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WASHAKIE COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS
September 19, 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, Commissioners Terry Wolf and Morgan Martinez and clerk to the board Lily Rakness Parra. Others present were Building Maintenance Manager Ryan Casad and Grace Walhaus with the Northern Wyoming News. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Grace Walhaus.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Ryan Casad gave the BOCC an update on Building Maintenance. He advised that the yearly fire marshal inspection went well and he is working on a few maintenance updates from the inspection. He also said he is working on bids to get the Public Health building repaired and painted where it is currently chipping off. Casad advised he is also looking into quotes for a new plowing bucket that he feels will be extremely beneficial during the winter months when plowing snow.

Tom Schmeltzer updated the BOCC on the fire suppression system for the new ambulance building. He advised they were able to secure a bid after making the necessary changes and that he was contacted by another interested company out of Montana in which he will receive a bid from by the end of the week. Schmeltzer said he was hoping to have a building permit secured soon and with a bid being selected at the October 3rd, 2023 meeting, he would then like to start construction on the building.

Amanda Heinemeyer with Washakie County Public Health updated the BOCC on the new flooring that they will be having installed in the Public Health building. She also said that they have the funds from the COVID Immunization Funds to purchase new chairs and tables for the meeting room and requested approval from the BOCC, which was approved. Heinemeyer said they will be purchasing new COVID vaccines soon in small quantities as the need arises.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to pay the additional invoices from A.N.A Electrical Services for re wiring in the chicken barn at the fairgrounds. Motion carried.

Katie Kirby and Sheri Gunderson gave the BOCC an update on the Washakie County Prevention Coalition. Sheri advised that they are currently in the process of closing a couple of grants that will help continue their prevention efforts. She also brought the BOCC up to date on the library grant and had hopes that it would be ready for signature by October 3, 2023. A discussion was held regarding the library grant and the need for the engineering to be looked at in terms of HVAC and that they would like to have further discussion on it at a later date. Katie advised that her work in the prevention diversion aspect was very busy over the summer as they had a lot of participants. She said they have been

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active in the schools so far this year with the prevention efforts as well. A discussion regarding the need for evening hours and door lock changes was held. The BOCC advised that they get together with the library employee's and Ryan Casad to come up with a solution that suits everyone best.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Stuart Bower gave an update to the BOCC. He advised they are currently hauling gravel, crushing and doing incidental grading. A discussion on the need for better visibility on Lane 17 was held. Bower advised that with the harvest trucks and the lack of visibility on Lane 17, they would like to look at removing some of the Russian Olive Tree's to help mitigate the issue. Bower said the culvert on Airport Road was inspected and it is in need of new lining. He also said that the dust control is almost complete. They will be grading out a section and applying the dust control to Spring Creek soon. Bower advises that the Lane 1 wastewater ditch blew out and needs repaired but it will be a more in depth correction.

Interim Planner Mike Robinson gave an update to the BOCC. He said that the East Cottonwood Pit Free Use Permit from the BLM was ready for a signature, in which the BOCC authorized Robinson to sign. He also stated that NEPA was available for advisory signature. Chairman Anderson asked about putting a public use component into the permit which would allow citizens the use of the materials. Robinson said he would look into it. A discussion was held regarding chip seal packages as well as Robinson attending the upcoming Planning conference. Robinson brought the BOCC up to date on the Planning Commission Regulation changes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve the Gossens Final Plat. Motion carried.

Jared Veile and Jesse Morado spoke with the BOCC regarding the wish for their Archery Club to start practicing up at the fairgrounds again. The need for additional curtains and protection for the building walls was discussed in which Morado and Veile were agreeable to. They also advised that they were willing to help set up and take care of things as needed for the use of the facility. Maintenance Manager Ryan Casad said he did not have a problem with them resuming practices there. It was discussed that they look into a contract for the facility usage and present it to the BOCC.

Sheriff Brookwell presented the BOCC with an update on the courthouse security cameras. Of the two bids he received, the lower total was accepted and advised that the cost for installation of Ethernet, 8 (eight) interior cameras and 2 (two) exterior cameras will be approximately \$17,400.00 at the most if they needed to purchase a new control switch.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve the use of the LATCF funds to be applied to the courthouse camera equipment and Ethernet installation by Kapps Electric, Inc. Motion carried.

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Josh Sandlian with ClearGov gave a demonstration to the BOCC on a web based budgeting system.

- Consent Agenda:**
1. Accept August, 2023 County Treasurer's Report for Washakie County Enhanced 911 in the amount of \$34,322.76
 2. Accept August 2023 County Treasurer's Report for Washakie County State and County Road Construction Funds in the amount of \$1,056,016.97
 3. Accept Washakie County Treasurer's Trial Balance Report for August 2023 in the amount of \$14,126,936.54
 4. Authorize Chairman to sign Grand Agreement for Strengthening Wyoming's Infrastructure and Workforce, for Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division in the amount of \$27,493.34
 5. Authorize Chairman to sign Holland Pit MOU
 6. Accept corrected, July 2023 County Clerk's Receipt Summary \$9,449.25
 7. Accept Family Planning's August 2023 Narrative in the amount of \$13,979.14
 8. Accept Clerk of Court's Monthly Statement in the amount of \$2,605.00
 9. Accept August 2023 County Clerk's Receipt Summary in the amount of \$11,377.45
 10. Accept Washakie County Sheriff's Office Cash and Disbursements for August 2023
 11. Accept Wyoming Health Council Revenue and Expense Report for August 2023 in the amount of \$6,186.29

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

Richard McKamey discussed the speed limit on Hillcrest Drive with the BOCC, Road and Bridge Superintendent Stuart bower, County Attorney Tony Barton and Sheriff Brookwell. McKamey explained that the speed limit original to Hillcrest Drive was 20 mph. He noted that a 30 mph sign had been put up and he felt that the speed was unsafe and would like the signs to be removed and the now hidden 20 mph signs to be put in a place where it was more visible on the county side of the street. A discussion regarding the statutory requirements along with the ability to enforce a 20 mph speed limit was held. The BOCC, Sheriff Brookwell, County Attorney Barton and Bower all agreed that it would be looked into as they would like to make sure that if any changes were made, they were done correctly.

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

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Lily Rakness Parra
Clerk to the Board

Aaron Anderson, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners

October 5, 2023