

**Park County Board of County Commissioners
December 13, 2011
Regular Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Park County, Wyoming, was held on Tuesday, December 13, 2011. Present were Chairman Bucky Hall, Commissioners Loren Grosskopf, Dave Burke, Joe Tilden, Tim French and County Clerk, Jerri Torczon.

Chairman Bucky Hall called the meeting to order and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Executive Session.

It was moved by Commissioner Grosskopf, seconded by Commissioner Tilden and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session regarding matters confidential by law, pursuant to Wyoming Statute §16-4-405(a)(ix).

It was then moved by Commissioner Tilden, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously carried to go out of Executive Session.

Bid Opening - Bucket Truck.

Mike Garza, Building & Grounds Maintenance Manager, came before the Board and conducted the bid opening for a Bucket Truck. Bids were received from Altec Industries of Birmingham, Alabama for a 2004 Ford F550, in the amount of \$35,250.00; from I-State Trucking of Montana for a 2008 Ford F450, in the amount of \$55,550.00; and from I-State Trucking of Montana, for a 2005 Ford F450, in the amount of \$41,550.00. The bids will be reviewed for specifications prior to awarding the successful bidder.

Approval of Bonds.

Treasurer Barb Poley came before the Board and presented the bond for Robert L. Smith, Treasurer of the Park County Museum Board, in the amount of \$10,000.00. It was moved by Commissioner Grosskopf, seconded by Commissioner French and unanimously carried to approve the bond as presented.

Approval of Tax Rebate.

Treasurer Barb Poley presented tax rebates for J Bar 9 Ranch, Inc., due to an adjustment by the Park County Assessor's office. It was moved by Commissioner Tilden, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously carried to approve the tax rebates for J Bar 9 Ranch, Inc. for 2009, in the amount of \$5,483.18; for 2010, in the amount of \$5,314.88; and for 2011, in the amount of \$5,393.08 and to pay the rebates all at one time.

Approval - Final Order to Establish a Private Road.

James F. Davis, Deputy Park County Attorney, came before the Board and presented the Final Order to Establish a Private Road in the matter of the Petition of Peter K. Simpson and Lynne L. Simpson and Bobcat Legacy, LLC for the Establishment of a Private Road. After a general discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Burke, second by Commissioner Grosskopf and unanimously carried to approve the final order establishing a private road.

Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 6, 2011 were presented to the Board for consideration. It was moved by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Tilden and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as presented.

Approval - Agreement with Little America.

Peggy Ruble, Executive Assistant, presented the agreement with Little America for dinner with Legislators on February 15, 2012. Park County historically has signed the agreement and the other three counties in the Big Horn Basin have paid their prorated share. After a general discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner French and unanimously carried to approve the agreement and authorized the Chairman to sign.

Board Appointments - Buffalo Bill Dam Visitor Center.

Three incumbents have filed applications for the three available positions on the Buffalo Bill Dam Visitor Center Board of Directors. It was moved by Commissioner Tilden, seconded by Commissioner Grosskopf and unanimously carried to reappoint William Hankee, Greg Irwin and Roger Kearns to the Buffalo Bill Dam Visitor Center Board for three-year terms.

Board Appointments - Park County Historic Preservation Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Tilden, seconded by Commissioner Grosskopf and unanimously carried to appoint Jennifer Lohrenz to the Park County Historic Preservation Commission for a three-year term.

Board Appointments - Park County Parks & Recreation Board.

It was moved by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Grosskopf and unanimously carried to reappoint John Fernandez of Meeteetse, Nevin Jacobs of Powell and John Krebs of Cody to the Park County Parks & Recreation Board for five-year terms.

Board Appointments - Park County Planning & Zoning Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner French and unanimously carried to reappoint Fred Howard from the unincorporated area (Northfork) to the Park County Planning & Zoning Commission for a three-year term.

Board Appointments - Meeteetse Local Planning Area Advisory Committee.

It was moved by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Tilden and unanimously carried to reappoint Kathy Gilbreath, Larry Todd and Bill Yetter to the Meeteetse Local Planning Area Advisory Committee for three-year terms.

Approval - Adoption of County Roads into State Trail System.

Sheriff Scott Steward came before the Board and requested the Board's consideration to include certain County roads in the State Trail System to alleviate confusion for off road vehicle operators and law enforcement. Comments were received from Dana Sanders of the Northwest Wyoming Off Highway Vehicle Alliance and other members of the audience. After a general discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Tilden, seconded by Commissioner French and unanimously carried to approve the request to include The Wood River Road (County Rd. 4DT) from Trail #202 continuing and terminating at "Kirwin;" Squaw Creek Road (County Rd. XUX) from the intersection of Chief Joseph Highway to Pilot Creek; Little Sunlight Road (County Rd.7GQ) from the intersection of Chief Joseph Hwy continuing to Little Sunlight Campground, including all roads in this area that lead to existing enrolled roads, routes and trails.

Presentation on Sage Grouse Predation Project.

Jim Pehringer of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Wildlife Services, presented a power point presentation on sage grouse predation. Mr. Pehringer began a study this year regarding sage grouse population in the Polecat Bench and Oregon Basin areas. The study showed twenty-four nests were established and had evidence of eleven predation sites. Mr. Pehringer stated that wherever there is predator control there is a better chance of survival for the sage grouse.

Update - Meeteetse Conservation District.

Steve Jones, Resource Manager of Meeteetse Conservation District presented an update for Commissioners regarding conservation efforts in small acreage management, education workshops, and brucellosis issues, as well as land management issues.

Update - Powell-Clarks Fork Conservation District Update.

Ann Trosper, Watershed Coordinator, and District Manager of Powell-Clark's Fork Conservation District, presented an update for Commissioners regarding the status of the watershed plan for the Shoshone River and Bitter Creek.

Interviews - Park County Fair Board.

Interviews were conducted for appointment to the Park County Fair Board. Following the interviews, it was moved by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Tilden and unanimously carried to approve the appointment of Michael Demoney to the Park County Fair Board for a five-year term.

Bid Award - Bucket Truck.

Mike Garza, Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Manager, came before the Board and presented the recommendation for the Bucket Truck bid award. After a general discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Tilden and unanimously carried to award the bid to I-State Trucking of Montana, for a 2005 Ford F450, in the amount of \$41,550.00.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Commissioner Tilden, seconded by Commissioner Grosskopf and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

Bucky Hall, Chairman

Dave Burke, Vice Chairman

Loren Grosskopf, Commissioner

Joe Tilden, Commissioner

Tim French, Commissioner

Attest:

Jerri B. Torczon, County Clerk