

**Park County Board of County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 8, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Park County, Wyoming, was held on Tuesday, May 6, 2012. Present were Chairman Tim French, Commissioners Loren Grosskopf, Dave Burke, Joe Tilden, Bucky Hall and County Clerk, Jerri Torczon.

Chairman Tim French called the meeting to order and Commissioner Grosskopf led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

PowerPoint Presentation on Proposed 1% Optional Sales Tax for Infrastructure Improvements.

Scott Mangold, Mayor of Powell, and Jenni Rosencranse, City Administrator for the City of Cody, came before the Board and gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposal to place a 1% Optional Excise Tax on the November General Election ballot. Other representatives of the City of Powell, the City of Cody and the Town of Meeteetse were also in attendance. Mayor Mangold and Jenni Rosencranse pointed out that Park County is one of only three counties in the state that do not have the optional sales tax and that State funding can be based on whether counties are taxing themselves. It is anticipated that the optional sales tax would generate approximately \$6.5 million per year, with 99% of that being returned to Park County. Of that amount, it is estimated that Park County would receive \$2.75 million, Cody would receive \$2.1 million, Powell would receive \$1.4 million, Meeteetse would receive \$64,000 and Frannie would receive \$16,000.

Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding for Proposed 1% Optional Sales Tax for Infrastructure Improvements.

Following the PowerPoint presentation and after a general discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Grosskopf and unanimously carried to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Proposed 1% Optional Sales Tax for Infrastructure Improvements. Chairman French voiced his disapproval.

Consideration of Resolution for Proposed 1% Optional Sales Tax for Infrastructure Improvements.

It was moved by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Tilden and unanimously carried to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-20**, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A ONE PERCENT EXCISE TAX FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS. Chairman French voiced his disapproval.

Discussion - Park County Fairgrounds Bleachers.

Jennifer Lohrenz, Park County Fair Director, and members of the Park County Fair Board came before the Board regarding bleachers at the Park County Fairgrounds. Jennifer reported that it came to their attention that the bleacher sets at the Fairgrounds were unsafe and needed to be brought up to safety code. An estimate was obtained at \$35,975.22 for repair of twelve bleacher sets. Estimates for total bleacher replacement are \$48,262-\$50,762.00, depending on who assembles the bleachers, through Sport Fence International (Wayne Clark) of Strasburg, Colorado. The Fair Board is aware of the safety issues, but has not had an opportunity to vote on the issue, as their meeting is later in the day. It was moved by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Tilden to authorize the purchase of the new bleachers, per the quote obtained, upon approval of the Fair Board. It was moved by Commissioner Grosskopf and seconded by Commissioner Burke to amend the motion to allow the Fair Board to sell the old bleachers, with a liability contract prepared by the County Attorney to be included with the sale. Roll was called on the amended motion with unanimous consent.

Review of Draft Planning Grant Application for Fairgrounds Building.

Stephanie Bennett-Brown, Grant Writer, appeared before the Board via conference call and presented the draft application for the planning grant, in the

amount of \$23,500.00, for the new Fairgrounds multi-purpose building. The grant is intended to cover the costs of obtaining professional architectural or engineering plans associated with planning the facility. After a general discussion regarding some of the wording, it was moved by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Grosskopf and unanimously carried to approve the draft application, with the discussed wording changes, and authorized the Chairman to sign.

Discussion - Regional Care, Inc. Implementation.

Tami Keehn, Grants Compliance Officer, came before the Board regarding the implementation of Regional Care, Inc. (RCI) as the new third party administrator for the County's Health Insurance, effective July 1, 2012. After a general discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to allow a representative of the County Clerk's Office to review the claims paid on a weekly basis, with the Board's approval of payments the same as with the regular voucher review, allowing for more oversight and control of the Insurance Fund. Tami also reported that employee meetings are being held and all employees will have to re-enroll with RCI. The new group identification/benefit cards were presented to the Board for their input. It was the consensus of the Board to include the logo of the Courthouse on the benefit cards. The invoice for Two Medicine Health, in the amount of \$9,888.00 was presented to the Board. It was the consensus of the Board to pay this amount out of the insurance fund and a voucher will be prepared for payment at a later date.

Park County Flag Contest Winner Announcement.

Tami Keehn, Grants Compliance Officer, presented the winning flag design for the Park County Flag. This project originated from the request of the Wyoming State Fair that all twenty-three counties have a "County Flag" at the 100th anniversary of the Wyoming State Fair in August. Elementary school students from eight schools in Park County were asked to design a County Flag. The grand prize winner is Abby Manchester, a fifth grade student at Sunset Elementary School. Abby will receive a cash prize of \$100.00 and the school will receive \$1,000.00. An awards ceremony of all prize winners will be held June 19, 2012. Quotes for flags will be obtained and presented at the next meeting.

Approval - Powell Annex Window Replacement Construction Contract.

Dennis Spargur, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, and Mike Garza, Maintenance Manager, came before the Board and presented the construction contract with Absaroka Door for the window replacement project at the Powell Annex. After a general discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Tilden and unanimously carried to approve the contract and authorized the Chairman to sign.

Approval - Contract Agreement for Roll-Off Services for Citizens Convenience Center at Regional Landfill.

Tim Waddell, Solid Waste Manager, came before the Board and presented the renewal of the contract with Two Tough Guys for Roll-Off Services for Citizens Convenience Center at the Regional Landfill in Cody. The contract is for three (3) thirty (30) yard roll-off containers at \$120.00 per month per container and \$25.00 per dump to empty roll-off containers and availability for dumping service up to twice daily per container at \$85.00 per trip for any "on-call" dumping services. It was moved by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Tilden and unanimously carried to approve the agreement as presented and authorized the Chairman to sign.

Discussion - Shoshone National Forest Request for Scoping Comments for Sleeping Giant Ski Area Development Projects.

A discussion was held regarding the scoping comments for the Sleeping Giant Ski Area Development Projects. Those projects include the construction of a zip line course within the existing ski area footprint for summer use, the construction of a tubing hill on the western edge of skiable terrain and the construction of an on-site caretakers' residence. After a general discussion and after hearing comments from Terry Root, District Manager, and Joe Alexander, Supervisor, of the Shoshone National Forest, it was moved by Commissioner Tilden, seconded by Commissioner

Hall and unanimously carried to approve the letter of support for the development projects of Sleeping Giant Ski Area.

Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 1, 2012 were presented to the Board for consideration. It was moved by Commissioner Tilden, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as presented.

Discussion - Postponement of Budget Amendment Hearing Scheduled for May 15, 2012.

County Clerk Jerri Torczon requested that the Board reconsider the decision made on March 20, 2012 to advertise for a Budget Amendment Hearing on May 15, 2012, as more amendments will need to be made at the end of the fiscal year and not all of the information needed for the advertisement of the hearing is available at this time. It was the consensus of the Board not to have a Budget Amendment Hearing on May 15, 2012.

Recess for Lunch.

The meeting recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Commissioner Liaison Reports.

The Board gave reports on the various organizations they have liaison affiliation with.

Executive Session.

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

Following the Executive Session, it was moved by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Grosskopf and unanimously carried to go out of Executive Session.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

Tim A. French, Chairman

Loren Grosskopf, Vice Chairman

Joe Tilden, Commissioner

Dave Burke, Commissioner

Bucky Hall, Commissioner

Attest:

Jerri B. Torczon, County Clerk