

STATE OF WYOMING)
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COUNTY OF HOT SPRINGS) OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF
) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
) THERMOPOLIS, WYOMING
) May 16, 2017

The Hot Springs Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex. Present were Commissioners John Lumley, Tom Ryan and Phillip Scheel. Also present were County Clerk Nina Webber and Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners Penny Herdt. Chairman Lumley led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Phillip Scheel moved to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- ADD:** Other Business 5. Lighthouse Funding Discussion
- Correspondence 5. BuRec Boysen Flow Fluctuation Schedule.

Tom Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Final Abstract – Tax Year 2017

County Assessor Shelley Deromedi presented the 2017 Hot Springs County Abstract to be submitted to the State Board of Equalization for the Commissioners' review. Tom Ryan moved to approve a letter from the Commission acting as the County Board of Equalization acknowledging receipt of the 2017 HSC Abstract from the Assessor. Phillip Scheel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IT Budget Requirements

TCI representative Dean Peranteaux outlined the proposed IT budget for 2017-2018. The proposed budget of \$75,540.00 is roughly 10% less than last year's proposed budget. Mr. Peranteaux also presented a proposed budget for the off-site server systems located at the Fire Hall/Search & Rescue Building site of \$14,200. \$5,200.00 of this proposed budget is optional and would provide wireless access between the Fire Hall and the Search & Rescue building. At this time, connectivity is literally via a cable connector feed which will be run between the two buildings as needed. Mr. Peranteaux reported that the county-wide IT security training conducted earlier this year was well-received and he continues to issue on-line updates and information regarding online and network security to all county employees. The Commissioners took Mr. Peranteaux's proposal under advisement for use during the upcoming budget sessions.

Employee Benefit Plan Renewal Presentation

Covenant Insurance representative Brad Johnson reviewed the past year's plan performance with the Commissioners and outlined the options for the upcoming year. Regarding the vision coverage with VSP, it was noted that the only local provider of vision services no longer accepts the VSP plan. Several providers in the surrounding counties continue to accept VSP insurance for vision care. Mr. Johnson noted that the County has the option of adding vision coverage to the medical plan, but if this was done, the premiums would go up and vision coverage would no longer be optional – every county employee on the medical plan would be required to carry and pay for vision coverage. The Commissioners agreed to continue with VSP as the vision insurance provider as the premiums are lower, and participation on the employees' part remains voluntary.

Tom Ryan moved that the County retain Allegiance Benefit Plan Management as the Third Party Administrator (TPA) with National Pharmaceutical as the Pharmacy Manager and Employers Risk Re/Companion Life as the reinsurance carrier. With Company Life, the County wishes to retain a \$55,000 Specific Deductible level and an Aggregating Specific amount of \$25,000. Phillip Scheel seconded the motion. At Mr. Johnson's suggestion, Commissioner Ryan amended the motion to include authorization for Clerk Webber to sign the renewal documents outside a formal meeting when they are received. The second concurred with the amendment. Motion carried.

Phillip Scheel moved that the County utilize the accumulated Medical Plan reserves to fund 100% of the renewal increase, resulting in no change to the employee and dependent premium amounts for the upcoming year. Tom Ryan seconded the motion. Discussion: it was noted that this funding may not necessarily be continued in future years, depending on plan performance. Motion carried.

HSA Funding – The only decision made regarding HSA funding at this time was the elimination of the \$500 incentive payment to new employees upon enrollment in the medical plan. As there is no longer any option available to new employees except the High Deductible Plan, the \$500 incentive was seen as unnecessary. Further decisions regarding the HSA funding and incentives will be made as the budget process progresses.

Mr. Johnson presented his consulting contract for renewal. The cost is \$6,500.00 per year, which is an increase of slightly less than 10% over last year. This is the first increase in several years for the consultant's fee. Tom Ryan moved to approve the contract between Covenant Insurance and Hot Springs County to retain Mr. Johnson as the County's insurance consultant in the amount \$6,500.00. Phillip Scheel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business

Ratification – Pinnacle Bank Letter of Credit – Permit 582(S) – Clerk Webber presented the Change in Terms for the Letter of Credit #2 for the DEQ Permit #582(s) provided by Pinnacle Bank for the ratification of the Chairman's signature. Tom Ryan moved to ratify the chairman's signature on the Change in Terms for Letter of Credit #2 – Permit #582(s). Phillip Scheel seconded the motion. Discussion: this letter of credit relates to the County Gravel Pits. Motion carried.

Airport Reuse Study Payment – Funds Source – Clerk Webber and the Commissioners reviewed the previously established funding sources for the airport reuse study in light of a recently received bill from GDA, the company conducting the reuse study at the old airport property. Tom Ryan moved to pay the current GDA bill in the amount of \$6,379.00 from the SLIB Match funds line item. Phillip Scheel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Well Permit Application Review – Lea – This well permit was tabled to the June 6th meeting as the County's Geological Consultant is out of town and has not had a chance to review it yet.

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Correspondence

Library Board Minutes	February, March, April 2017
Fairboard Minutes	April 12, April 27, 2017
NRPC Minutes	April, 2017
Bureau of Reclamation	Snowmelt Forecast
Bureau of Reclamation	Boysen Release Level Fluctuation Notification

The Commissioners reviewed the foregoing correspondence items. No additional action was required.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the board, Tom Ryan moved to adjourn. John Lumley declared the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

John P. Lumley, Chairman

Nina Webber, Clerk to the Board