

January 7, 2014
Green River, WY

The Board of County Commissioners met this day at 8:30 a.m. in Regular Session with all commissioners present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner West moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Van Matre seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: 12-17-13 & 12-30-13

Commissioner West moved to approve the minutes dated December 17, 2013. Commissioner Kolb seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Kolb moved to approve the minutes dated December 30, 2013. Commissioner Bailiff seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Acceptance of Bills

Approval Monthly Reports, Bonds and Abates/Rebates

Following discussion relative to the assessors bond showing appointed rather than elected, Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to approve the monthly statements, bonds and the abates/rebates. *Commissioner Kolb made the motion. Commissioner Van Matre seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

The following bonds were placed on file:

Charles Barnum	SWCO Events Complex/Treasurer	\$15,000.00
Richard Baxter III	WWCC, Treasurer	\$50,000.00
James Burnett	Predatory Animal District of SWCO, Secretary/Treasurer	\$10,000.00
Pat Drinkle	SWCO, County Assessor	\$10,000.00
Scott Johnson	Eden Valley Solid Waste District, Treasurer/Secretary	\$10,000.00
John Stanley McKee	SWCO Museum Board, Treasurer	\$10,000.00
	SWCO School Dist. No. 1, CFO	\$25,000.00
Ann Rudoff	Sweetwater Board of Cooperative Service, Treasurer	\$10,000.00

TAXPAYER	VALUATION	TAXPAYER	VALUATION
KAISER FRANCIS	-10,985	MARTINEZ STELLA	-365
KAISER FRANCIS	-15,957	MCCLURE KEVIN & ERICA	-427
KAISER FRANCIS	-7,850	MCCLURE KEVIN & ERICA	-389
KAISER FRANCIS	-4,242	MCCLURE KEVIN & ERICA	-405
KAISER FRANCIS	-2	MCCLURE KEVIN & ERICA	-410
KAISER FRANCIS	-5,018	MCCLURE KEVIN & ERICA	-405
KAISER FRANCIS	-6,264	MCCLURE KEVIN & ERICA	-363
KAISER FRANCIS	-576	MCCLURE KEVIN & ERICA	-357
KAISER FRANCIS	-1,067	YATES PETROLEUM	-932
KAISER FRANCIS	-136	FINLEY RESOURCES INC	-1,157
BP AMERICA PROD CO	-2,282,900	FINLEY RESOURCES INC	-2,231
BP AMERICA PROD CO	-92,474	CABOT OIL & GAS CORP	-13,788
BP AMERICA PROD CO	-235,219	BP AMERICA PROD CO	-257,991
ARCHUHLETA MANUEL	-260	KEER MCGEE OIL & GAS	-26
		ONSHORE LP	
HUFFSTETLER BRUCE & MARY	-422	YATES PETROLEUM	-960
HUFFSTETLER BRUCE & MARY	-420	YATES PETROLEUM	-36,346
J&R RENTALS	-369	WESCO OPERATING INC	-10,987
MARTINEZ STELLA	-411	WAMSUTTER TRAILER COURT	-257
MARTINEZ STELLA	-371	WAMSUTTER TRAILER COURT	-366

Commissioner Comments/Reports

Commissioner Kolb

Commissioner Kolb reported that he met with Green River Councilman Brett Stokes. Commissioner Kolb explained that there was an issue with the automatic weather system at the Rock Springs/Sweetwater County Airport. Commissioner Kolb reported that he recorded a public service announcement on the Radio Network wishing everyone a happy holiday and new year. Commissioner Kolb reported that he attended the Rock Springs City Council meeting and requested that the fire truck issue be tabled for one month and mentioned that several county entities were interested in the fire truck. Commissioner Kolb noted that he attended the Pulse of Southwest Wyoming legislative meeting and discussed the difficulties facing improvement districts, defending PILT funding and court room security issues. Commissioner Kolb shared that he spoke with Grants Manager Krisena Marchal, County Assessor Pat Drinkle, County Treasurer Robb Slaughter, Deputy County Assessor Dave Divis, Land Use Director Eric Bingham, Facilities Manager Chuck Radosevich and Public Works Director John Radosevich. Commissioner Kolb expressed his desire to schedule a meeting with Governor Mead to discuss improvement districts. Following discussion, the commission concurred to have Commissioner West and Commissioner Kolb draft a letter requesting to meet with Governor Mead to discuss improvement districts. Commissioner Kolb spoke that there was concern with Flaming Gorge reservoir being drained and what the impact

would be noting that Wyoming State Engineer Pat Terrell will schedule a meeting with the commission in March to provide an update. Communities' Protecting the Green River representative Don Hartley was present to explain that the plan for Glenn Canyon Institute is to reduce the water behind the dam.

Commissioner Van Matre

Commissioner Van Matre reported that he has been concerned with the MOU between Sweetwater County and Lincoln County regarding the VSO Department and noted that an offer of employment has been made to fill the vacancy in Lincoln County. Commissioner Van Matre explained that Accounting Manager Bonnie Phillips received the draft financial and compliance audit report. Lastly, Commissioner Van Matre attended the Pulse of Southwest Wyoming legislative meeting along with Commissioner Bailiff and Commissioner Kolb and emphasized the importance of all entities working together.

Chairman Johnson

Chairman Johnson expressed his appreciation to the commission and particularly to Commissioner Van Matre for serving as Acting Chairman during his absence. Chairman Johnson explained that information was previously provided to the commission to evaluate elected official salaries and requested that the item be placed on the January 21, 2014 agenda. Chairman Johnson appointed Commissioner Bailiff as liaison to the Combined Communications Joint Powers Board (CCJPB). The commission concurred to advertise for the CCJPB vacancies and make appointments during the January 21, 2014 meeting.

Chairman Johnson announced that Governor Mead will be in town on Monday, January 13, 2014 for the Western Wyoming Community College and the Rock Springs CDC Ribbon Cutting ceremonies. Chairman Johnson extended his appreciation to Grants Manager Krisena Marchal for being a driving force in assisting the college and procuring funding for the Western Wyoming Workforce Training Center (W3TC). Commissioner West added that Governor Mead will also be touring the Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building.

Chairman Johnson spoke that natural gas prices are looking very good and noted that, if prices remain at that level, the projected assessed evaluation will be \$2.8 billion.

Chairman Johnson explained that, during the first meeting of the year, it is customary to vote for a chairperson and to review the liaisons to boards and departments. Following discussion, the commission concurred that they have worked well together and have been pleased with Chairman Johnson serving as chairman. The commission concurred that they all felt comfortable with liaison assignments and will review chairmanship and liaison assignments next year. ***Commissioner West moved to re-appoint Commissioner Johnson as our chairman. Commissioner Van Matre seconded the motion.*** The motion carried.

Commissioner West

Commissioner West reported that Facilities Manager Chuck Radosevich provided an update on projects relative to the Health and Human Service building, circuit court items, conference room, RFP for the judicial development plan, Golden Hour Senior Center and the request for a breakdown of square footage for departments and component units in the county. Commissioner West explained that Title 25 continues to be a burden with documentation of invoices owed to the hospital. Commissioner West explained that the 6th Cent Joint Powers Board has discussed re-investing the money that is currently invested with Wells Fargo and has spoken with County Treasurer Robb Slaughter regarding what was done in the past.

Commissioner Bailiff

Commissioner Bailiff reported that he attended the Recreation Board meeting and met with Public Works Director John Radosevich and Human Resource Director Garry McLean relative to personnel issues. Commissioner Bailiff reported that he recorded a public service announcement on the Radio Network wishing everyone a happy holiday and new year. Commissioner Bailiff noted that, while coming into the courthouse over the holidays, a domestic dispute was in progress and explained that security was called and extended his gratitude for the quick response as 5 deputies came to assist. Commissioner Bailiff explained that a planning meeting for the North Dutch John well has been extended to January 21, 2014 and encouraged the public to attend. Commissioner Bailiff further reported that he attended the Pulse of Southwest Wyoming legislative meeting and explained that the central theme involved auditing, special districts and personnel. Commissioner Bailiff reported that he spoke with Fire Warden Dave Bottermiller regarding fire trucks and also visited with county staff.

Chairman Johnson expressed that, since Former Rock Springs Field Manager Lance Porter left the BLM, there has been a decline in the way the BLM has responded to Sweetwater County. Chairman Johnson explained that he took those concerns to the acting manager and the response was that they do care about the county and encouraged the public to attend planning meetings.

The commission discussed Mission Health Service taking over the Convalescent Center and the positive outcome for Castle Rock Hospital District.

County Resident Concerns

Chairman Johnson opened county resident concerns. Representative Stan Blake was present to extend his appreciation to the commission for assisting Castle Rock Hospital District and special improvement districts during their financial struggles. Representative Blake expressed that the legislative session will start February 10, 2014 and noted that he is looking forward to seeing the recommendations from the Wyoming County Commissioners Association. Representative Blake offered to accompany Commissioners West and Kolb when they have a discussion with Governor Mead regarding improvement districts. Hearing no further comments, the hearing was closed.

Break

Chairman Johnson called for a ten minute break.

Action/Presentation Items

Newspaper Designee

Following discussion, *Commissioner Van Matre moved to designate the Rocket Miner as the Sweetwater County newspaper of record. Commissioner Bailiff seconded the motion.* The motion carried.

Board Appointment- Weed and Pest (4 Year Term)

Commissioner West moved to re-appoint William Taliaferro to the Weed and Pest District Board. Commissioner Bailiff seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Proclamation Declaring January as Mentoring Month in Sweetwater County

YWCA Big Brothers Big Sisters Program Director Melinda Baas and Early Learning Representative Marie Wilson presented the National Mentoring Month Proclamation. Ms. Baas read the proclamation aloud. *Commissioner Kolb motioned to sign the proclamation for National Mentoring Month. Commissioner Bailiff seconded the motion.* The motion carried.

NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the Sweetwater County Commissioners believe that all young people deserve the opportunity to become healthy, happy and productive citizens; and

Whereas, we community leaders recognize the value that supportive and committed adult mentors play in the lives of young people; and

Whereas, the YWCA Big Brothers Big Sisters Program gives adults an opportunity to do their part to strengthen our nation by providing youth with long-term quality mentoring that is proven to help them reach their full potential; and

Whereas, the Sweetwater County Commissioners encourage all adults to play a role through volunteering, financial support or advocacy about the benefits of mentoring; and

Whereas, we all know these unsung heroes and can take a few moments to say thank you for their efforts to support our youth and help them succeed; and

Whereas, in Sweetwater County, Wyoming there are many young people who would benefit from the mentoring movement;

NOW THEREFORE, WE, the Board of County Commissioners in and for Sweetwater County, Wyoming so do hereby proclaim the month of January 2014 as

National Mentoring Month

In Sweetwater County, Wyoming, and call upon all citizens, businesses, public and private agencies, religious and educational institutions, to join the mentoring movement and to be a part of the YWCA Big Brothers Big Sisters Program.

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Presentation & Explanation of Proposed Ambulance Service Contract

Sweetwater County Ambulance Service Board Members Chairman Lyle Armstrong, Sheriff Haskell, Ron Noble and Scott Kitchner presented the proposed ambulance service contract. Following discussion relative to amending verbiage on the contract presented and receiving legal recommendation from Deputy County Attorney Cliff Boevers, the commission expressed their appreciation to the Sweetwater County

Ambulance Service Board. *Commissioner Bailiff moved to accept, tentatively, the contract as amended. Commissioner West seconded the motion.* Following further discussion, the motion carried.

SkyWest Minimum Revenue Guarantee

Rock Springs/Sweetwater County Airport Board Chairman Larry Levitt and Airport Manager Terry Doak presented the Skywest Revenue Agreement. Following discussion, *Commissioner Kolb moved to approve the SWCO Skywest Revenue Agreement, conditioned upon the approval of the Cities of Rock Springs and Green River. Commissioner Van Matre seconded the motion.* The motion carried.

Executive Session(s)-Personnel/Legal

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to enter into executive session for legal and personnel. *Commissioner Kolb so moved. Commissioner Van Matre seconded the motion.* The motion carried. A quorum of the commission was present.

After coming out of executive session, Chairman Johnson explained that no action was required.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board this day, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

This meeting was recorded and is available from the County Clerk's office at the Sweetwater County Courthouse in Green River, Wyoming

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