



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
July 16, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was brought to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Ed Opella. Those in attendance were Commissioners Bill McDowell, Rob Hendry, Matt Keating, Terry Wingerter, Attorney Heather Duncan-Malone, and County Clerk Renea Vitto.

Commissioner Wingerter moved to approve the Minutes of Proceedings for July 3, 2012. The motion was seconded and carried.

Commissioner Wingerter moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$902,277.67. The motion was seconded and carried.

Public Hearings:

A. Fiscal Year 2013 Budget & Resolution 41-12

County Clerk Renea Vitto gave an overview of the FY 2012 Budget in the amount of \$53,111,703.00. The proposed budget funds mandated services; provides for citizens' health, safety and welfare; provides funding for various 1 cent #14 projects; outside boards and reflects a reserve of \$12 million of carry forward as a result of not funding all capital expenditure requests.

Chairman Opella opened the public hearing.

There were no comments in favor.

Linda Bergeron, Casper spoke in opposition of the appropriated monies for the Information Technologies, GIS project and inquired about the funding source for this position.

Commissioner McDowell reported the money she is speaking of is part of the IT budget; the county's portion of the combined GIS effort with surrounding municipalities will be \$10,000 for an officer. The City of Casper's portion is significantly higher; 50-60% of the funding comes from the Metropolitan Planning Office which is federally funded.

Linda Bergeron, Casper requested that Executive Order #13618 be attached to the minutes as part of the record. She is concerned with how the Obama administration does business. That this will be followed with grant money and would like to make sure that the citizens of NC are protected.

Chairman Opella reported this will be done.

Commissioner McDowell reported the money is a result of a combined effort by House and Senate Republicans and Democrats to fund MPO for the next two years in the transportation bill passed June 26, 2012.

Linda Bergeron, Casper reported it was her understanding that President Obama signed extending the transportation monies for 27 whole months.

Commissioner McDowell reported legislation provided for a real transportation bill to extend for 24 months; this is the first time we have had a real transportation authorization since 2009. We have been running on continuing authorizations.

Linda Bergeron, Casper asked how this by passed Congress.

Chairman Opella & Commissioner McDowell reported Congress passed and the President has signed the bill. This is a regular transportation bill passed by both houses of congress through joint legislation and committees.

Linda Bergeron, Casper asked why this is funding Information Technology.

Commissioner McDowell reported one of the major aspects of MPO is understanding roads, streets, their conditions, and traffic. All of this is part of the highway bill, part of which builds streets, sewers, etc. This is a federal program, a direct allocation of the transportation bill.

Commissioner Hendry reported the MPO determines where the new roads are to be developed in town. This board does not make plans to go after private property.

Chairman Opella reported this program maps all the properties, roads, manholes, accesses, water lines, population, possibly utility poles. Anyone can get access to it. This is a great tool for the citizens of NC.

Commissioner Hendry reported this program has nothing to do with the Executive Order #13618; their task is different than the current GIS project. The executive order is basically communication in an emergency.

Linda Bergeron, Casper reported the county is still working with computer systems and the internet.

Chairman Opella reported his understanding of the executive order #13618 is that if there is a national emergency the president has the power to go in and shut down the internet, telecommunications lines, whatever is necessary to protect the citizens of the United States. Whether right or wrong, the President has the authority. NC has no authority over the President's Executive Orders.

Linda Bergeron, Casper reported she realizes that, but she knows how this administration operates and soon funding money will come through grant appropriation and would like to throw out a big caution that protecting the citizens is the duty of the elected officials.

BOCC understood and thanked her for her comments.

Hearing no further comments in favor or opposition Chairman Opella closed the public hearing.

Chairman Opella reported on shortfalls coming; BOCC will begin looking at the next year's budget. Expenses are out of their control and continue to go up; all areas of the budget will be discussed.

Commissioner Hendry reported the county is spending more than the county is generating. Within three years the carry forward will be gone if revenues do not change. Fuel is a great example of increasing costs.

Commissioner Wingerter reported he is sure NC will be doing just fine for the next fifty years; feels the county will still be here; thanked employees and department heads for their help during the current budget session; BOCC will be looking into bonuses or a pay increase;

Commissioner Wingerter moved to accept the proposed budget and Resolution 41-12. The motion was seconded and carried.

B. Authorizing the Transfer of County Property to Cameron Santistevan (Resolution 39-12)(Quitclaim Deed)

Attorney Malone reported the parcels of property are Lots 8 & 9 of Oasis Estates. County acquired the property in 1983 by virtue of tax deed. Property is being purchased at the cost at \$3,300.00. County legal has prepared the deed and has no concerns.

Chairman Opella opened the public hearing.

Hearing no comments in favor or opposition Chairman Opella closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Hendry moved to approve the Transfer of Property, Resolution 39-12 and Quitclaim Deed. The motion was seconded and carried.

Contracts, Agreements, Resolutions:

A. Provider Agreement between the NC BOCC, NC Sheriff & Cornerstone Programs

Attorney Malone reported the term of agreement has been extended for a three years; rate of compensation will remain the same at the amount of \$135,000 (month); provides a 30 day notice of intent to terminate agreement. Agreement has been approved as to form by the County Legal Department.

Commissioner Wingerter moved to approve the Agreement. The motion was seconded and approved.

B. Provider Agreement for Juvenile Detention Services between Albany County & NCRJDC

Attorney Malone reported this agreement is to house Albany County juveniles at the NCRJDC at the rate of \$195 per day. Agreement has been approved as to form by Albany County and the Natrona County Legal Department.

Commissioner Hendry moved to approve the Agreement. The motion was seconded and approved.

C. Professional Services Contract between State of WY, DFS & NC BOCC

Attorney Malone reported this contract provides funding to operate the Community Juvenile Services Board in the amount of \$188, 075. This board is chaired by Assistant D.A. Brian Christensen. Agreement has been approved by Brian Christensen. Agreement has been approved as to form by County Legal Department.

Commissioner McDowell moved to approve the Contract. The motion was seconded and approved.

D. Resolution 40-12 Resolution Accepting a Petition to Vacate a Portion of a County Road Known as West River Cross Road and Appointing a Viewer

Attorney Malone reported all surrounding lands are owned by True Companies; all surrounding property owners and businesses are in agreement. Once petition is accepted, a viewer will be appointed (Commissioner Ed Opella has been appointed as the viewer).

Commissioner Hendry moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded and approved.

E. Provider Agreement between the NC BOCC & NC Sheriff; and the Carbon County BOCC & Carbon County Sheriff

Attorney Malone reported this agreement is to house Carbon County Juveniles at the NCRJDC at the rate of \$195 per day. Agreement has been approved as to form by Carbon County and the Natrona County Legal Department.

Commissioner Wingerter moved to approve the Agreement. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Commissioner Wingerter moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

Public Comments:

Chairman Opella opened the floor to Public Comments.

Linda Bergeron, Casper asked if the GIO officer would be a code enforcement officer.

Chairman Opella reported this position is not a code enforcement officer, but will strictly coordinate the events for all the entities involved. Individual will be dealing with mapping only. This will be a one year contract; that will need to be renewed.

Hearing no further comments the floor was closed.

Commissioner Comments:

Chairman Opella opened the floor to Commissioner Comments.

Commissioner Hendry spoke about the recent BLM Dedication for new public easement at Mile Landing. This will be a good boost for the economy.

Commissioner Hendry and Wingerter spoke about the excellent turn out of the Central WY Fair & Rodeo.

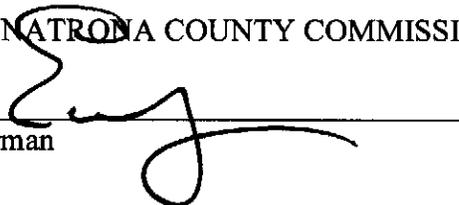
Hearing no further comments the floor was closed.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Chairman Opella adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

BOARD OF NATRONA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman



ATTEST:

NATRONA COUNTY CLERK

Renea Vitto

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**My term of office expires
January 5, 2015**

