

**Park County Board of County Commissioners
May 12, 2009
Regular Meeting**

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Park County, Wyoming, held in Cody, Wyoming Tuesday, May 12, 2009. Present were Chairman Bill Brewer, Commissioners Tim French, Jill Shockley Siggins and Bucky Hall, and County Clerk Kelly Jensen. Commissioner Dave Burke was attending a meeting of the State Lands and Investment Board in Cheyenne but returned for the final two agenda items.

Public Hearing – deMaris House Grant Application

Commissioner French made a motion, seconded by Hall, to open the public hearing to consider an application to the Wyoming business Council, Community Facilities Grant and Loan Program, for renovation and restoration of the deMaris House and future use by the Cody Heritage Museum.

Lynn Houze of the Cody Heritage Museum volunteer organization presented the proposed project and use of grant funds. The Cody Heritage Museum will pay any cost over runs on the projected if there are any. The group will seek additional grant funding if this grant is secured for the renovation project.

Upon hearing no further comments from the public, Commissioner Hall made a motion, seconded by Siggins, to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

WYDOT – Stimulus Funding

Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) District Engineer Shelby Carlson provided an outline of State Legislative and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 funding for State Highway Department projects in the district. Carlson will present a full review of projects in June 2009. She stated WYDOT has moved into a surface preservation mode for the next three years and away from new construction. The impact on the Cody-Powell highway is that the final section on Cody's east end will be moved to 2013 and 2014. However, the section planned for 2010 will still be completed as intended. No action was taken.

Approve Minutes

Commissioner Hall made a motion, seconded by Siggins, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

Forest Reserve Funds – Sleeping Giant Ski Area

Having received nearly all primarily supportive comments during an advertised 45-day comment period, Commissioner French made a motion, seconded by Siggins, to move forward with releasing \$50,000 from Park County's Forest Reserve Fund from the Secure Rural Schools program for the Sleeping Giant Ski Area expansion project. Motion carried.

Auditing Services FY2009

Commissioner Siggins made a motion, seconded by French, to create a Request for Proposals for fiscal year 2009 auditing services and to advertise the RFP in local newspapers. Motion carried.

Park County Archives Curator

Park County Museum Board President Terry Hinkle introduced Lyn Stallings as Curator of the Park County Archives. Ms. Stallings reported on projects she would like to undertake, including offering the Archives' book materials through the Wyoming Library system's statewide book loan program. No action was taken.

Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation

Dave Reetz and Patricia Wolf met with Commissioners to ask the Board to approve and send a letter of support to Wyoming's Congressional delegation seeking support of a study of the Center for possible inclusion in the National Park System. They stated they do not necessarily intend to turn the site over to the Park System, but seek information about options available for long-term site management.

Commissioner French made a motion, seconded by Siggins, to approve and sign a letter to Senator Mike Enzi, Senator John Barrasso and Representative Cynthia Lummis asking them to support a study of the Heart Mountain Relocation Camp area for possible inclusion in the National Park System. Motion carried.

Resolution Correcting Prior Resolutions

Commissioner Siggins made a motion, seconded by Hall, to approve **RESOLUTION 2009-26**, A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2009-15 HUNTER FAMILY TRUST SIMPLE SUBDIVISION–180 AND RESOLUTION 2009-16 BONNER #2 SIMPLE SUBDIVISION–175, CORRECTING CLERICAL ERRORS IN THE TITLES. Motion carried.

Unadjudicated Lands Elimination

Commissioner Hall made a motion, seconded by Siggins, to approve and allow the Chair to sign the Elimination of Unadjudicated Land form from the State Engineer's Office for Water Right Permit No. 564E, Enlargement of the Winkle and Benbrooks ditch. Motion carried.

MOU – CAMA System

Upon recommendation from County Assessor Doug Brandt, Commissioner Siggins made a motion, seconded by Hall, to approve and allow the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Wyoming Department of Revenue and Park County for the Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) system hardware upgrade. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Commissioner Hall made a motion, seconded by French, to go into executive session pursuant to Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(a)(ii), personnel matters. Motion carried. Commissioner Hall made a motion, seconded by French, to go out of executive session. Motion carried.

Park County Leasing of Commercial Space

Ken Stockwell met with the Board of County Commissioners regarding Park County's leasing of commercial office space, primarily expressing concern that Park County's lease of non-library space at the Park County Complex is driving the commercial lease market. Stockwell believes the County's lease efforts are keeping market lease rates low. He also asked for clarification on how the County taxes itself on the rental property and if all space is taxed similar to private property owners. Stockwell stated he is seeking information on profit and loss for the property, taxing allocations and long-term intentions for commercial leasing and suggested the County consider offering individual spaces within the building for sale under a condominium type concept. Commissioners stated they consider the building a long-term investment for the County, which could be occupied entirely by education and government-type entities, including Park County offices. The building was purchased in anticipation of long-term community growth. Park County Commissioners each year review leases and recently increased lease rates to current market rates. No action was taken.

Library Building Auction Proposal

Harold Musser of United Country Auctioneering presented a proposal to auction the old library building rather than selling it through a sealed bid process. Musser outlined benefits to auction over sealed bid, stating it is the purest form of market value. All conditions and terms can be set in advance of the auction. No action was taken.

Big Horn Basin Bus Service Subsidy

Commissioner Hall made a motion, seconded by French, to pay one-fourth of the Big Horn Basin Counties' share of a match for a WYDOT subsidy for Big Horn Basin bus service for one year at a cost of \$4,687.50, basing the contribution on the other three counties also participating. Voting in favor of the motion were Commissioners French and Hall. Opposed were Commissioners Siggins and Brewer. Motion failed.

Executive Session

Commissioner Hall made a motion, seconded by Siggins, to go into executive session pursuant to Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(a)(ii) and (iii), personnel matters and litigation. Motion carried. Commissioner Hall made a motion, seconded by French, to go out of executive session. Motion carried.

Landfill Manager

Commissioner French made a motion, seconded by Burke, to hire Tim Waddell to serve as Park County Solid Waste Manager effective May 12, 2009 at the current salary he is receiving as Acting Solid Waste Manager. Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Hall made a motion, seconded by French, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried

Bill Brewer, Chairman

Bucky Hall, Vice Chairman

Jill Shockley Siggins, Commissioner

Dave Burke, Commissioner

Tim French, Commissioner

Attest:

Kelly Jensen, County Clerk