



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
January 18, 2011**

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

Commissioner Wingerter moved to excuse Commissioner Hendry from this meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

Commissioner McDowell moved to approve the Minutes of Proceedings for January 4, 2011. The motion was seconded and carried. Commissioner Keating abstained from the vote.

Commissioner Wingerter moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,043,740.40. The motion was seconded and carried.

Public Hearings:

A. TA10-0004

Gene Wallace, Development gave a brief history of flood and hazards leading to the original adoption in 1994 requirements; flooding causes more damage than all other hazards combined. This is a request by staff to amend the text of the zoning resolution of NC, WY, Chapter VII, to incorporate the provisions of the Resolution 55-04 (Instrument No. 744904) consisting of flood damage prevention regulations; the proposed amendment incorporated regulation and focuses on maintaining or enhancing the public health, safety and welfare. On December 14, 2010 the Planning & Zoning Commission denied approval of the amendment; to date staff has received no public comment; adding this resolution will have no real impact on flood plain rules, as these rules are already in place and part of county code from 2004. Structures built near flood plains require elevation certification; guidelines and forms are available at the development office, properties are then checked against zoning and flood plains near or on property; zoning certificate will now show this process has been completed. This is simply a housekeeping matter; as this process has been in affect for quite some time.

Chairman Opella opened the public hearing

There was no comment in favor.

Linda Bergeron spoke in opposition regarding FEMA regulations and certification builders are required to obtain. She spoke of problems that Gino Cerullo, P & Z Commission member had with FEMA in the past and expressed concerns of moving the regulations from Cheyenne, WY to Casper; feels moving the regulations from Cheyenne will create more restrictions from FEMA and Homeland Security regarding personal property rights. She would like them to stay as is.

Commissioner Keating explained that nothing was being changed; by approving the amendment availability would be improved for the public.

There being no further comment in opposition the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Keating moved to approve the TA10-0004. The motion was seconded and carried.

Contracts, Agreements, Resolutions:

A. Casper Mountain Fire Protection District-Pumper Fire Truck

Attorney Bill Knight reported this is a letter from the BOCC stating Casper Mountain Fire Protection District has met all county standards; the district has utilized local funding sources; this letter completes the application process; if the grant is approved the county agrees to contribute \$87,500; funds will be paid out of partnership with municipalities.

Commissioner Wingerter moved to approve the letter, contingent upon removal of medical typo in letter. The motion was seconded and carried.

Commissioner Board Appointments:

Commissioner McDowell moved to approve the appointment of Honorable Catherin E. Wilking to the Community Corrections Board. The motion was seconded and carried.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Public Comments:

Linda Bergeron expressed her disappointment with Commissioner Opella and how she was offended by a statement he made in a prior meeting. She reminded him he took an oath to defend the WY Constitution and that she feels the commissioners are not handling the county clean up correctly.

Chairman Opella apologized for offending her and assured her he takes his oath very seriously.

Hearing no further comments the floor was closed.

Commissioner Comments:

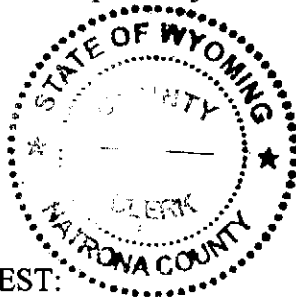
Chairman Opella opened the floor to Commissioner Comments.

Hearing no comments the floor was closed.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Chairman Opella adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

My term of office expires
January 5, 2015

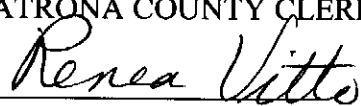


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Chairman

ATTEST:

NATRONA COUNTY CLERK


Renea Vitto