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WASHAKIE COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS February 20, 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. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Anderson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

A budget hearing was opened at 9:00 am to add \$2,394.50 into the BVP Vest Sheriff budget. No one was present. No comment was made. A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to close the hearing at 9:02 am. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve the funding increase for BVP Vest Grant of \$2,394.50. Motion carried.

Sheriff Austin Brookwell spoke with the BOCC regarding the TV's in the County Jail and the need for new wiring as the current service provider is not able to be supported by the wiring currently in place. Sheriff Brookwell advised that Bresnan provided him with a couple of options, one of them was to raise their current rates from \$164.00 to \$385.00 a month. The other was to upgrade the wiring to support the services which would be a one-time total of \$7,175.00. Chairman Anderson advised Brookwell to get some bids from local contractors to see if they could update the wiring and then to send them the bids to approve.

Superintendent Stuart Bower gave a Road and Bridge update to the BOCC. He advised that he was currently going through the inventory in the shop, marking off tools and getting an overall idea of what was there. He also said that someone had dumped what looked like a whole horse trailer's worth of dumping's and straw onto Road 580, which they had been able to get cleaned up. A discussion was held on getting quotes for the Road 580 culverts and the need to get them in place once weather conditions allow

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for it. A discussion was held on Spring Creek Road and the need for an agreement regarding the county upgrading, prioritizing and maintaining the road. Bower advised that he was continuing to implement gWorks into his daily tasks and tallying gravel usage for the county.

Interim Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer updated the BOCC on the Ambulance center and advised that the project was moving forward in a timely manner with the needed upgrades. He also advised that the sprinkler system was being installed. Schmeltzer said that there had been some issues with a gas odor in the main building at the fairgrounds in which several steps have been taken to alleviate the issue. He said that he would be airing out the building as one last step of getting it taken care of.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to go into executive session at 9:38 am to discuss personnel. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to reconvene into regular session at 9:44 am. Motion carried. No action was taken.

Sheri Gunderson and Katie Kirby gave a Washakie County Prevention Coalition update to the BOCC. Sheri advised that the prevention nights were a success and that they were currently in the process of reapplying for the DFC Grant continuation. Katie Kirby said that the trip to Washington D.C. with W Club members was a success and that she was extremely impressed with how the students conducted themselves. They had excellent interactions with the legislators and it was an all-around great experience. She advised that the Diversion program was as busy as ever and she felt that her discussions with the kids were extremely beneficial. Kirby elaborated that there were several kids who were interested in helping to bridge the gap between kids already involved and the kids who have just as much potential and would like to be involved. Commissioner Wolf suggested bringing some of the students in on Commissioner Day in hopes of having some productive discussions with them regarding local government. Anderson advised that meeting with the kids interested, could potentially give them a good look at local government and in turn give them access to local leaders in order to open more doors for

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leadership opportunities.

Public Health Coordinator Amanda Heinemeyer gave an update to the BOCC. She advised that they were in the process of getting quotes to update the locking mechanisms in the Public Health building and that it looked like she would be able to obtain grant funds to take care of them.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Family Planning January 2024 Narrative
2. Approve Wyoming Health Council January 2024 Revenue and Expense report.
3. Approve Washakie County Sheriff's Office cash and disbursements for October 2023, November 2023 and December 2023
4. Approve Bond for Leah Linster, President of Ten Sleep Recreation District in the amount of \$25,000.00
5. Approve Washakie County Treasurer's Report for State and County Road Construction Funds
6. Approve Washakie County Treasurer's Report for Washakie County E-911
7. Approve January 2024 Washakie County Treasurer's Trial Balance

The BOCC went into recess at 10:15 am for Building Maintenance Manager interviews. The BOCC reconvened into regular session at 1:09 pm.

An offer was made to Breck Buer for Building Maintenance Manager and accepted.

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

(Seal)
Lily Rakness Parra
Clerk to the Board

Aaron Anderson, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners

March 7, 2024