

STATE OF WYOMING )  
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COUNTY OF HOT SPRINGS )  
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
THERMOPOLIS, WYOMING  
January 16, 2018

The Hot Springs Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex. Present were Commissioners Tom Ryan and Phillip Scheel. Also present was County Clerk Nina Webber and Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners Penny Herdt. Chairman Ryan led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Ryan suspended Roberts Rules of Order so that business might be conducted in the absence of Commissioner John Lumley.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Phillip Scheel moved to approve the agenda with the addition of **Fairgrounds Exhibit Building Floor Update** and striking **Approval of Minutes**. Tom Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **Fairgrounds Multi-Purpose Building Roof Update**

Thane Magelky (Melton, Benton, Abel) reported on his inspection of the MP building roof after the insulation was removed. Phillip Scheel moved to authorize Mr. Magelky to get estimates for full roof replacement from at least two sources, and prepare bid documents from those estimates. Tom Ryan seconded the motion. Discussion: funds for obtaining estimates/preparing bid documents to come from Fairbuilding Roof budget line. Mr. Magelky was asked to ensure a drainage system was included in the estimates. Estimates and bid documents to be presented at the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried.

#### **Fairbuilding Floor Update**

Fairgrounds representatives Arnold Pennoyer and Dave Schlager reported that the drain system installed last year appears to be working well for removing the water beneath the building floor. The soils appear to be stabilizing but Mr. Schlager stressed the need for more drying time before a fix for the floor is implemented.

#### **Copper Mountain WPLI Recommendations**

Ginger Bennett, General Public representative on the Fremont County WPLI committee presented the Commissioners with a list of recommendations for the Copper Mountain WSA generated by the committee. The process of finalizing the recommendations will begin on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the WPLI meeting in Lander. Ms. Bennett invited the Commissioners to attend this meeting if they so desire.

#### **Road & Bridge Position Advertising**

R&B Supervisor Dave Schlager was authorized by the Commissioners to begin advertising immediately for a replacement for Delbert Daniels who is retiring at the end of the month.

#### **Black Mountain Road Project Update**

GDA representatives Dusty Spomer and Wes Werbelow joined the meeting by phone to discuss the next steps for the Black Mountain Road project. The Commissioners set an initial budget of \$10,000.00 for geo-technical/geological services for the next phase of the project. Phillip Scheel moved to ask staff to draft a letter for the Chairman's signature to District 5 Engineer Pete Hallsten requesting an ARS agreement with WYDOT for geo-technical/geological services on Black Mountain Road incorporating the budget of \$10,000.00. Tom Ryan seconded the motion. Discussion: funds for this item to come from the Road & Bridge CRF account. Motion carried.

**Tax Rebate** – Dan Webber presented the following rebate for the Commissioners' approval:

1. Rebate #2-17 – Parcel #1439 for tax year 2017 (District 152) – Fletcher, Joyce M. – Mrs. Fletcher's Veterans exemption was not applied for 2017. This necessitates a rebate of taxes for 2017 on Parcel #1439 of **\$47.49**.

Phillip Scheel moved to approve Rebate #2-17 on Parcel #1439 for tax year 2017 (District 152) to Joyce M. Fletcher in the amount of \$47.49. Tom Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Assessor Appointment** – Phillip Scheel moved to appoint Dan Webber as the Hot Springs County Assessor to fill the vacancy created by Shelley Deromedi's retirement, pending the November 6, 2018

General Election. Tom Ryan seconded the motion. Discussion: Mr. Webber's term of office will run through December 31, 2018. Motion carried. Mr. Webber's swearing in will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, with District Court Judge Robert Skar in the District Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse at 8:15 a.m.

**Other Business**

Airport Leases – Clerk Webber presented hangar leases for Ty Higgins and Daniel Wychgram for the Commissioners' approval. Phillip Scheel moved approval of the leases between Hot Springs County and Ty Higgins for Lot 2, Block B and Hot Springs County and Daniel Wychgram for Lot 4, Block B at HSG airport. Tom Ryan seconded the motion. Discussion: the lease term for both leases is January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2026. Motion carried.

Senior Center Roof Project Grant Draw Down Request #1 - Phillip Scheel moved approval of the Chairman's signature on Senior Citizens Roof Grant MRG-17049 DDR #1 dated 1/16/2018 in the amount of \$32,131.51. Tom Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

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**Dept. of Audit** – Red Lane Water District – Phillip Scheel moved to direct the County Attorney to access all information necessary to dissolve the Red Lane Water & Sewer District per notification from the Department of Audit under S.S. 22-29-401(b). Tom Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Dept. of Audit** – Cost of Government Report

**Chamber of Commerce** – Citizen/Business of the Year Nomination Forms - Phillip Scheel moved to have staff submit the Chamber of Commerce form nominating Shelley Deromedi as Citizen of the Year in recognition of her outstanding service as County Assessor. Tom Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Bureau of Reclamation** – Snowmelt Forecast

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the board, Phillip Scheel moved to adjourn. Chairman Tom Ryan declared the meeting adjourned at 5:35p.m.

ATTEST:

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Thomas J. Ryan, Chairman

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Nina Webber, Clerk to the Board