



entire budget request would be granted, but thanked Ms. Roling and Dr. Williams for the effort they had put into their presentation. In answer to questions from the Commissioners, Ms. Roling stated that the hospital would prefer to have whatever funds were available in a “block grant” form to be used according to the hospital’s priority list, as opposed to being designated for a specific purpose.

**Drought Designation Resolution / Letter**

As requested by Emergency Management Coordinator, the Commissioners discussed the current drought situation in the County. John Lumley moved to approve Resolution 2013-06 as follows:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING  
Resolution Number 2013-06**

**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF DISASTER  
DUE TO DROUGHT AND THE AGRICULTURAL IMPACTS OF DROUGHT**

**WHEREAS**, Hot Spring’s agricultural community is suffering critical impairment of its operation caused by a drought and,

**WHEREAS**, the cost of support to the agricultural community is in excess of county resources available, and,

**WHEREAS**, the current drought conditions are predicted to worsen and to continue for the foreseeable future, and the long term impacts of the drought cannot yet be fully determined.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in us as duly elected Commissioners of Hot Springs County, Wyoming, we do hereby declare the County of Hot Springs to be an **AGRI-BUSINESS DISASTER AREA**.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, at Thermopolis, Wyoming.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING:**

Attest:

Brad W. Basse, Chairman  
Mike Baker, Vice Chairman  
John P. Lumley, Commissioner

Hans Odde, Clerk to the Board

Mike Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mike Baker moved to approve a letter as drafted to Governor Mead asking for a state Drought Disaster designation for Hot Springs County as reflected in the foregoing resolution. John Lumley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**BLM – State Park Land Swap Proposal – Legend Rock Site**

Hot Springs State Park representative John Fish appeared before the Commissioners to discuss a land swap proposal with the BLM. The Hot Springs State Park has approached Dick Wagner, owner of Legend Rock Ranch, to try to work an exchange deal to obtain land surrounding the Legend Rock State Archeological Site for expansion and upgrading of the site. The ranch owner is willing to consider trading four parcels of his deeded land surrounding the site for five parcels of land owned by the State and managed by the BLM. The BLM has refused to consider the exchange, as it does not meet their stated criteria for exchange parcels. Mr. Fish asked what the Commissioners might be able to do to assist him in dealing with the BLM with this proposal. While they were unable to assist Mr. Fish directly, the Commissioners provided Mr. Fish will contact information for people in the Governor’s office and outside consultants who may be able to help him.

**Other Business**

**WBC Grant Agreement Amendment #1 – STWSD Expansion** – Clerk Odde presented Amendment #1 for the South Thermopolis Water & Sewer District’s Expansion project for the Commissioners’ signature. This amendment extends the Grant Agreement expiration date to December 31, 2013. John Lumley moved to approve Amendment #1 to the Grant Agreement

between the Wyoming Business Council and Hot Springs County for the STWSD's Expansion Project extending the Grant Agreement expiration date from July 31, 2013 to December 31, 2013. Mike Baker seconded the motion. Discussion: the Amendment signature line will be changed to reflect Brad Basse as the Chairman. Motion carried.

**Appoint Lodging Tax Board Member** – Clerk Odde presented the application received in response to repeated advertising for the open term on the Lodging Tax Board. Mike Baker moved to appoint Ernest Cummings to the Lodging Tax Board. John Lumley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

**Library Board Minutes** – May, 2013

**Fair Board Minutes** – May, 2013

**Roy Runia** – Retrial Procedure Wyoming Rules

**Bureau of Reclamation** – Snowmelt Runoff Forecast

**Governor's Office** – 2013 Wyoming Energy Strategy

**Wyoming Safety & Workforce Summit** – Date & Information

**HSC Centennial Committee** – Thank You

**Airport Operations Report** – May, 2013

**Lodging Tax Board Budget**

The Commissioners reviewed the foregoing correspondence. No further action was required or taken at this time.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of County Commissioners at this time, Mike Baker moved to adjourn. Chairman Basse declared the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Brad Basse, Chairman

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Hans Odde, County Clerk