

May 19, 2015

The regular meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 9:00 a.m., Chairman Bill Lambert presiding. Present were Commissioners: Bill Lambert, Tony Barton, Tracy Hunt, Marty Ertman, Randy Rossman, County Clerk Cheryl Kregel and Assistant Deputy Clerk Melanie Stevens.

Good of the Order

Commissioner Rossman gave the invocation and Commissioner Barton led the delegation in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Lambert requested an addition be made to New Business regarding the remaining funds of the FY 2013 State Homeland Security Grant and added four letters received to be handled under Discussion Items. Commissioner Rossman moved, Commissioner Barton seconded, to approve the amended agenda. Carried.

Road and Bridge Department Report

Rick Williams presented the Road and Bridge report regarding damage caused to Morrissey Road by Cyclone Drilling Company and a request for equipment. Chairman Lambert requested information in writing with costs that the County will incur on repairs, County Attorney Curley would draft a letter addressing this issue. Williams discussed the need to purchase two Ridge Mulchers at \$64,600.00. Discussion ensued; Commissioner Rossman moved, Commissioner Hunt seconded, to purchase one new and one rebuilt Ridge Mulcher at a cost of \$64,600.00. Carried.

Salt Creek Road

John and Sharron Ackerman discussed options relating to their portion of Salt Creek Road. Discussion ensued; Chairman Lambert suggested they contact all parties involved and present the Commissioners in writing with all requests.

Approval of Indigent Death Payment

Mike Worden, Worden's Funeral Home, presented his request for payment of \$1,000.00 to cover his costs for a Weston County resident that passed away in April 2015. The deceased had no assets and no family willing to cover costs. Commissioner Hunt moved, Commissioner Ertman seconded, to approve the \$1,000.00 payment to Mike Worden for costs he incurred. Carried.

The meeting recessed at 9:44 a.m. and reconvened at 9:47 a.m. All present.

Rare Element Resources

Mike Finn, Rare Element Resources, updated the board on a 3.4 million stock offer with a private company (name not known), with a 3.2 million profit. RER is continuing to work with the US Forest Service on ongoing reclamation projects pending approval. Finn also reported the RER will be submitting an application to the NRC for the permit to mine with DEQ of Wyoming.

Liquor License Renewal Approval

Mona Wineteer, Assistant Deputy Clerk, informed Commissioners that proper advertisement was met and copies submitted to the State of Wyoming Liquor Division. Eight of the ten licenses were in full compliance and no further actions needed. Two licensees had requested in writing to the County Board of Commissioners for an additional one year extension. Discussion ensued; Commissioner Hunt moved, Commissioner Ertman seconded, to table discussion until 3:00 p.m. today under New Business. Carried.

Vacant Board Appointments

Cheryl Kregel, County Clerk, informed of three vacant positions. Central Weston County Solid Waste District (CWCSWD) having one and Predatory Animal Control Board having two. Commissioners agreed to discontinue advertising while continuing to post vacancies on the website.

The meeting recessed at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m. All present. County Attorney, Curley joined the meeting.

Approval of Revised Exemption Form

Fran Lehman, Planning Secretary, presented the revised exemption form from the Planning and Zoning Board for approval. Discussion ensued; Commissioner Ertman moved, Commissioner Barton seconded, to accept Planning and Zoning Boards approval of the exemption verification form and to advertise the public hearing for the revised form on July 7, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Carried.

The meeting recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:57 a.m. All present.

Catering Permit

Andrew Wright, T&A Brewing Company, requested two catering permits. Both permits will be used at the Weston County Fairgrounds, one for June 5 and one for August 14-16. Discussion ensued; Commissioner Hunt moved, Commissioner Rossman seconded, to approve both permits. Carried.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:06 a.m. and reconvened at 1:02 p.m. All present with the exception of County Attorney Curley.

Visitor Comments

Chairman Lambert opened the floor to visitor comments. None at this time.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Lambert asked to pull the May 5th regular meeting minutes and the April 29th special meeting minutes from the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Rossman moved, Commissioner Ertman seconded, to approve Consent Agenda items including approving three catering permits for the Flying V, signing the District Court monthly statement of \$1,647.13 and signing the County Clerks monthly statement of \$11,293.75. Carried.

Chairman Lambert asked for the following corrections made to the April 21, 2015 regular session minutes. In the second sentence of the Consent agenda the word "moved" should have stated "asked". Further it should have been stated that Commissioner Barton asked to remove the minutes from the Consent Agenda, no discussion heard, the Commission voted to approve the following items of the Consent Agenda; A/P payroll checklist, Vouchers A/P checklist, and to sign coroner quarterly reports, per Cynthia Crabtree. Carried

Commissioner Barton asked to remove the sentence "bottom line is to resolve the matter without litigation and try to reach an agreement on scope and mediation with insurance companies" from the Weston County Event Center portion. He also asked for the correction of the wording "did bid" to state "proposed bid contractor" in relation to Commissioner Barton's bid on the Mallo Camp Water Tank Phase II portion of the minutes. Commissioner Rossman moved, Commissioner Barton seconded, to approve the regular session minutes that were printed on May 5, 2015 as amended. Carried.

Chairman Lambert asked for the following correction to the April 29, 2015 special board meeting minutes. Removing the wording "then immediately following" from the interview portion of the minutes. The addition of the words, "Commissioner Rossman seconded" to the motion made going into executive session. The corrected motion should read as follows, "Commissioner Ertman moved, Commissioner Rossman seconded, to go into executive session per 16-4-405 (a)(ii). Motion Carried." Commissioner Barton moved, Commissioner Rossman seconded, to approve the amended minutes of the special board meeting held April 29, 2015. Carried.

Weston County Event Center

Ray Hunkins, Hunkins Newton Law Firm, joined the meeting via conference call at 1:13 p.m. to discuss the Weston County Event Center. Commissioner Hunt moved, Commissioner Rossman seconded, to enter executive session under W.S. 16-4-405 (a)(iii) on matters concerning litigation to which the governing body may be a party to. Carried.

County Attorney Curley, joined the meeting at the start of executive session at 1:21 p.m. The board returned to open session at 1:35 p.m. with all present. Ray Hunkins informed the Commission that the mediation hearing regarding the Event Center was scheduled for May 28, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Wyoming State Bar Offices. The conference call ended at 1:45 p.m.

Planning and Zoning

Fran Lehman, Planning Secretary; Rick Dunford, Planning Chairman; Alvin and Elaine Albert, Richard and Betty Day of Turkey Ridge appeared to request the exemption of subdivision law. Commissioner Barton moved, Commissioner Rossman seconded, to approve the Albert family request for exemption of subdivision law. Carried.

Central Weston County Solid Waste District – Osage

Joe Woods and Cynthia Crabtree requested \$87,500.00 for the 25% match needed for State Grant funding to begin building a transfer station for CWCSWD. Lengthy discussion ensued, Commissioner Barton moved, Commissioner Hunt seconded, to table discussion until this afternoon under Old Business. Carried.

Northern Wyoming Mental Health

John Olenyik introduced himself as the new County Manager of Northern Wyoming Mental Health.

Maintenance Equipment Proposal

Steve Price, Maintenance Manager and Scott Rager, Homeland Security, updated for supplies needed for the maintenance position. Commissioner Hunt moved, Commissioner Barton seconded, to have a \$3,000.00 budget for supplies. Carried.

County Attorney

County Attorney Curley, discussed concerns he had on several different issues.

Old Business

Commissioners, Jerry Hunt, and County Attorney Curley discussed different options between funding the CWCSWD as opposed to forming a county wide Solid Waste District. Decision tabled until June 2, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

Jerry Hunt, Contract Engineer, presented the bid packet for the HVAC system for the Weston County Courthouse. The Commission gave Cheryl Kregel and Hunt the go-ahead to set the dates and advertise for the bid. Hunt will be preparing the bid packet for the Bruce Road 2013-2014 CMAQ Grant.

Scott Rager, Homeland Security, updated on the remaining \$5475.60 of the 2013 SHSP Grant will be used to purchase WYO Link radios by July 1, 2015. He presented the LEPC By-Laws that were revised on 5-18-15 to Chairman Lambert for signature. Commissioner Rossman moved, Commissioner Barton seconded, to approve the LEPC By-laws that were approved on 5-18-15. Carried.

New Business

Mona Wineteer reported back to the Commission that the Wyoming Liquor Division had received the appropriate documentation and the remaining two licensees had no further actions needed. Discussion ensued; Commissioner Rossman moved, Commissioner Barton seconded, to approve all ten Weston County liquor licenses, including the two seeking a one year extension. Carried.

Cheryl Kregel, County Clerk, and Susan Love will be hosting an open house at the Weston County Courthouse from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on June 5, 2015 celebrating the 125th Year Anniversary of Weston County. Refreshments will be served in the lobby.

Discussion

Chairman Lambert reported on attending the meeting at Pinedale, WY. Weston County dues decreased from \$4369.00 to \$4256.00. The Wyoming County Commissioners Policy Manual was approved. A handout was given on by-laws of Wyoming Association of County Officers. WYDOT machineries by-back program is available to counties and also touched on WYDOT Co-op contracts. Chairman Lambert discussed a letter regarding courthouse security, a response letter from BLM, a letter from the Wyoming State Public Defender and one from the Black Hills Regional Multiple Use Coalition.

Future Agenda Topics

Possibility of purchasing additional office and/or storage space for the County. Special Budget meetings have been set for May 26, June 9, and June 23, all starting at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting recessed at 4:20 p.m. and reconvened at 4:46 p.m. with all present except County Attorney Curley. Commissioner Ertman moved, Commissioner Barton seconded, to enter executive session under W.S. 16-4-405 (a)(iii) to review Administrator Position resumes. Executive session ended at 5:35 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Bill Lambert

Chairman

Attest: Cheryl Kregel

County Clerk