

Commissioners reviewed the Absolute Policy checklist, Phillip Scheel moved to deny the Branin property land use change to commercial use due to the failure of the request to meet three items on the Absolute Policies checklist: 5-5A1b - DEQ approved Water system, 5-5A1c – DEQ approved septic system, and 5-5C1a – Commercial highway access approval from WYDOT. Tom Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Youth Alternatives Budget Revision

Youth Alternatives Program Director Barb Rice presented the Commissioners with the revised budget she has developed to accommodate the funding cut from her VOA/OJJDP grant for the upcoming year. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Rice for her efforts to live within her funding and assured her that they would do what they could to help ensure she has adequate funding for her program.

Airport Reuse Discussion – Burrows

Derek Burrows appeared before the Commissioners to renew his request to purchase acreage adjacent to his property adjoining the old airport from the county. The Commissioners indicated that the airport reuse study currently underway must be completed before any decisions can be made regarding any portion of the old airport property. Commissioner Ryan also brought up the fact that Mr. Burrows has been using the County's property to store miscellaneous items, which the Commissioners would like to see removed as soon as possible. Tom Ryan moved to ask Mr. Burrows to vacate the County's property within 30 days. Phillip Scheel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Burrows asked about fencing for the pasture space he is leasing to another party for horses. Chairman Lumley stated that Wyoming is a fence-out state regarding horses, so that County would be responsible for constructing a fence to keep the horses off its property if it becomes necessary.

Certified Local Government Process

Chamber of Commerce Director Meri Ann Rush presented the Commissioners with information regarding Hot Springs County becoming a Certified Local Government. One advantage of this designation is that it allows the County to apply for grants and other funding for sites nominated to the National Register of Historic Places to help maintain and use the property while preserving its cultural and historical features. The Commissioners authorized Ms. Rush to proceed with investigating the process of Hot Springs County becoming a Certified Local Government. If an application is made, Ms. Rush will return to the Commissioners to review the application and obtain their signature.

Other Business

Commissioner Scholarships Award – The Commissioners reviewed the applications received for the Commissioner Scholarships provided by the State Legislature and selected three recipients as well as three alternates. Phillip Scheel moved to award the scholarships to the recipients and alternates as designated by the ballots completed by the Commissioners. Tom Ryan seconded the motion. Discussion: The scholarship recipients will be announced at the High School Awards Night on May 16, 2017. Commissioner Tom Ryan will present the scholarships on behalf of the Commissioners. Motion carried.

Letter of Engagement – Koerwitz, Michel, Wright & Associates – 2017 Audit - Clerk Webber presented the Annual Services Agreement with Koerwitz, Michel, Wright & Associates for the Commissioners' approval. This is the annual contract for yearly audit services setting out duties for both parties and fees. Fees for the general audit are not to exceed \$22,600.00. If required, fees for the separate single audit are not to exceed \$7,000.00. The separate single audit is required whenever the county receives more than \$500,000.00 in federal grant funding annually, which is not anticipated to happen during the 2017 fiscal year. Tom Ryan moved to approve the chairman's signature on the Annual Services Agreement between Koerwitz, Michel,

Wright & Associates and Hot Springs County for general audit services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 with total fees not to exceed \$22,600.00, and, if required, the separate single audit for a fee not to exceed \$7,000.00. Phillip Scheel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WYDOT Letter of Engagement – Phillip Scheel reported that WYDOT would like paperwork confirming their engagement to paint closure X's on both ends of the runway at the old airport (THP). Deputy Chief Clerk Karen Slocum will prepare the necessary paperwork to submit to WYDOT.

Correspondence

Fairboard Minutes – March, 2017

County Assessor – Preliminary Abstract

Bureau of Reclamation – Snowmelt Forecast

Wyoming Dinosaur Center – Groundbreaking/Earth Day Invitation

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 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

John P. Lumley, Chairman

Nina Webber, Clerk to the Board