

LEGAL NOTICE

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WESTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING April 2, 2024

The regular meeting of the Weston County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Don Taylor at 9:00 a.m. at the Weston County Courthouse. Commissioners Ed Wagoner, Nathan Todd, Garrett Borton and Vera Huber, Attorney Michael Stulken and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Mick Bohn opened the meeting with prayer, and Vice-Chairman Borton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Clerk Hadlock asked to pull the Fairgrounds Collections from the Consent Agenda. Attorney Stulken asked to add a pre-pay to Pennington County Sheriff's Office to the Consent Agenda and Commissioner Huber asked to add Budget Meetings to Old Business. Vice-Chairman Borton moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Huber. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Borton moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the payroll and payroll voucher, collections for March 2024, Minutes of March 19, 2024, Treasurer's Report, 24 Hour Permit for Cambria Inn Inc, DBA Flying V. 4/26/2024 - 4/27/2024, Chairman's Signature - Credit Card Pre-Authorization Request Attorney, Chairman's Signature on Amendment One to the Memorandum of Understanding Between Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division and Weston County, Board's Signature on Resolution 2024-9 Amendment to the 2023-2024 Budget, Board's Signature on Joint Resolution BFY1516 Funding with Weston County Commissioners, City of Newcastle, and Town of Upton, seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mick Bohn spoke during public comment.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION DECLARING VACANCIES

William Curley, Representative Allen Single, Representative Chip Neuman, Patricia Bateman, Dan Bani, Tom Wang, and King spoke to the Board in support of the proposed resolution. Jerimah Rieman, Wyoming County Commissioner Association Executive Director cautioned the Board about signing the proposed resolution. Attorney Michael Stulken referenced Wyoming State Statute § 22-18-101 stating the Board did not have the authority to declare a vacancy. Commissioner Todd, Commissioner Wagoner, Commissioner Huber and Vice-Chairman Borton all had questions for those present. Vice-Chairman Borton moved to approve the resolution on declaring vacancies as proposed, seconded by Commissioner Huber. Ayes: Huber, Borton, Nays: Wagoner. Todd, Chairman Taylor voted Aye. Carried.

UPDATE ON NEWCASTLE BLM RMP REVISION, BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST PLAN REVISION, HUNTER BASIN NATIONAL GRASSLANDS & GREATER SAGE-GROUSE EIS

Jeanne Whalen with Whalen Consulting & Commissioner Todd visited with the Board about the Black Hills National Forest Plan Revision. Discussion ensued.

RARE EARTH UPDATE

Roger Conett came before the Board to give an update on Rare Element Resources.

BCBS - PLAN SELECTION - LE RETIREMENT INCREASE

Clerk Hadlock let the Board know that the Blue Cross Blue Shield had increased again this year as was the Law Enforcement Retirement. This was moved under Old Business for further discussion.

FAIRGROUNDS UPDATE

Fair Board member David Kline and Fairgrounds Manager Eric Dudzinski came before the Board to give an update.

CRIP PROJECT DISCUSSION

Commissioner Todd discussed the price difference of \$1.3 million dollars of paving Old Hwy 85 or \$100,000 if it is rote milled. Road and Bridge Superintendent Ian Hansen let the Board know he has a traffic study scheduled. Concerned citizens Dale and Joyce Niswender and Ted and Marty Ertman voiced concerns about the road. This will be added under Old Business for the next meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW VICTIM WITNESS COORDINATOR

Attorney Stulken introduced Jewell Parrish as the new Victim Witness Coordinator.

OLD BUSINESS

BUDGET MEETINGS

Commissioner Huber would like to start scheduling budget meetings with Department Heads. Clerk Hadlock let her know that wouldn't be possible as the Department Heads do not even have their budget worksheets. Commissioner Huber stated they need to be aware to plan on cuts. Commissioner Todd would like to have Clerk Hadlock send a letter letting them know of the possible cuts.

BCBS - PLAN SELECTION - LE RETIREMENT INCREASE - CONT.

Commissioner Todd suggested the Board give up receiving insurance as a way for the County to save money. Commissioner Huber moved that the County pay the additional increase for Blue Cross Blue Shield for our employees, seconded by Vice-Chairman Borton. Discussion ensued. Carried. Commissioner Wagoner moved for the County to premap the Law Enforcement Retirement increase over the three year period, seconded by Commissioner Todd. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

AP VOUCHERS

Commissioner Todd wanted to discuss the Rack's Electric voucher with Sheriff Bryan Colvard. Sheriff Colvard explained it was for the fiber optic to the new dispatch to get data from dispatch to his building. Vice-Chairman Borton moved to approve the AP Vouchers, seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

VOUCHERS

066NCPERS, financial admm, \$224.00, AFLAC, payroll ded, \$2,776.91, Great-West Trust Company LLC, payroll ded, \$870.00, New York Life, financial admm, \$312.50, WEBT, financial admm, \$8,446.36, Weston County Clerk, financial admm, \$50,034.50, WY Child Support Enforcement, payroll ded, \$550.00, WY Department of Workforce Services, payroll ded, \$2,2054.05, WY Retirement System, payroll ded, \$37,782.83, 21 Electric, apmt runway prp, \$105.00, Ad Pro, tires suppl, hmlnd suppl, asst suppl, dist crt suppl, annex intr suppl, \$373.68, Alpha Communications, law enf, bldg and grounds repair, \$1,250.73, Bonigaars, crthse janitor supp, r&b repair/maint, fair grnds repair/maint, \$91.82, Byrand Streeter, apmt cutret wages, \$1,793.74, Cambria Discount Drug, jnl med, \$169.42, Cambria Supply, r&b repair/maint, \$61.56, Carmen Simon, p-hlth prep covid vacc, \$262.04, Charm-Tex, gen-sheriff uniforms, \$356.70, City of Newcastle, annex util, crthse util, fair util, law enf util, p-hlth util, r&b util, wic spec prp, \$890.86, Civil Air Patrol Magazine, gen-sheriff spec office equip, \$405.00, Clerk of District Court, juror-wic, \$68.31, Council Lab of Black Hills, coroner autopsies, \$3,962.00, Collins Communications Inc, dist crt comm, fair util, \$155.00, Contromax, bldg & grnds maj rep, \$90.00, Crook Co Family Violence, cc finly violence, Culligan Water Conditioning, annex msc, r&b supp, \$34.50, Dakota Fluid Power, r&b repair/maint, \$304.20, Deckers Market, dist crt juror-wicness, ext 4H support, r&b maint, \$238.21, Double D, r&b oil/gas/lube repair/maint, \$1,126.06, Eastern WY Equipment Company, r&b sm tools, repair/maint, \$1,103.39, Employers Council, dues, \$3,800.00, First Northern Bank of WY, attny office equip/tech, gen elctc tmg, asst mile trvl, sheriff mile trvl, sheriff vch maint/fuel, law enf brd prisoners, law enf prp empl, sheriff-mile-trvl, pub-hlth mile-trvl, sheriff school exp, \$2,780.27, Fisher Sand & Gravel, fed nan roy black thunder brdg, r&b gravel/vrld mtrl fund, fed nan roy Black Thunder, misc grant match, \$29,821.35, Golden West Technologies, annex comp softwr lic, crthse comp softwr lic, p-hlth utilites, slrf spec, \$4089.50, Great Western Tire Co, r&b repair/maint, \$3,844.03, Hilliard/Sioux Falls, crthse janitor or supp, annex repair/maint, \$1,100.17, Humphrey Law LLC, dist crt spec attny, \$644.67, Jeanni Stone, attny trvl/meal/regis, \$147.53, Jennifer Liggett, crthse other empl, \$90.00, Jodi Brooks, wic spec prp wic, \$62.98, Jordan Pitchford, wic spec prp wic, \$207.00, Job Inc, misc comp softwr lic, \$90.00, Kani L Lopez, fair siry, \$840.00, KASL, p-hlth em prep, \$390.00, Kayleigh Ann Gould, annex contract wages, \$400.00, Kimberly Jenkins, tres mile-trvl/convent, \$38.86, Marco Inc, annex comp softwr lic, \$133.52, Matthew Bender & Co Inc, misc law library, \$97.56, Max Masters, gis land records, \$4,000.00, Meridian Mortuary, coroner fees, \$295.00, Michelle Sweet, pub hlth mch grant, \$306.56, Mendell Heights LLC, misc co ward-anlv, \$2,252.70, Motor Power Equipment, \$62.22, Motorola Solutions, hmlnd sec exp, \$473.04, Newcastle Ace Hardware, crthse repair/maint, law enf repair/maint, dispatch exp, sheriff suppl, r&b maint, pub hlth comm, airport supp exp rp, \$758.13, Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, qtr \$374.25, \$275.00, News Letter Journal, misc print/publ, p-health em prep, r&b supp, \$1,083.58, Office of the State Public Defender, dist crt spec attny, \$20,134.61, Pitney Bowes Global Financial SRVCS LLC, crthse post/flight, \$4,000.00, Plansman, clerk nuse, \$679.00, Postmaster, p-hlth comm, \$410.00, Powder River Energy Corporation, apmt util, fair util, hmlnd sec exp, law enf util, p-hlth comm & util, r&b util, wic spec prp, \$2,970.50, Power Plan OIB, repair/maint, post fight, sm tools, \$2,967.96, Rader Shop, sheriff vch maint/fuel, \$364.00, RANGE, apmt comm, asst comm, attny comm, clk comm, crthse comm, dist crt comm, ext comm, fair util, hmlnd sec exp, law enf util, p-hlth em prep & util, r&b comm, slrf comm, tres comm, wic spec prp, \$3,238.35, Rhoades Dental PC, tvs emf ml med, \$696.0, Rocks Electric, dispatch exp, \$9,327.26, Roadrunner Disposal Service, fairgrnds util, airport util, \$90.00, Rocky Mountain Police & Fire Chaplains, \$400.00, Sgebrush Marketing, fair admm fees, \$100.00, Self Storage LLC, gen-sheriff nuse, \$150.00, Serrall Uniforms/Laun CO, fair repair/maint, crthse janitor supp, \$375.55, Summit Plumbing & Heating, dispatch exp, \$3,550.22, Tammy Cleverdon, tres mile-trvl, \$38.86, Top Office Products, crthse supp, dist crt supp, r&b contract/equip/lbr, annex comp software, law enf maint agree, \$2,082.13, Uline, hmlnd sec exp, \$88.50, University of WY Extension, ext 4-h educator salary, \$5,833.50, Upton Chamber of Commerce, 3rd qtr/24, \$575.00, Upton Co-op Assn, r&b oil/gas/lube, \$28,866.99, Verizon Wireless, fair util, p-hlth em prep & mch grant, \$2,763.83, Vicki Hayman, ext nutrition ed, \$148.07, Vissary Communications, annex comm, \$165.00, WACO, dues, \$400.00, WC Sheriff's Search & Rescue, coroner net, \$250.00, WC&PAA, attny assoc dues, attny trvl/meal/regis, \$300.00, West End Water District, apmt util, \$60.00, Weston County Childrens Cr, 3rd qtr fy/24, \$3,157.50, Weston County Gazette, em prep covid 19 vacc out, misc print/publ, \$825.00, Weston County Health Services law enf jail med, r&b cutret/labr, \$5,107.94, Weston County Hospital District, prevention mgmnt, \$25,9010.94, Weston County Library, gen library blk alloc, \$60,000, Weston County Natural Resource Dist, 3rd qtr/24, \$1,106.25, Weston County Peace Officers Assoc, law enf uniforms, \$255.00, Weston County Road & Bridge, apmt sup exp rp, law enf vch maint/fuel, fairgrnds repair/maint, \$3,352.22, Weston County Sheriff's Office, gen-sheriff post/flight, \$3,134, Weston County Sr Services, law enf brd of prisoners, \$2,150.00, Wheeler Lumber, r&b lnbr/cvtrts brdg, \$10,801.39, Woody's Food Center, law enf brd of prisoners, spec prp wic, \$46.06, WY Assoc of Sheriffs & Chiefs, spec off equip, \$250.00, WY Co Commissioners Assoc, misc financial admm, \$460.19, WY Department of Health, p-hlth mch grant & mile-trvl, \$112.50, WY Department of Health-Lab, public hlth suppl, \$70.00,

WY Dept of Transportation, r&b old hwy 85 proj, \$17,314.96, WY Law Enforcement chaplain Assoc, gen-sheriff mile-trvl, \$125.00, WY Machinery Co, r&b repair/maint, \$6,45.64, WY Network, financial admm, \$270.00, Net Payroll, \$171,542.02.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Don Taylor
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk

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