

STATE OF WYOMING)
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COUNTY OF HOT SPRINGS) OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF
) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
) THERMOPOLIS, WYOMING
) November 18, 2008

The Hot Springs Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 18, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Courthouse.

Present were Commissioners Brad W. Basse, John P. Lumley and Frank T. Manning. Also present were County Clerk Hans Odde, Hot Springs County and Prosecuting Attorney Jerry D. Williams, and Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners Penny Herdt.

Chairman Brad W. Basse led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Frank T. Manning made a motion to approve the agenda with the following changes:

ADD: Executive Session after Correspondence

John P. Lumley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CodeRed Reverse 911 Contract

County Clerk Hans Odde presented the CodeRed Reverse 911 Services Contract for the Commissioners' signature. County Attorney Jerry Williams has reviewed and approved the contract. John P. Lumley made motion to sign the CodeRed Reverse 911 Services Contract in the amount of \$5000.00. Frank T. Manning seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Conference Call – EQC Hearings on Ag Use Protection Policy

The Commissioners participated in a conference phone call with Jim Ruby, Executive Director of the Environmental Quality Council (EQC), and John Wagner, Administrator of the Water Quality Division of the DEQ to discuss inclusion of socio-economic considerations into the Ag Use Protection Policy rule-making deliberations. Others involved in the conference call included County Planner Lee Campbell, Commissioners from Park, Weston, Washakie and Johnson counties, Brett Moline with the Wyoming Farm Bureau, Steve Fertney with the Governor's Planning Office and Joe Evans, Executive Director of the Wyoming County Commissioners Association. Chairman Brad W. Basse, with strong support from all the counties' Commissioners, expressed a strong desire to have the EQC commission a socio-economic impact study for inclusion in the Ag Use Protection Policy Rule decision-making process and into the public record. Dr. Tex Taylor, UW Professor of Agriculture and Applied Economics, was mentioned as one person well-qualified to conduct such a study. At the conclusion of the call, John P. Lumley made a motion to draft a letter to the EQC in support of the commission of a socio-economic impact study for inclusion in the public record and in the Ag Use Protection Policy Rule decision-making process, to be submitted by e-mail and/or fax to the EQC by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 19, 2008. Frank T. Manning seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Courthouse Maintenance Monthly Report

Maintenance Supervisor Chuck Carver reported that the county trees sustained about \$1,000.00 worth of damage from October's snowstorm. According to Mr. Carver, without the help of some volunteers during the cleanup process, the total would have been much higher. The library water heater had to be replaced this month. The Energy Upgrade project at the Library is about 99% complete. The air handling system is running much more efficiently and the comfort and noise levels are greatly improved as a result. The storm also caused some problems with the sump on the north side of the museum, but those have been corrected. The courthouse lawn has been readied for winter, and Mr. Carver reported that they are in the process of installing the Christmas lights and decorations. There is still some debris from previous occupants of the Oddfellows building, which will be removed prior to the beginning of the asbestos abatement project.

Road & Bridge Monthly Report

Road & Bridge Foreman Jim Skelton reported that Tri-County Telephone had done some damage to Mud Creek road and a couple of culverts during a line project. TCT will reimburse the county for the cost of

needed repairs. The East River Road project is nearly finished. The material removed from the hill is being used to enhance the parking area at the Game & Fish fishing access point. The Asphalt Project is being split into two phases – crushing this winter and batching in May, with the hope that the price and availability of the asphalt will improve in the spring. Mr. Skelton asked the Commissioners for clarification on the Sick Leave policy regarding employees who have accumulated the maximum allowable amount of sick time. Commissioners will review the policy and get back to Mr. Skelton. Regarding the rental of a trackhoe for various Road & Bridge projects, County Clerk Hans Odde notified Mr. Skelton that the county will need a trackhoe shortly after the first of the year for demolition of the building at 117 North 4th, and asked that Mr. Skelton coordinate the trackhoe rental with him. Chairman Basse inquired about possible remedies for unsafe driving on the Cody Loop road. Mr. Skelton indicated that various solutions are being investigated, including placement of large boulders along or across the roadway.

Airport Wyoming Aviation Capital Improvement Program Update

Dustin Spomer with GDA appeared before the Commissioners to review the Wyoming Aviation Capital Improvement Program with regards to maintenance of the current airport and funding for the potential new airport. In response to questions from the Commissioners, Mr. Spomer indicated that the earliest possible in-use date for a new airport would be 2013, so there will need to be at least five more years of maintenance on the present airport via capital improvement projects funded through WACIP. No decisions were made regarding the projects at this time.

Town of Thermopolis – Solid Waste Disposal District Formation

The Commissioners received a letter from the Town of Thermopolis requesting the Commissioners give consideration to the formation by resolution of a Solid Waste Disposal District within Hot Springs County. After considerable discussion, John P. Lumley made a motion to draft a letter in support of formation of a Solid Waste Disposal District, and indicating a willingness to work closely with the town to work out the many issues involved prior to a resolution being issued. Frank T. Manning seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business

Advertisement for 2009 Board Appointments - County Clerk Hans Odde presented the Commissioners with a list of the various County Board appointments that will be expiring in 2009. Appointments expiring in 2009 include Fair Board – 1, Land Use Planning Board – 2, Library Board – 2, Museum Board – 1, Lodging Tax Board – 1, Predatory Animal Control Board – 1, Weed & Pest Board – 3. Commissioner Lumley suggested using an application form developed by Yellowstone County, Montana, as part of the appointment process. At the direction of the Commissioners, Clerk Odde will make the form available in the Clerk's Office, and will post the form on the county's website (www.hscounty.com) under the Employment tab, so that those wishing to apply for board appointments can fill it out and submit it with their letters of interest in the positions available. Frank T. Manning made a motion to advertise for the upcoming Board position vacancies. John P. Lumley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Utility License Agreement - County Clerk Hans Odde presented a Utility License Agreement with Rocky Mountain Power to provide Ray DeVries with underground service on County Road #32. Road & Bridge Foreman Jim Skelton has reviewed and approved the agreement, and all application fees have been paid. John P. Lumley moved to approve the Utility License Agreement. Frank T. Manning seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WYOLINK Connectivity Grant – Amendment 2 - County Clerk Hans Odde presented Amendment 2 to the WYOLINK Connectivity Grant for the Commissioners' signature. The amendment simply extends the expiration date of the Grant Agreement from June 30, 2008, to June 30, 2010. County Attorney Jerry Williams has reviewed and signed the amendment. Frank T. Manning moved to approve WYOLINK Connectivity Grant - Amendment 2. John P. Lumley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Regional Working Group Meeting - County Clerk Hans Odde reminded the Commissioners that the November RWG Solid Waste Management meeting will be held in Worland on 11/25/08 at 9:00 a.m. at the Worland Community Center.

Correspondence

Chamber of Commerce – Meet & Greet

Bureau of Reclamation – Boysen Water Information Meeting
Land & Water Conservation Fund Grants – 2009
HSC Fair Board – Meeting Notice
Roy Nielsen – Flag Information
Library Board – Minutes
Jerry Williams – COPS Grant Memo
TEAL Grant – Interpretive Center

Commissioners reviewed the foregoing correspondence. No action was required or taken.

Executive Session

At 6:07 p.m., John P. Lumley made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel and potential litigation issues. Frank T. Manning seconded the motion. Motion carried. At 6:54 p.m., Frank T. Manning made a motion to leave Executive Session. John P. Lumley seconded the motion. Motion carried. No actions were taken during or as a result of the Executive Session.

There being no further business before the board at this time, John P. Lumley moved to adjourn the meeting. Frank T. Manning seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attest:

Brad W Basse, Chairman

Hans Odde, Clerk to the Board