

April 19, 2011

The regular meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 8:57 a.m. with Chairman Tom W. Bruce presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners: Tom W. Bruce, Marty Ertman, Randy Rossman, Lenard D. Seeley and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank. Commissioner Jerry Shepperson arrived at 9:05 a.m.

Good of the Order

Commissioner Seeley gave the Invocation and Commissioner Rossman led the delegation in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Shepperson joined the meeting.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting held on April 5, 2011 and the minutes of a special meeting held on April 13, 2011. Carried.

Porter, Muirhead, Cornia & Howard (PMCH)

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to sign a renewal contract with Porter, Muirhead, Cornia, & Howard to provide audit services for Weston County for fiscal year 2011, performed in 2012. Carried.

Treasurer's Rebate of Taxes

The Commissioners were presented with two Petitions for Rebate of Taxes for the year 2010. Both Rebates were for Winter Ridge Energy LLC, the first numbered #932 in the amount of \$1,507.41, and the second numbered #933 in the amount of \$1,692.47. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Seeley, to sign both rebate of taxes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing - Painted Hills Drive and Painted Hills South

The hour being 10:00 a.m. Chairman Bruce opened a public hearing to consider changing the name of roads currently platted in Weston County as Painted Hills Drive and Painted Hills South. Three letters were received on the subject from the public and read aloud. Ray Pacheco, Growth & Development Coordinator, collected the letters and presented them to the Commissioners. Mr. Pacheco stated that changing these road names to Fairgrounds Road is the preferred option. Doug Jorrey, Homeland Security Coordinator, explained that even if the road names went unchanged these roads would still need to be re-numbered for E-911 purposes. The E-911 system of numbering is mileage based, unlike current addressing on these roads. Chairman Bruce called for any further public comment, hearing none, the public comment portion of the hearing closed at 10:05 a.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to draft a Resolution changing the road name from Painted Hills Drive to Fairgrounds Road, on a portion of road from the US Highway 16 Bypass to the starting point of the platted County Road named Painted Hills South. This change would affect the portion of road currently platted as Painted Hills Drive and not change the name of the currently platted Painted Hills South. Further included in the motion, the unnamed portion of road beyond the platted Kenwood Drive extending to Morrissey Road; should be named Kenwood Drive. The intent is that Kenwood Drive where it joins Painted Hills South should extend to the Morrissey Road and the County will appropriately sign and re-address this road. Motion carried. The hour being 10:14 a.m. Chairman Bruce closed the Public Hearing.

Board Appointments

Predator Animal Control Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Seeley, to appoint Gary Barnes to the unexpired three year position on the Predator Animal Control Board. Carried.

CMAQ Public Hearing

The hour being 10:30 a.m. Chairman Bruce opened the public hearing to discuss possible Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funded projects for the following roads: Old Hwy

85, Skull Creek Rd, Clayspur Rd, and Green Mountain Rd. Chairman Bruce called for public comment, hearing none, the public comment portion of the hearing closed at 10:31 a.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to sign the CMAQ Application for FY 2011. Carried. The application will be signed by Chairman Bruce and given to Growth & Development Coordinator, Ray Pacheco, to mail.

The meeting recessed at 10:32 a.m. and reconvened at 10:47 a.m. with all present.

Resolution #11-07 Endangered Species

A motion was made by Commissioner Seeley, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to sign a Resolution based on the Endangered Species Act requiring federal cooperation between the US Fish and Wildlife Service and any other federal agency; and Weston County prior to any act of placing an endangered species within the county. Motion carried.

Consensus Funds - Weston County Health Services

Kay Garcia, Administrator of Weston County Health Services, met with the Commissioners to discuss consensus funding. Ms. Garcia stated that the Hospital District does have an interest in obtaining a share of these allocations. After discussing the upcoming mandates facing the facility regarding electronic medical records requirements and distributing a capital needs list to the Commissioners, Ms. Garcia stated that her number one priority for the consensus funding would be a nurses' station remodel project with an estimated cost of \$15,000.00. The Commissioners explained that a 70% consensus between the County, City of Newcastle, and the Town of Upton is required before a special district can obtain a portion of the consensus funding, but encouraged her to attend the Consensus Meeting on May 10, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Newcastle City Chambers. No action was taken.

Resolution #11-08 Wild lands

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to adopt and sign a Resolution based on the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and the Wyoming Wilderness Act of 1984, requiring federal cooperation between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Council on Environmental Quality with the County prior to restricting or changing the designation of any multiple use lands within the County. Motion carried.

Fountain Inn Catering Letter

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Seeley, to sign a letter of good standing for the Fountain Inn Liquor License to allow them to apply for a catering permit from the City of Cheyenne. Carried.

WEBT Plan Selection/Renewal

A motion was made by Commissioner Seeley, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to sign and renew the WEBT Insurance plan for fiscal year 2012, with no plan changes, and to pick up the 7.5% increase for the employees. Motion carried.

Buffalo Creek Road - Route Planning Study Letter

A letter addressed to Mark Gillett of the WY Department of Transportation requesting a cost estimate on a route planning study for Buffalo Creek Road was written and presented to the Commissioners by Commissioner Shepperson. After discussing and modifying the verbiage, a motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to sign and mail the letter to Mark Gillett. Motion carried.

May 2011 Budget Workshops

The Commissioners discussed having special meetings starting at 9:00 a.m. on May 10, May 24, and May 31, 2011 for the purpose of discussing and working on the proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Budget. All Commissioners agree these workshops are necessary and should be advertised.

The meeting recessed at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 1:16 p.m. with all present.

Osage Improvement & Service District (OISD)

A Resolution for the Osage Improvement & Service District (OISD) has been drafted regarding authority within the District Boundaries. The Commissioners reviewed and discussed the proposed Resolution. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to sign the proposed OISD Resolution. Motion failed. The votes were

as follows: Commissioner Shepperson, Yea, Commissioner Rossman, Yea, Commissioner Ertman, Nay, Commissioner Seeley, Nay, and the tie breaking vote Chairman Bruce, Nay.

Employee Raises

Susan Overman, Treasurer, Tina Conklin, Assessor and Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk, presented the Commissioners with figures for both .25 and .50 cents an hour pay raises for all non-elected Weston County employees for Fiscal Year 2012. These figures will be helpful when discussing the County's budget. This matter will be taken into consideration. No action was taken.

Clayspur Road

The Commissioners discussed progress on an issue raised by Daniel Bau in a past meeting regarding a problem with a garbage can placed at a historical sign on the Clayspur Road. Mr. Bau stated that personal garbage was being placed in the receptacle and that this receptacle was not being emptied. Commissioner Ertman reported that she had been to the site and witnessed the problem. Commissioner Ertman contacted the Historical Society and asked if she could remove the garbage can; they agreed with the request. No action was taken.

Morrissey Road

The Commissioners discussed a letter received from Jim Peck, Deputy County Attorney, regarding the possibility of annexing the Morrissey Road into Newcastle City limits. An annexation would require the voluntary petition of the actual landowners, or notice to the actual landowner for an involuntary annexation. This matter will be revisited, no action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:30 p.m. and reconvened at 2:50 p.m. with all present.

Mallo Camp Manager

Gideon Dixon, Mallo Camp Board Member, joined the Commissioners meeting to discuss the Mallo Camp Manager position. Applicant interviews were completed by Commissioner Shepperson, Commissioner Seeley and County Clerk Mamie C. Krank. Upon recommendation of the interview panel, a motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to hire John Prell for the position; with a starting wage of \$2,500.00 per month plus benefits, on site living quarters which include utilities, and raises based on evaluations. Motion carried. The Commissioners requested that written evaluations of the new Mallo Camp Manager be performed by the Mallo Camp Board. All applicants not selected will be contacted by mail to inform them that the position has been filled.

American Stewards of Liberty

Margaret Byfield of the American Stewards of Liberty attended the Commissioners meeting to discuss coordination strategies between Weston County and Federal agencies such as US Fish and Wildlife Service and the US Forest Service. Ms. Byfield outlined documentation techniques, and Federal Acts which need to be complied with in order to protect the interests of Weston County and its' citizens, regarding our natural resources and management of land. Ms. Byfield was asked to help draft letters to these Federal Agencies on Weston County's behalf, and she agreed to do so. Bob Harshbarger, Gary Jacobson and Brian Stroh, private land owners, were present for this portion of the meeting. They voiced concerns regarding the treatment by the US Forest Service of private land owners who border the Thunder Basin Grasslands. The Commissioners suggest that these landowners speak with Ms. Byfield, who agreed to meet with them after the Commissioners meeting. This issue will be revisited. No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Attest: Mamie C. Krank
County Clerk

Tom W. Bruce
Chairman