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### 03-15-2022 COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the minutes for the March 1, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to convene into executive session with County Attorney John Worrall to discuss personnel at 9:00 am. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to reconvene into regular session beginning at 9:39 am. Motion carried. No action was taken.

Planner David Anderson reported to the board that the bid specifications for the fencing project are under review with WYDOT. After receiving their approval, the project can be bid. The work must be completed by June 30, 2022. The dust control project has had prior approval and is being bid at this time. Bids will be opened on May 3 at 11:00 am. Discussion was held on available TAP funds for the Washakie Avenue upgrade. It was decided that due to the timeline of when the funds need to be spent it would be better to wait until next year to discuss as a project. Further discussion was held on possibly receiving a reduction in the cost for the sage grouse issue on the proposed Spring Creek gravel pit and David will begin to work on possible Cottonwood pits. Discussion was held on gravel available at Tom's Pit for a future Spring Creek Road project. David will work on getting the estimates of what gravel is available and mileage to and from the pit areas.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reviewed with the board a new possible design for an ambulance station. Cost estimates should be available by the next commissioner meeting. Tom will be working on the façade of the Library to address the shadowing of lettering on the face of the brick.

Youth Alternative Director Sarah Garcia, Grants Administrator Sheri Gunderson, and Prevention Specialist Lila Jolley reported to the board upcoming grant applications that are due. Discussion was held on additional CJSB funding that is available and that the funding has been fully restored for the next two years. Sarah and Sheri do not feel that any additional funding is needed

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immediately but they will be applying for the funding for the next two years. The prevention walk will be held in May. Several will be attending a meth conference in Casper in April.

4-H Youth Development Educator Amber Armajo, Administrative Assistant Karrie Abbe, and Jackie Dorothy-King met with the board to discuss an upcoming Virtual Career Fair that will be held on March 22, 2022. Six different career professionals will be speaking virtually to middle school and high school age children. There will be an H Diamond W Youth Camp appreciation picnic held on June 26. The camp has received Daniels funding and were able to upgrade the kitchen area and purchase a generator. Because the camp is off the grid with any electrical power, there is a rural energy community partnership proposal that is available through the USDA to purchase solar power capabilities. Jackie would like to collaborate with Washakie County and Hot Springs County Commissioners and others with support of the project so that funds can possibly be received for the solar panels and other equipment that is needed for voice over internet and possible satellite phones. Approval was given by the board to move forward with an agreement for the county attorney to review.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Keith Bower reported that the crew has been working on snow removal as needed. Grading will start if there is no more snow issues. The water truck repair is still in progress. Keith reported that he has decided to step down as road and bridge superintendent at the same wage that he is currently making. Keith will be operating in the South Worland area.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and second by Commissioner Wolf to convene into executive session beginning at 11:31 with County Attorney John Worrall to discuss personnel. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to reconvene into regular session beginning at 11:47 am. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to accept Keith Bowers request to move to an operator position and advertise for a Road and Bridge Foreman. Motion carried.

Wendy Fredericks representing the Worland Senior Center and City of Worland, Crisis Center Director Karina Rice, Community Center Director Steve Hunt, Ten Sleep Mayor Ernie Beckley, WDA Director Le Ann Baker, Fire Chief Chris Kocher, One Cent Sales Tax Treasurer Terry Livingston, Ten Sleep Senior Center Director Randy Firnekas, Mike Bies with Washakie County Historic Preservation Board, and Sheri Gunderson representing the

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Worland Youth Learning Center met with the board to discuss the optional one cent sales tax being placed on the ballot in November. All entities that are interested in receiving the sales tax funds have sent to the board a brief description of what the funds would be used for. Discussion was held on creating a survey monkey questionnaire for the public to complete. The board would also like to add to the survey if the public would be in favor of an additional percentage of tax to assist with future funding for the ambulance services in both Worland and Ten Sleep along with the air ambulance service. The fire district will not be seeking any funding at the time. A draft survey will be available soon for all to review.

Justice John Fenn and others were present to discuss with the board courtroom and courthouse security and upcoming Homeland Security Grants that will be available to assist with security issues. Discussion was held on training of detention staff and investing in our employees and not in equipment. After discussing possible security issues and funding availability, the group did training in the district court room.

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Accept Treasurer's office Trial Balance and Cash Balance.
2. All commissioners sign letter to Mike Healy regarding the funds for the Washakie County Library furniture.
3. Authorize chairman to sign approval to purchase rugs for the Washakie County Library.
4. All commissioners sign letter to BLM regarding comments on the Preliminary Draft Resource Management Evaluation report comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to accept 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 Anderson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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Mary Grace Strauch  
Clerk to the Board

Fred W. Frandson, Chairman  
Washakie County Commissioners

March 31, 2022