



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
December 18, 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, Matt Keating, County Attorney Bill Knight, Deputy County Attorney Heather Duncan-Malone and County Clerk Renea Vitto.

Commissioner Wingerter moved to approve the Minutes of Proceedings for December 4, 2012. The motion was seconded and carried.

Commissioner McDowell moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,150,877.68. The motion was seconded and carried.

**Public Hearings:**

**A. Resolution 63-12 Transfer of Funds/Unanticipated Revenue – Coroner; R&B/Parks Dept/Vehicle Service; Commissioners/Projects/Grants**

Clerk Vitto reported the following proposal is to transfer \$121,651.67 from Unanticipated Revenue to proper account lines: Coroner Projects/Grants-\$4,018.15; Road & Bridge/Parks Dept Utility Services-\$3,500.00; Road & Bridge/Parks Dept Bear Trap Festival Expense-\$25,000.00; Road & Bridge/Vehicle Service Auto Body Repair-\$1,526.27; Commissioners/Projects, Grants Victim Emergency Service-\$5,249.53; Commissioners/Projects, Grants Victim Emergency Service-CPD-\$1,471.50; Commissioners/Projects, Grants Victim Services Salary Funds-\$3,230.26; Commissioners/Projects, Grants ODP Citizen Corps 09-\$1,921.18; Commissioners/Projects, Grants LETPA 2010-\$33,609.48; Commissioners/Projects, Grants Citizen Corp Program 2010-\$2,775.23; Commissioners/Projects, Grants Asset Forfeiture Expenditures-\$2,873.15; Commissioners/Projects, Grants Victim Services Training & Equipment-\$17,376.96; Commissioners/Projects, Grants Victim Services Training & Equip-CPD-\$7,339.48; Commissioners/Projects, Grants ODP Preparedness 2008-\$1,830.00; Commissioners/Projects, Grants LETPA 2011 Grant-\$9,427.74; Commissioners/Projects, Grants State VAWA Funds-\$502.74.

Chairman Opella opened the public hearing.

Hearing no comments, Chairman Opella closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Wingerter moved for approval of the Resolution and Transfer of Funds. The motion was seconded and carried.

**B. Enlarge the Boundaries of Pioneer Water & Sewer District (Resolution 75-12)**

Attorney Knight reported all statutory requirements have been met. Enlargement is in the best interest of the public. Petition signed by the board has been provided in official packet.

Chairman Opella opened the public hearing.

Hearing no comments, Chairman Opella closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Hendry moved for approval of the Enlargement and Resolution. The motion was seconded and carried.

**C. Economic Development Infrastructure Community Development Grant (CDBG) Application-Funding a Handicap Accessible Group Home/ Houses Low Income Individuals with Developmental Disabilities or Brain Injuries (I Reach 2)**

Jamie Bordeaux, representing I Reach 2 spoke in favor of the grant application. If approved, this grant will help purchase a much needed group home in the community. She will forward all information about this project to the County Attorney's office.

Chairman Opella opened the public hearing.

Linda Bergeron, Casper, spoke in opposition. She asked about the source of funding and addressed her concerns of spending additional federal funds.

Kim Rightmer, WBC, reported the funding source is federal funds funneled through the WY Business Council.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Opella closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Hendry reported Ms. Bergeron brought up some good points, but this is a worthwhile project. If money is not used by NC, the monies will go elsewhere.

Commissioner Wingerter reported the funds couldn't go to a better project.

Commissioner McDowell moved for approval of sponsoring the CDBG Grant Application or the benefit of I Reach 2. Commissioner Keating opposed to the motion. The motion was seconded and carried.

#### **D. Quitclaim Deed Rotary Park**

Attorney Knight reported property was conveyed to the City of Casper in 1938 under the condition the property always be used and operated as a public park. Once the deed is signed the County acknowledges the reverter clause. The property will be operated by the NC Parks Department.

Chairman Opella opened the public hearing.

Hearing no comments, Chairman Opella closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Wingerter moved for approval of the Quitclaim Deed upon the signature of current Mayor. The motion was seconded and carried.

Commissioners praised the Rotary Club and the members for all the time and money invested into the park.

#### **E. PS12-0006**

Gene Wallace reported this is a request by Robert Ingram Jr. for approval of a final plat for Bell Valley, a major subdivision consisting of 23 lots on a parcel of 39.61 acres in the Urban Residential (UR) zoning district. Access to the subdivision is from Bell Valley Road. On May 8, 2012 the NC Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval.

Attorney Knight asked about earlier concerns regarding the Subdivision Agreement, Service & Improvement District Agreement and the DEQ Agreement. County will withhold the final resolution until Agreements are finalized. Attorney Knight noted that the DEQ cannot move forward with approval process without approval from the BOCC

Gene Wallace reported he believed these concerns could be taken care of in a timely manner.

Chairman Opella opened the public hearing.

Tom Reese, counsel representing Bell Valley, LLC, spoke in favor. The Improvement & Service District Agreement and the Subdivision Agreement will be signed pending tonight's approval. Bell Valley currently has the preliminary approval from the DEQ. Bell Valley is prepared to pay for their share of the usage. Road will be built to standard before development begins; developer will be liable for any damages caused.

Bill Fehring, CEPI Engineering, reported the City of Casper has requested a 50' wide access easement to the east on the south end of road in case of future development; erosion control will be part of the final plan, noting dust will be hard to control no matter

the situation; sewer and water lines will be placed under gravel. Road corridor will be the only part of the current road disturbed; houses will be built as lots are sold.

Speaking in opposition were Roberta Hartford (Casper), who spoke of only one access to homes; Christy Walker (Casper) concerned about property values; hoped to learn a little more about project; concerns with access, mountain view and current road safety for children with a blind hill; Roger Riffe (Casper) concerned with condition of current light duty road, additional law enforcement will be required, spoke of soil and wind erosion; Al Johnson (Casper) spoke about the wind, erosion, garbage and damage that will be caused, only one access; requested the final plat be tabled until all documents are signed; and Joe Coraz (Casper) spoke of swift timeline and little to no notification of project; emergency services will be restricted with only one access

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

Commissioner McDowell moved for approval of the Final Plat incorporating the Development Department's proposed motion, finding of facts, staff recommendations and the stipulation of signed approval from the DEQ Agreement, Subdivision Agreement, and Service & Improvement District Agreement. The motion was seconded and carried.

**Contracts, Agreements, Resolutions:**

**A. Resolution 69-12 Adopting the NC Statement of Investment Policy for 2013**

**B. Resolution 70-12 Providing for the Naming of Legal Depositories & Investment Firms for 2013**

**C. Resolution 71-12 Announcing 2013 BOCC Meetings**

**D. Resolution 72-12 Authorizing the County Treasurer to Invest County Funds**

**E. Resolution 73-12 Naming Official Newspaper for 2013**

**F. Resolution 74-12 Naming Official Holiday for 2013**

Commissioner McDowell moved to approve all the annual Resolutions. The motion was seconded and carried.

**G. Contract between WY Dept of Health, Public Health Division & NC**

Attorney Malone reported this is a grant agreement to fund services provided by Community Action Partnership of NC. The grant is paid by federal monies distributed throughout the state. Contract has been approved as to form.

Commissioner McDowell moved to approve the Contract. Commissioner Keating opposed the motion. The motion was seconded and carried.

**H. MOU between NC & the Casper Rotary Club**

Attorney Knight reported the amendment is in regards to duties of Rotary Club concerning Rotary Park, Paragraph 2; the city of Casper, even though not a party to this MOU has approved as to form.

Commissioner McDowell moved to approval as amended. The motion was seconded and carried.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Commissioner Wingerter moved for approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

**Public Comments:**

Chairman Opella opened the floor to Public Comments.

Linda Bergeron (Casper) requested the four digit Federal ID acronym to be placed on all bills so monies can be tracked.

Commissioner Hendry encouraged Ms. Bergeron to go to the JAC Joint Appropriations Committee website and listen to recordings and notes.

Hearing no further comments the floor was closed.

**Commissioner Comments:**

Chairman Opella opened the floor to Commissioner Comments.

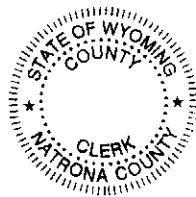
BOCC wished Chairman Opella well and thanked him for his service.

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 7:05 p.m.

My term of office expires  
January 5, 2015



Board of Natrona County Commissioners

*Bill McDowell*  
Chairman

Attest:

*Renea Vitto*

Natrona County Clerk

Renea Vitto