

Consider Election Judge Pay Rate – Clerk Odde appeared before the Commissioners to request a change in the hourly rate for election judges in Hot Springs County. The current rate is \$8.50/hour, and he would like to raise the rate to \$9.00/hour in recognition of the time and effort put forth by the election judges. Total impact on the county budget would be less than \$1,000.00. Mike Baker moved to set pay for the Election Judges at \$9.00/hour. Brad Basse seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discuss Curtin Property – There was some concern on the part of the Commissioners regarding the fact that the possession date was believed to be June 15, 2010, and the previous property owner did not have all the inventory and fixtures removed from the building at this time. The previous owner (Patty Curtin) was contacted by phone to discuss this matter. Ms. Curtin indicated that she believed the possession date was actually July 15, 2010. Clerk Odde confirmed that the possession date is July 15, 2010. Ms. Curtin stated that she plans to remove the remaining inventory, the air conditioning unit from the roof, the nine-door walk-in cooler, and the exterior doors from the building prior to July 15, 2010. The Commissioners found Ms. Curtin's plans to be acceptable except for the removal of the exterior doors. The doors are considered a permanent attachment to the building and must be left in place.

Appoint Library Board Member

There is an upcoming vacancy on the Library Board due to Nancy Ready's resignation effective June 30, 2010. Properly complete applications for the Library Board opening were received in a timely fashion from Barbara Vietti and Nancy Williams. After discussion, Commissioners cast their ballots. Clerk Odde reported a unanimous ballot cast for Barbara Vietti. Brad Basse moved to appoint Barbara Vietti to the Library Board effective July 1, 2010, with letters to both Ms. Vietti and Ms. Williams. Mike Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sage Grouse Project Implementation Discussion

BLM representative Karla Bird appeared at the Commissioners' request to discuss the BLM's potential involvement in the sage grouse study proposed by Jim Pehringer with State Wildlife Services at the last Commission meeting. Ms. Bird stressed that the BLM manages only the sage grouse habitat areas—not the birds themselves. At this time, Ms. Bird indicated that the BLM has not had any discussions regarding the proposed sage grouse project with Wildlife Services representatives. A copy of Jim Pehringer's proposal from the last Commission meeting was given to Ms. Bird for her perusal. The BLM will be sponsoring a Field Day for the public in Hot Springs County on July 31 to provide information regarding the Resource Management Plan revision currently underway in the Bighorn Basin. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. More information will be forthcoming as the dates get closer. Chairman Lumley asked Ms. Bird to seriously consider including the Kirby Creek area in the Field Day, as that area is not currently on the trip's schedule of stops. Ms. Bird agreed to investigate the possibility of including the Kirby Creek area in the trip.

Consider Appreciation Letter – Daniels Fund

Chairman Lumley stated that, as this year is the 10th Anniversary of the establishment of The Daniels Fund, and as Hot Springs County has benefitted many times from the generosity of The Daniels Fund through scholarships for local students and grants to local groups and organizations, he would like to propose a letter of appreciation be written to the Board of Directors of the Fund, to be presented at their anniversary celebration in Laramie on June 17, 2010. Brad Basse moved that a letter be drafted for the signature of all three Commissioners to the Daniels Fund Board of Directors in recognition of their tenth anniversary and recognizing them for their contributions to our community. The letter was presented to and approved for signature by the Commissioners. Chairman Lumley will be attending the anniversary celebration in Laramie this week and will hand-deliver the letter at that time.

AEOC/Search & Rescue Building Sign

Commissioner Basse presented a draft design of the sign produced through collaboration with the Search & Rescue team members for the Commissioners' consideration. After discussion and suggestions, Commissioner Basse was authorized to proceed with procurement of the sign for the AEOC/Search & Rescue Building.

Lane 3 Consultant Discussion

Commissioner Basse reported that there has been some question regarding adequate representation of the county's interests during the engineering process for the Lane 3 upgrade. An offer has been received from Harry Hughes to contract as the county's representative during this process. Planner Lee Campbell

expressed his feeling that, when outside engineering firms and/or consultants are used for county projects, it is imperative that the county be given copies of all files, maps, emails, etc. concerning the project so that complete files are available for review at a later date. After discussion, it was decided that Mr. Hughes' services are not required at this time. Commissioner Basse will contact Engineering Associates and convey the county's concerns to them regarding more frequent and complete communication during the course of the project.

Correspondence

- HSC Planner – WDEQ-Land Quality Division** – Landowner Statement of Satisfactory Reclamation
- HSC Planner – WDEQ-Water Quality Division** – Storm Water Discharge Permit Termination Notice
- Wyoming DEQ** – East Sunnyside (Harvey)(Rabbit) Pit Release
- Bureau of Reclamation** – Snowmelt Forecast – June, 2010
- Governor's Office** – Response regarding proposed Grass Creek Special Management Area
- US Dept. of the Interior** – Horse & Burro Program
- Personnel Handbook Review Memo** – LGLP Review Meeting Date – 6/30/10
- Biomass Utilization Group Memory**
- Fairboard Minutes**
- McGarvin-Moberly** – Proposed Pearce Gravel Pit

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of County Commissioners at this time Brad W. Basse moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m. Mike Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

John P. Lumley, Chairman

Hans Odde, County Clerk