOCC authorized Superintendent Bower to immediately advertise if a position came open in the Road and Bridge department.

Sheri Gunderson, Lila Jolley and Katie Kirby gave an update on the Washakie County Prevention Coalition to the BOCC. They advised that the Prevention Walk got rained out and they will not be rescheduling. Lila Jolley said that the Safety Day participation with the Law Enforcement Center and Homeland Security Director Kami Neighbors was successful. They are also working towards having child care provided by the Worland Learning

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Center for the Prevention Coalition meetings starting next year which will hopefully encourage more attendance. Katie Kirby advised that she is currently working on the prevention side of WCPC along with building community relationships for the diversion aspect as well. Sheri Gunderson said she has submitted several grants and is waiting to hear back on them. Chairman Anderson discussed the OPIOID funds with the WCPC group and advised them that their attendance and input in all future meetings would be greatly appreciated for the obvious importance of the prevention aspect in addition.

A discussion was held with Drug Court director Sabrina Ochoa regarding the Drug Court budget and the concern for the intermingling of the funds between Big Horn County and Washakie County residents in the program. Ochoa stated that the funding will be completely separate as they will have two separate accounts for each county that provided OPIOID funding to the program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Chairman Anderson after removing himself from the chair, to go into executive session at 10:33 am to discuss matters considered confidential through Drug Court. A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Chairman Anderson after removing himself from the chair, to reconvene into regular session at 10:38 am. No action taken.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Chairman Anderson after removing himself from the chair, to authorize Sheriff Brookwell to purchase a vehicle from Greiner Ford in Casper with funds for the 2023/2024 Budget. Motion carried.

Sean Gifford and Michelle Skinner with Joint Powers Trust presented a benefit review to the BOCC as well as the renewal details. Chairman Anderson requested an option for a second plan on a tiered system with a dual option format. It was also noted that a decision to renew would be made during the June 6, 2023 meeting.

Greg Kessler presented the BOCC with the AFLAC Group option which he expressed the benefits had a better value to the employee's as long as at least 25 were signed up.

Washakie County School District #1 Business Manager Charlie Cauffman, Superintendent Tawn Argeris, Aquatic Center Operations Manager David Villa and County Attorney Barton were present for public comment on the Dissolution of the Worland Aquatic Center JPB. County Attorney Barton advised that the language that was added had satisfied the Commissioners requests. Chairman Anderson reiterated that his only concern was to have adequate public access. Cauffman assured the BOCC that there would be adequate public access to the pool. A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Chairman Anderson after removing himself from the chair, to proceed with the dissolution of the Worland Aquatic Center JPB. No public comment was made. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the FY 2023/2024 Washakie County Dispatch budget. Those present were Fire District No. One Fire Chief Chris Kocher, City of Worland Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz, City of Worland Police Chief Gabe Elliott and Sheriff Brookwell. Glanz advised the city was concerned with the salary increases for the Dispatchers in the preliminary budget. Chairman Anderson stated that there was an ongoing challenge in wages for all departments. Chief Elliott acknowledged the need for wage increases and advised that several agencies throughout the state were hiring and that he would like to see the City of Worland and Washakie County find a happy medium. Sheriff Brookwell explained his goals for the FY 2023/2024 budget and the need to get Washakie County's wages equal to other state agencies throughout Wyoming. Chairman Anderson advised them that the BOCC has not yet reviewed the budget for the FY 2023/2024 and that the Sheriff's Office has a different rate of pay than the other departments. Chief Elliott stated he would like the BOCC to take a good look at the budget and that the City of Worland simply wanted the BOCC to take the City's concerns into consideration when doing so. Fire Chief Kocher advised that the reserve account was at \$218,910.00 which was above the amount on the Agreement and could be utilized in order to alleviate budgets for this fiscal year as well.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Chairman Anderson after removing himself from the chair, to utilize the reserve account to alleviate dispatch budget totals in the FY 2023/2024 budget. Motion carried.

### Consent Agenda:

1. Approve April 2023 Revenue and Expense Report for Wyoming Health Council
2. Authorize Chairman to sign Maintenance Agreement between Peterson Quality Office and Washakie County Assessor in the amount of \$90.00
3. Accept April 2023 Monthly Statement for Clerk of Court
4. Authorize Chairman to sign the contract #230968 between Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division and Washakie County in the amount of \$69,000.00
5. Approve April 2023 Cash and Disbursements for Washakie County Sheriff's Office
6. Approve April 2023 Washakie County State and County Road Fund Report
7. Approve April 2023 Washakie County Enhanced 911 Report
8. Approve April 2023 Monthly Statement for Washakie County Clerk
9. Authorize Chairman to sign the 2023 Wellness Contract for Washakie County Employees
10. Approve April 2023 Trial Balance for County Treasurer of Washakie County
11. Authorize Chairman to sign Contract #230930 between Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division and Washakie County in the amount of \$10,000.00
12. Approve the bid from A.N.A. Electrical Services to upgrade the electrical wiring throughout the sheep barn out at the Washakie County Fairgrounds per the request from Washakie County Sheep Superintendent Erin Donnell.
13. Authorize Road and Bridge Superintendent to advertise and sell items no longer needed by Washakie County.
14. Authorize Chairman to sign the U.S. Forest Service Grant/Agreement Number 21-LE-11020200-008

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Chairman Anderson after removing himself from the chair, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Chairman Anderson after removing himself from the chair, to go to the Group Aflac plan save the Cancer Plan, provided there were enough employees to participate. Motion carried.

A discussion via phone was held with R&B Superintendent Bower who recommended the signing of the Holland Pit MOU and that the BOCC approved 383 Construction, LLC bid for crushing at Tom's Pit.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Chairman Anderson after removing himself from the chair to approve the bid from 383 Construction, LLC for crushing at Tom's Pit in the amount of \$175,150.00. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Chairman Anderson after removing himself from the chair, to accept the Holland Pit MOU. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wolf joined the meeting via phone in order to discuss sponsorship of the Culture Fest entertainment. It was decided that utilization of County Funds was not appropriate for this particular event. Thoughts on placing funds in the budget for sponsorship of such events in the future were discussed. No action was taken.

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

(Seal)  
Lily Rakness Parra  
Clerk to the Board

Aaron Anderson, Chairman  
Washakie County Commissioners

June 8, 2023