



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

April 17, 2012

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

Commissioner Wingerter moved to excuse Commissioner Keating from the meeting as he is out of town for work. The motion was seconded and carried.

Commissioner Wingerter moved to approve the Minutes of Proceedings for April 3, 2012. The motion was seconded and carried.

Commissioner Wingerter moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,324,731.40. The motion was seconded and carried.

Public Hearings:

A. TA12-0001

Gene Wallace, Development Department, reported this is a request by staff to amend the text of the Zoning Resolution of NC, WY, relating to small wind energy systems (SWES) and the maximum tower height in certain zoning districts (*text amendment provided in original packet*).

Chairman Opella opened the public hearing.

Speaking in favor: Mike Kenefick, WY Renewables

Speaking in opposition: None

Hearing no further comments Chairman Opella closed the public hearing.

Commissioner McDowell moved to table the Text Amendment until the next meeting. He would like to identify and compare a 60' tower as well as SR1 and SR2 zoning districts in regards to setbacks. The motion was seconded and approved.

B. Adopt Rules for Contested Case Practice & Procedures before the BOCC

Attorney Malone reported these drafted rules were last updated in 1999. New rules better reflect the requirements for the Wyoming Administrative Procedures Act. Duties and Procedures of current rules have not changed. To date no public comments have been received.

Chairman Opella opened the public hearing.

Hearing no comments in favor or opposition Chairman Opella closed the public hearing.

Commissioner McDowell moved to approve the Adoption of Rules for Contested Case Practice & Procedures before the BOCC. The motion was seconded and approved.

Contracts, Agreements, Resolutions:

A. The LAMAR Companies Lease Agreement-Outdoor Advertising Structure (SALT CREEK HTS, BLK 1 LOT 3)

Attorney Knight reported that after review with the Assessor office and GIS, the property in question is indeed county property. Parcel of property is on the corner of Bruce Lane and the right of way fence; tract is not useable. Lease is for two years/\$1,000 per year.

Commissioner Wingerter moved to approve the Lease Agreement. The motion was seconded and approved.

B. Resolution 18-12 Alter Precinct Boundaries

Commissioner McDowell moved to approve the Resolution asking the chairman to open the floor to the audience for any questions or comments. The motion was seconded and approved.

Chairman Opella asked the audience if there were any questions or comments.

Clerk Vitto reported this is a result of the 2010 census and legislative redistricting. NC did not have a choice in the matter. City wards were not affected, although some precinct boundaries were changed. The resolution was advertised for three weeks, as required by statute. To date there has been no public comments received. Once the resolution is approved, notice of changes will be sent to registered voters, as required by statute.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Commissioner Hendry moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

Public Comments:

Chairman Opella opened the floor to Public Comments.

Hearing no comments the floor was closed.

Commissioner Comments:

Chairman Opella opened the floor to Commissioner Comments.

Commissioner Hendry asked for clarification on (2); have examples of the tower heights, CUPs and areas of PUDs emailed to the commission before the next meeting.

Commissioner Wingerter voiced concern about 60' and 100' towers on MR1 and MR2. The view of the mountain needs to be protected. Attorney Knight clarified that SWES are only a conditional use in the MR1 and MR2 zoning districts.

Commissioner Wingerter would like the Commission to send a Get well Card to the NCFPD firefighter who suffered a stroke on the way back from a fire last week.

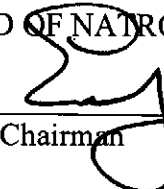
Hearing no further comments the floor was closed.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Chairman Opella adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.



BOARD OF NATRONA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Chairman

ATTEST:

NATRONA COUNTY CLERK


Renea Vitto

My term of office expires
January 5, 2015