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WASHAKIE COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS April 18, 2023

The Washakie County Board of County Commissioners met at the above date beginning at 9:00 a.m. Those present were Commissioners Aaron Anderson, Terry Wolf, Morgan Martinez and clerk to the Board Lily Rakness Parra. Also present was Nick Wall with RANGE and Building Maintenance Manager Ryan Casad. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ryan Casad.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded Commissioner Martinez to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Ryan Casad gave an update on building maintenance. He advised that the rooftop unit that needed replacing was now replaced and the project was complete. Casad said that he was able to remove the "Private Lot" sign from the empty lot on North 8th/716 Robertson Ave., and replace it with a "Library Parking" sign. He also advised that the newly fixed truck is now leaking oil and needs to be looked at again. The BOCC agreed that Casad should proceed with the repairs on the truck. Wolf also brought up that they would like to have the Indian outside the Courthouse re stained and weatherized.

Nick Wall with RANGE, presented several Rights-of-Way (ROW). Wall advised the BOCC that RANGE was putting in fiber optics along the county roads as described in the ROW documents, this will enable the homes North of Worland to have fiber access if they opt to do so. Chairman Anderson advised that he would like to see as much of the project completed as possible prior to harvest.

Superintendent Stuart Bower gave an update on the current Road and Bridge projects including pot holes that need taken care of when it warms up, spraying for weeds and he also advised that he is getting everything finalized for chipping. Bower said that the rock fall issue at Mahogany Butte is in the final works of getting taken care of. Chairman Anderson said that he would like to have the BLM in the area during the project as well.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to authorize Bower to purchase the selected motor grater from John Deere. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the 580 Bridge closure. Contango would like to do well work in the area and repairs to the bridge or another solution was needed in order for them to properly access the area. It was discussed that the Commissioners are open to discussing cost share or other options to get the bridges back in working order.

Amanda Heinemeyer updated the BOCC on the Public Health building remodel and advised that her flooring quote was approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to go into executive session to discuss matters considered confidential by law beginning at 10:07 am. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to reconvene into regular session at 10:21 am. Motion carried. No actions were taken.

County Assessor Nancy Quinn presented the BOCC with a bid on a new copier that the Assessor's Office needed. The cost of the copier would be \$1,150.00. The Commissioner's agreed on the necessity of the copier and authorized Quinn to purchase it out of Courthouse New Equipment.

Sheri Gunderson with Washakie County Prevention Coalition requested a signature for the TANF Contract Extension. A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the statement of work for the TANF Grant. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve Dick Pederson and Jeff Stocklin to the Predatory Board as Wildlife Representatives. Motion carried.

A discussion was held with Tom Outland regarding Washakie County Shooting Complex and his letter of interest to serve on the State Shooting Complex Task Force Board.

A discussion was held with Wes McAden from AirMedCare Network regarding Washakie County's Full Municipal Site Plan

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Membership for Life Flight and how that contract would be affected if AirMedCare was not a preferred provider for certain insurance companies. Mr. McAden informed the commission that there would be no impacts to the bills members would receive.

Sheriff Brookwell spoke with the BOCC regarding the Sheriff's Office camera's and requested budget input regarding the install. The Commissioners requested that Brookwell acquire quotes from a few different vendors in Washakie County to present back at the next meeting.

County Assessor Nancy Quinn presented to the BOCC a plat map of the addition regarding the new ambulance bay purchase. Quinn advised that the property had been considered High Density Residential since 1992.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to go into executive session to discuss personnel beginning at 11:10 am. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to reconvene into regular session at 11:13 am. Motion carried. No actions were taken.

Thad Barrett with the Big Horn Forest Service updated the BOCC on current events and upcoming projects. A discussion was held on the disbursed camping special order. He also said that the new owners of Deer Haven will have it under construction this year and that they will hopefully be open and operating by next year. Barrett said they will have several different funding avenues that they are working to implement towards fixing up old facilities for public use. They will be focusing on road upgrades as well. He also said that they have hired a Tribal liaison for the Bighorn Forest that is shared with the Shoshone Forest and have hopes that this will improve communications etc. with tribal governments.

Christy Schneider the Clerk of Court requested three new scanners due to the new software upgrades from the Supreme Court not being compatible with the ones currently in use. The purchase was approved by the BOCC.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to accept the change from a part time position in the Clerk of Court's office to a full time position in May 2023. Motion carried.

Beth Shaffer with the Washakie County Fair Board presented the Commissioners with the only bid received for the fairgrounds entry sign from Mad Fabrication, LLC in the amount of \$1,250.00. The BOCC authorized Shaffer to move forward with the purchase.

A discussion was held regarding Washakie County Resolution 2023-392 which addressed the change in the original agreement's listed title company County Title, to Sovereign State Title Company as well as a set closing date of May 1, 2023. Chairman Anderson stated that the BOCC would take one (1) comment regarding the resolution, then would take public comment in regards to proceeding with the mitigation process after the closing date.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve Resolution 2023-392 to amend purchase agreement. Chairman Anderson then opened the meeting up to public comment – D.J. Vanderwerff commented "Just because something is legal, does not mean it is right." There was no further comment from the public on Resolution 2023-392. Motion carried.

Chairman Anderson opened the table for discussion regarding mitigation after the signing date. Richard Kroger presented a list of requests in reference to the mitigation process. Chairman Anderson said that Washakie County will make all efforts to take Kroger's comments seriously as well as keep the Ambulance Bay up to code with OSHA and any other requirements. Kroger then requested to speak past the stated comment subject in which Chairman Anderson advised him to proceed. Kroger then read off a list of grievances he had prepared. Commissioner Wolf addressed Kroger's statement and advised that Washakie County has already addressed all of the presented grievances. He advised that the ambulance building purchase was in the best interest of Washakie County financially. Wolf reiterated the process that has taken place over the past year and that financially, the BOCC did what was deemed best for the County as a whole. That hence forth, the County will continue to do it's best to mitigate the transition and will make sure that the wishes of the community are respected to the best of their ability to minimize the impact. Commissioner Martinez also addressed Kroger's grievances and advised that Washakie County will do what's best for both citizens and EMT's legally and respectfully. Chairman Anderson stated that there was no malicious intent in the purchase of this prop-

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erty. DJ Vanderwerff commented that he would like to see a sidewalk placed on the opposite side of the street to alleviate sidewalk traffic on the Ambulance Station side. The BOCC advised that a sidewalk was something they would consider looking into.

Washakie County Search and Rescue Commander David Michel presented the BOCC with an ongoing sewer issue at the Search and Rescue building. Michel advised that the sewer has been freezing every winter for the past several years. He said a back flow preventer was put in several years ago to help prevent the issue but he thinks a flap freezes and that due to lack of consistent usage could be contributing factors. Chairman Anderson requested Michal to get a group of professionals together to assess the situation and come up with a solution to get it taken care of. Commissioner Martinez volunteered to help as well.

Superintendent Bower and Ty Regland with Sky Aviation presented their plan for the rock fall issue on Mahogany Butte. Regland was confident that flight time would not take more than 1.5-2 hours. Bower said that the Midwest Rockfall quote had not changed and that they have a good plan in place. The BOCC advised them to proceed with getting it taken care of.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to go into executive session to discuss matters considered confidential by law beginning at 3:13 pm. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to reconvene into regular session at 4:10 pm. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Wolf for a commissioner to take presence in the OPIOID Committee from here on out. Motion carried

Consent Agenda:

1. Authorize Chairman to sign Right-of-Way License Permit for Wyoming Gas
2. Authorize Chairman to sign CMAQ Agreement Amendment and Attachment G: Right-of-Way
3. Approve bond for Dan J. Madden, Highland Hannover Irrigation District, in the amount of \$5,000.00.
4. Approve March 2023 Narrative for Family Planning
5. Approve Washakie County Sheriff's Office Cash and Disbursements for March 2023
6. Approve Washakie County State and County Road Construction Funds for March 2023 in the amount of \$1,409,891.28
7. Approve Washakie County Enhanced 911 Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$35,448.23
8. Approve Trial Balance – County Treasurer of Washakie County
9. Authorize Chairman to sign Right-of-Way License Permit's for RT Communications Inc.
 - a. County Lane 2
 - b. County Lane 4
 - c. County Lane 5
 - d. County Lane 6
 - e. County Lane 7 (West River Road)
 - f. County Lane 7 (Durkee)
 - g. County Lane 8 (West River Road)
 - h. County Lane 8 (Durkee)
 - i. County Road 9
 - j. County Road 10 ½
 - k. Washakie Ten
 - l. County Road 34
 - m. Cactus Drive
10. Authorize a refund to David Ray in the amount of \$105.00 for his Right-of-Way application on March 20, 2023
11. Authorize a letter of recommendation to be written on Tom Outland's behalf to serve on the State Board for the Wyoming State Shooting Complex Task Force.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

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

May 4, 2023