

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
January 7, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was brought to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Bill McDowell. Those in attendance were Commissioners Terry Wingerter, Forrest Chadwick, Matt Keating and Rob Hendry, County Attorney Bill Knight, Deputy County Attorney Heather Duncan Malone, County Clerk Renea Vitto, Commissioners' Assistant Michelle Maines.

Commissioner Wingerter moved to nominate Commissioner McDowell as Chairman. Commissioner Hendry seconded the nomination. Commissioner Hendry moved to pass a unanimous ballot for Commissioner McDowell as Chairman. Motion was seconded and carried.

Commissioner Hendry moved to nominate Commissioner Chadwick as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Wingerter seconded the nomination. Commissioner Hendry moved to pass a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Chadwick as Vice Chairman. Motion was seconded and carried.

Commissioner Chadwick moved to approve the Minutes of Proceedings for December 17, 2013. Commissioner Wingerter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hendry moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$563,485.25. Commissioner Chadwick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Hearings:

A. CUP13-0014

Jason Gutierrez, Development reported this is a request by New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC dba AT&T Mobility Corporation represented by Roxy Colette, General Dynamics Wireless Services for a Conditional Use Permit to allow significant maintenance and partial replacement of an existing telecommunication 84 foot monopole tower and associated wireless telecommunications facilities; property is addressed as 24999 Pathfinder Road. On December 10, 2013 the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval incorporating all findings of facts. To date staff has received no public comments. Applicant is waiting on a letter of conformity from the BLM; this letter will be required prior to the issuance of the building permit.

Chairman McDowell opened the public hearing.

Roxy Colette, representing General Dynamic Wireless Services (Englewood, CO), spoke in favor.

Hearing no comments in opposition, Chairman McDowell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Chadwick moved for approval of the Conditional Use Permit. Commissioner Hendry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Contracts, Agreements, Resolutions:

A. Resolution 01-14 Amending the NC Employee Handbook, Resolution 49-11: Workers' Compensation & Retirement Benefits/Pension Plan (Amendment #2, "Exhibit A")

Commissioner Chadwick moved for approval of the Resolution and Amendment. Commissioner Wingerter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. Professional Services Contract between NC & Chad Harden, Attorney at Law January 2014 –June 2014

Attorney Malone reported this is a standard agreement that the County enters into with those who work with Tim Cotton's office. These attorneys represent parents in neglect and abuse cases. Contract has been reviewed and approved as to form by the County Attorney's office.

Commissioner Wingerter moved for approval of the Agreement. Commissioner Hendry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Appointments:

Randall French – Appointment to Historic Preservation Commission of NC (term ending December 31, 2016); Martha Horn – Appointment to Historic Preservation Commission of NC (term ending December 31, 2016); Eric Nelson-Reappointment to the NCIA BOT (term ending December 31, 2018); Walters-Reappointment to the Central WY Fair Board (term ending December 31, 2018); Ed Opella-Appointment to the ARAJPB (term ending December 31, 2016); Kenneth Hart-Appointment to the Predator Management District of NC BOD (filling unexpired term ending December 31, 2014); Stephanie Connolly-Reappointment to the NC Parks Board (term ending December 31, 2018);Teresa Corkill-Appointment to the NC Parks Board (term ending December 31, 2016); Dennis Corr-Appointment to the NC Planning & Development BOA (term ending December 31, 2016);Tom Reeder-Appointment to the NC Planning & Development BOA (term ending December 31, 2016); Randall French –Appointment to the NC Planning & Development BOA (term ending December 31, 2018)

Commissioner Keating moved for approval of the Board Appointments. Commissioner Hendry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Hendry moved for approval of the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Keating seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Chairman McDowell opened the floor to Public Comments.

Linda Bergeron (Casper), addressed the Commission with concerns and questions regarding the appointment of Legislator Tom Reeder to a county board and duties of this board. Spoke of private property rights and possible conflict of interest and growing government.

Jason Gutierrez, Development answered questions, addressed the duties and procedures of the advisory board for contractors known as the NC Planning & Development Board of Appeals.

Chairman McDowell reported this is an advisory board at the county level with no formal decision making authority. Tom Reeder was chosen based on his wealth of knowledge and willingness to volunteer his time. Chairman McDowell encouraged her to address the Speaker of the House of Representatives if she feels this could be a conflict of interest.

Clerk Vitto cited Article 6, Section 19 of the Constitution gives Legislators the right to hold dual offices as long as he/she is not elected and accepting a salary/gratuities

Dick O'Hearn, Parks presented the Commission with one of the mockup aluminum/laminated signs that will be posted at the Bridal Trail; map on the sign is available on the county website and R & B; signs will be numbered as a guide, but will also aid in location for First Responders.

Hearing no further comments the floor was closed.

Commissioner Comments:

Chairman McDowell opened the floor to Commissioner Comments.

Commission welcomed Teresa Corkill aboard as a newly appointed NC Parks Board member.


Commissioner Chadwick spoke regarding the recent the Depart of Interior Secretarial Order 3331, which rescinded Secretarial Order 3321 known as the National Blueways. This was one small victory and hope to have many more.

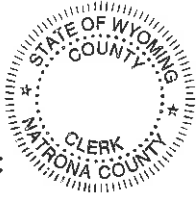
Hearing no comments the floor was closed.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Chairman McDowell adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

BOARD OF NATRONA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Chairman



ATTEST:

NATRONA COUNTY CLERK

Renea Vitto

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My term of office expires
January 5, 2015