

Assessor Staffing Discussion

Shelley Deromedi appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the open position in her office. She has interviewed for the position and would like to hire someone, but expressed concern regarding whether the funds would be available in her 2015-2016 budget to support this position. The Commissioners advised Mrs. Deromedi that funding for the position would be available in the 2015-2016 budget, but they could not speak to any funding in future years.

HSC Counseling Center Discussion

HSCCC Director Al Braaten appeared to give the Commissioners an update regarding the current status of the mental health and substance abuse contracts with the State Dept. of Health. The Counseling Center applied for both the mental health and the substance abuse contracts for 2015-2016. There were no other applicants for these contracts. After some interaction between the Department of Health and the HSCCC, contracts for mental health and substance abuse treatment were issued to HSCCC. Mr. Braaten indicated that the contracts contained several unacceptable provisions and so were returned to the State with the requested revisions. The revised contracts have not been returned to the HSCCC as of today, and Mr. Braaten is not sure what the status of the contracts is at this point. Chairman Basse will work with staff to draft a letter to the governor asking for help resolving the issues between HSCCC and the State Department of Health as promised during a meeting between Governor Mead and the Commissioners a year ago when the issues first came to the attention of the Commissioners.

Frank Robbins – Jail Conditions

Frank Robbins, pastor of the Set Free Church in Thermopolis, appeared before the Commissioners to discuss conditions in the visiting area of the jail and his concerns about a lack of access to those incarcerated in the jail. After Mr. Robbins presented his case, Chairman Basse explained to Mr. Robbins that the only control the Commissioners have over the jail is fiduciary, in that the Commissioners set the Sheriff's Department budget. The Commissioners do not control operations, policies or procedures in the jail, as the Sheriff is the elected official ultimately in charge of all those areas of law enforcement in the County.

Bobcat Storage Subdivision Final Plat

Planner Bo Bowman presented the Final Plat of the Bobcat Storage Subdivision for the Chairman's signature. All conditions imposed at the time the plat was approved have been met. The County Attorney has reviewed and approved the plat and associated paperwork. Chairman Basse signed the final plat as presented.

RT Communications Utility License Agreement

RT Communications has applied for a modification to their Utility License Agreement for work on County Road 15-3 (Red Lane). A phone line installed across the road is sagging to the point it has become a traffic hazard and RT would like to move the line underground to eliminate this hazard. This will require a bore under the road. Road & Bridge Supervisor Dave Schlager has reviewed the application and feels that it is a significant improvement to the situation. Tom Ryan moved to approve the Utility License Application for RT Communications for a bore under County Road 15-3 approximately .21 miles from the intersection with Highway 20 North to move an existing overhead line underground. There will be no fee as this is a modification to an existing line, not a new installation. John Lumley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dickinson #1 Well Permit Application

Larry Dickinson has applied to the State for a well permit on his property located at 178 Lane 5. After a review of the application, John Lumley moved to approve the application for the well Dickinson #1 by Larry Dickinson. Tom Ryan seconded the motion. Discussion: the County's Geological Consultant, Dan Wychgram, has reviewed the application and recommended it be approved. Motion carried.

Travel & Tourism Board Appointment

Although two application letters were received for the Travel & Tourism Board position, neither applicant had followed the proper application procedure as outlined in the advertising for the opening. The Commissioners asked Clerk Webber to re-advertise the opening for appointment at the June 16th Commission meeting. Staff will contact the applicants to advise them of the proper procedure for board applications.

Forest Service Road Maintenance Agreement

Clerk Webber and Dave Schlager presented the annual agreement with the U.S. Forest Service providing funding to the County by the USFS for maintenance of the Grass Creek Road by the County Road & Bridge department. John Lumley moved to approve the Chairman’s signature on the Cooperative Forest Road Agreement for Grass Creek Road between the U.S. Forest Service and Hot Springs County providing funding in the amount of \$8,000.00 for the time period of May 14, 2015 – December 31, 2020. Tom Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business

Elected Officials Worker’s Compensation Coverage – Clerk Webber asked for a determination by the Commissioners regarding Worker’s Compensation coverage for elected county officials. Effective July 1, 2015, new legislation goes into effect allowing coverage for elected officials at the County’s option. Tom Ryan moved to enroll all County Elected Officials in the Worker’s Compensation program effective July 1, 2015. John Lumley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Central Bank & Trust Depository Agreement – John Lumley moved to approve the application from Central Bank & Trust to act as a depository institution for County funds. Tom Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Wyoming County Commissioners Assn. – Shoshone Forest Plan Coordination

FAA – Phase V Concurrence Notification

Bureau of Reclamation – Boysen Runoff Forecast Update

WYDOT – STIP Meeting Notification

Library Board Minutes – April, 2015

Fairboard Minutes – April, 2015

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the board, Tom Ryan moved to adjourn. Brad Basse declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Brad Basse, Chairman

Nina Webber, Clerk to the Board