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WASHAKIE COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS October 15, 2024

The Washakie County Board of County Commissioners met at the above date beginning at 9:00 a.m. Those present were Chairman Aaron Anderson, Commissioner Martinez and clerk to the board Lily Rakness Parra. Also present was Tom Schmeltzer, and Road and Bridge Superintendent Stuart Bower. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stuart Bower.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Stuart Bower gave an update to the BOCC on gravel hauling throughout the county. He also advised that some of the equipment on Bates Creek was messed with and moved around by individuals other than the Road and Bridge crew. He advised that they would be patching potholes on Tie Down Road as well as putting road base down before winter and if needed, the road could go to a gravel base as there is damage from the canal in the area. A discussion was held regarding the Lower Nowood needing a turnaround spot down past the creek, so trucks have a designated area to turn around and hopefully avoid further road damage. The BOCC gave approval for the Lower Nowood Subdivision to work on the well in the subdivision. A discussion was held regarding contacting property owners taking it upon themselves to ruin groomed and graded roads that had been done by the Road and Bridge crew. Bower advised that he will be going up to the Hazelton Road to double check the road grooming per the request of Chairman Anderson.

The BOCC reviewed the Grand View Amended Plat. A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and after removing himself from the chair, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the Grand View Amended Plat. Motion carried.

The BOCC reviewed the Mountain View Amended Plat. A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and after removing himself from the chair, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the Mountain View Amended Plat. Motion carried.

The BOCC reviewed the Tonka Vista Plat. A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and after removing himself from the chair, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the Tonka Vista Plat. Motion carried.

Building Maintenance Manager Breck Buer gave an update to the BOCC. He reported that he will be putting in an ADA compliant door at the handicap access ramp which will be a see-through glass door unless there is an issue with the glass material. The BOCC advised that they had no issues with the glass door. A discussion was held regarding Buer's recent attendance at a THIRA workshop and he advised that he may be able to apply for some grant funds for electrical upgrades at the fairgrounds. He requested approval to obtain an electrical survey and see how much the upgrades would cost and what the scope of work would be. The BOCC advised him to proceed. A discussion was held about the Bike Path and a request from community members to place mile marker signs on the path. Chairman Anderson advised Buer to touch base with Road and Bridge Superintendent Bower to get the signs ordered and put up. Tom Schmeltzer spoke to Buer and the BOCC regarding the potential need for Buer to attend an educational workshop that goes over the wireless heat system in the courthouse. The BOCC agreed and authorized Buer to look into

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the workshops.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and after removing himself from the chair, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve Washakie County Resolution 2024-405 as stated below:

WHEREAS, the Washakie Ambulance Service has provided essential emergency medical services to the community, and;

WHEREAS, a review of outstanding accounts has identified a total of \$114,094.09 as of September 30, 2024 in uncollectible balances that are deemed no longer feasible to pursue through standard collection processes, and;

WHEREAS, efforts have been made to recover these amounts, including billing, reminders, and collection services, but these accounts have proven to be uncollectible due to various reasons such as financial hardship, deceased patients, or inability to locate debtors, and;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Washakie Ambulance Service and the governing body to clear these outstanding uncollectible balances from the accounts receivable ledger to ensure accurate financial records;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County of Washakie, that the outstanding account balances with the Washakie Ambulance Service, totaling \$114,094.09 are hereby authorized to be written off as uncollectible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this action in no way waives the right to collect on any of the outstanding amounts should new information arise in the future that makes collection feasible.
Motion carried.

Sheri Gunderson and Kassie Nolting with the WCPC gave an update to the BOCC. Gunderson advised that additional grant diversion funding is in the works and she will get the paperwork to the BOCC as soon as it's available. Nolting advised that they were continuing with the diversion meetings as usual and that the program had seen an influx of participants recently and there was now a wait list for the program.

David Fraham, Jill Fraham and Shane Wood gave a Worlando Beach Pickleball presentation to the BOCC. The presentation included funding details along with court details that are in the works. Fraham and Wood advised that well over 280 members of Washakie County were currently participating in Pickleball and the new court would benefit the community for years to come. The group ended the presentation with a request for funding from Washakie County. Chairman Anderson advised that an ideal timeline to consider the request would be within the 2025/2026 Fiscal Year Budget preparation. Anderson suggested including the recreational boards as well as Washakie County School District's No. 1 and 2.

Sheriff Austin Brookwell brought a quote from Mad Fabrication totaling \$5,120.00 to sandblast the 32 windows upstairs in the Jail in order to provide natural sunlight as well as the needed ob-

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struction from view of the Courthouse parking lot. The BOCC authorized the project and advised it would come out of the Courthouse Budget.

Cody Regional Ambulance employees Phillip Franklin, Sandy Beck and Mr. Sheets spoke to the BOCC regarding the RANGE phone like at the Road 11 Ambulance Station. It was advised that RANGE services were not necessary to have unless it was required to accommodate the fire suppression system within the building. Franklin advised that they would work with Tom Schmeltzer to determine the necessity of utilizing RANGE or allow the transfer the service to their current internet provider in order to support the fire suppression system. It was also discussed that Cody Regional was almost done moving out of the Public Health building.

The Consent Agenda is as follows:

1. Approve 2025 Washakie County Courthouse Holiday Schedule as follows:
Jan 1st, 2025 – New Year's Day
Feb 17th, 2025 – Presidents' Day
April 18th, 2025 – Good Friday
May 26th, 2025 – Memorial Day
July 4th, 2025 – Independence Day
September 1st, 2025 – Labor Day
October 13th, 2025 – Columbus Day
November 11th, 2025 – Veterans' Day
November 27th – 28th, 2025 – Thanksgiving
December 25th - 26th, 2025 – Christmas
December 31st, 2025 – New Year's Eve
2. Approve September 2025 Clerk of District Court Monthly Statement in the amount of \$2,795.50
3. Approve September 2025 County Clerk Receipt Totals in the amount of \$8,973.50
4. Approve September 2024 Wyoming Health Council Revenue and Expense Report in the amount of \$3,838.64
5. Approve September 2024 E911 Report in the amount of \$16,452.77
6. Approve September 2024 St. Co. Road Construction Fund Report in the amount of \$156,567.55
7. Approve Washakie County Treasurer's Trial Balance in the amount of \$11,772,780.57
8. Authorize the drafting of a letter to Big Horn National Forest Supervisor Andrew Johnson in support of having a full-time, permanent District Ranger located in the Buffalo office to oversee the southern area of the Bighorns.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and after removing himself from the chair, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Martinez to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 am. Motion is carried.

(Seal)
Lily Rakness Parra
Clerk to the Board

Aaron Anderson, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners

November 7, 2024