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04-26-2022 COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson, after removing himself from the chair, to approve the minutes for the April 5, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer reported to the board on several items that would need to be addressed regarding property for a proposed Ambulance Station. Tom reported that he had gotten the weeds sprayed at the Fairgrounds, outdoor lights will be purchased for the bull catch area at the arena, the cement has been poured at the sheep barn. Discussion was held on the animal scale and possibly changing the guillotine door to a swinging door and Tom is not sure if this is possible and could be more dangerous. The fair board would also like to have the sides of the scale fixed. The scale will be discussed further later today.

Planner David Anderson reported to the board that he had listened to a presentation on rural grant infrastructure funds to assist with the Washakie Ave project. This information was taken under advisement until the project is further along. David will be meeting with WYDOT and Washakie Rural at the Cottonwood Bridge to discuss placement of the abutments. David has started the paperwork on the East Cottonwood Pit. Approval has been received from WYDOT regarding the Bentonite Road to be finalized but it will take several months to receive the paperwork. Discussion was held on moving forward with the Road 58 project with Ty Jenkins. The board would also like to have an additional 12,000 yards crushed for future projects. David and Commissioner Anderson will be in contact with McGarvin Moberly regarding the crushing.

Public Health Nurse Manager Amanda Heinemeyer discussed with the board the possibility of purchasing a portable generator with the Vaccination Outreach Funds grant that was received. She has asked the state if the purchase was a covered item. Discussion was held on going forward with the COVID grant funds and the cost for maintenance on items that are purchased. Amanda reported that she had just completed the bioterrorism grant audit along with the Family Planning audit. Both audits were clean.

A public hearing was opened at 10:00 am to amend the budget by \$107,647.00 in regards to COVID Vaccination outreach activities grant. Present for the hearing was Public Health Nurse Manager Amanda Heinemeyer. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson, after removing himself from the chair, to close the hearing. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson, after removing himself from the chair, to authorize the budget increase in the amount of \$107,647.00. Motion carried.

Youth Alternatives Director Sarah Garcia and Grant Administrator Sheri Gunderson presented the TANF Grant application. The application was reviewed and signed by Chairman Fred Frandson. Sarah reported that the CSBG grant has been funded for one year and she will be applying for those funds and has told the City of Worland that they will not need the entire \$12,000.00 as was budgeted this year and she has asked the city for \$3,000.00 in funding for the upcoming fiscal year. Also discussed was the Drug Free Community walk, which will be held on May 11. Information will be given to area businesses in hopes that the business will have employees walk with their business shirts to not only promote their business but also to promote a drug free county. Also discussed were classes that are available for those that are

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trying to quit tobacco. Ten Sleep will be holding a drug free walk and they will have information available for all of the drug free upcoming events.

County Treasurer Doris Kern, Clerk of District Court Christy Schneider, County Attorney John Worrall, County Assessor Nancy Quinn and Austin Brookwell met with the board to discuss salaries for elected officials for the next four years. The proposed increase asked by those present was 7%. Discussion was held on what other counties are receiving for salaries. Those present will get this information gathered for the next meeting.

Fair Board members Beth Shaffer, Sheri Walters and Building Maintenance Manager Tom Schmeltzer met with board to discuss camp ground outlets and the issues with not having enough electricity for the campers that use 50 amps of power. Tom stated there is not a solution for this problem without rewiring the entire system to accommodate the additional power needed. Discussion was held on restricting the usage from each camper to 30 amps and educating the campers that if their camper uses more than 30 amps and shuts off the electricity for all of the other campers they will be asked to leave the area immediately. Also discussed was the entrance sign at the fairgrounds. This could become a great project for the 4-H and FFA to have the sign updated. The fair board will discuss this with Amber Armajo and others and proceed with assistance from Tom. Also discussed was the animal scale. Tom does not have an issue with fixing the side rails on the scale. They are currently wood and he will replace them with new wood. Tom does not see how a swinging door could be put on the scale and feels that it is a safety issue. Discussion was held on replacing the nylon rope with an updated rope and there is a great need for adult supervision whenever the scale is being used. Commissioner Frandson reminded the fair board members present that the county has a bidding policy on projects and it needs to be used by all county entities. Discussion was held on the upcoming concert that will be held at the fairgrounds and the possibility of making everyone on the grounds leave and only return if they have a ticket for the concert. There was much discussion on how dangerous this could be for those with animals and the need to care for their animals that did not want to go to the concert. There was much discussion on how it would be possible to evacuate the entire fair grounds before the event started. Also discussed was the possibility of fencing off the area where the concert will be performed. The commissioners feel that this definitely needs further discussion by the fair board and the commissioners before any final arrangements are made and the County Attorney would like to see any agreements that have been presented regarding the band and their performance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson, after removing himself from the chair, to convene into executive session beginning at 11:38 am with Cloud Peak Counseling CEO Mary Johnson and CFO Jackie Robertson to discuss possible contract negotiations. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson, after removing himself from the chair to reconvene into regular session beginning at 11:59 am. Motion carried. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson, after removing himself from the chair, to convene into executive session with County Attorney John Worrall beginning at 12:00 Noon to discuss possible land purchase. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson, after removing himself from the chair, to reconvene into regular session beginning at 12:09 pm. Motion carried. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 12:12 pm to conduct interviews for Road and Bridge Superintendent.

The meeting reconvened at 3:05 pm.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson, after removing himself from the chair, to authorize the chairman to sign an Agreement for sale and purchase of real estate for property located at 603 North Road 11. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson, after removing himself from the chair, to authorize the chairman to close on the property located at 603 North Road 11 upon seller satisfying terms in the Agreement for Sale and purchase of Real Property. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson, after removing himself from the chair, to hire Stuart Bower as the new Road and Bridge Superintendent effective May 16, 2022 or sooner at the wage of \$48,709.96. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Authorize chairman to sign Wyoming Health Fairs 2022 Wellness Contract.
2. Authorize chairman to sign Amendment Two to the Contract between Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health and Washakie County.
3. Authorize chairman to sign Family Planning Expense/Revenue report for March 2022.
4. Authorize chairman to sign corrected Modification to Agreement with the Bighorn National Forest.
5. Authorize chairman so sign Contract with Wyoming Health Council and Washakie County Family Planning.
6. Approve bond for Greg Lungren, Upper Bluff Irrigation District Treasurer, in the amount of \$100,000.00.
7. Approve bond for Caleb Kienlen, Bluff Irrigation District, in the amount of \$100,000.00.
8. Authorize chairman to sign VOA OJJDP request for payment in the amount of \$7,927.48.
9. Authorize chairman to sign TANF Grant proposal.
10. Authorize chairman to sign Memo of Understanding among the Boards of County Commissioners of the State of Wyoming regarding the Congressional Tour Initiative.
11. Authorize chairman to sign Special Exemption Application for the City of Worland.
12. Authorize chairman to sign Affidavit effecting title for Andrew Getzfreid to correct the spelling of the name.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson, after removing himself from the chair, to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Frandson, after removing himself from the chair, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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Mary Grace Strauch
Clerk to the Board

Fred W. Frandson, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners

May 12, 2022