

**OFFICIAL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS  
MARCH 15, 2011**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Sublette County Courthouse in Pinedale, Wyoming, on this date at 9:00 a.m. with Joel Bousman, Andy Nelson, John Linn by Skype, Matt Naber of the Sublette Examiner, Megan Rawlins of the Pinedale Roundup, and Mary Lankford, County Clerk present.

Chairman Bousman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the preceding regular meeting of February 15, 2011 were approved and ordered filed on motion by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Linn. The motion carried.

The official bond was approved for Becky Thompson, Treasurer, Museum Board, in the amount of \$1,500, and ordered filed with the County Treasurer.

The Board reviewed and the Chairman signed the Annual Wildlands Fire Operating Plan.

It was moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Linn to approve the FY10 Financial Audit Report. The motion carried. The Board directed the County Clerk to contact the agencies with deficiencies in the management letter.

It was moved by Commissioner Linn and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to adopt Resolution No. 11-100158B granting the Carmichael Hills Homeowner's Association an extension until February 23, 2012 to complete the requirements of Resolution No. 09-10087C. The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Linn and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to appoint Jim Bond to the Class II Road Committee for a three-year term. The motion carried.

Chairman Bousman reported on the Natural Resources Committee Meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup> in Washington, DC, and support received from Utah, Nevada, and Governor Mead.

Commissioner Nelson reported on need for additional CLG funding and BLM comments on the Skyline Drive plowing.

Commission Linn reported on the PXP ID team and the Governor's comments on the Draft EIS.

The Board discussed the possible appeal of the Final Supplemental EIS and Record of Decision for the Oil & Gas Leasing in the Wyoming Range project. It was moved by Commissioner Linn and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to contract with Eco Systems Research Group to prepare the appeal. The motion carried.

Mark Pape, representing Tegeler & Associates, presented the liability and property insurance renewal information for 2011. It was moved by Commissioner Linn and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to approve the renewal to Travelers Insurance for the County's liability, property, and casualty insurance for the upcoming year in the amount of \$339,709.00. The motion carried. This coverage will include Sublette County, the Rural Health Care District, the Weed & Pest District, the Upper Green River Cemetery District, and the Big Piney Cemetery District.

John Martini, representing Plains Exploration and Production, and Gary Amerine, reviewed the Eagle Prospect, Noble Basin proposal for the Upper Hoback area, which covers 60,000 acres and possibly 133 wells. Martini reported that PXP, as part of the Wyoming Range Conservation Agreement has retired half of the acreage to leasing, and 4,000 western acres will have no surface occupancy. The Final EIS will be available in December 2011.

Gary Amerine reviewed the Wyoming Legacy Act.

Sheriff Dave Lankford, Jason Ray and Tony Chambers, representing Tip Top Search and Rescue, and Doug Meyers, representing Teton County Search and Rescue, presented a proposal to contract for 90 days for a helicopter for search and rescue. The helicopter would be a Bell 206-L4, costing \$2,400 per day for standby at the Pinedale Airport. The FY11 Search and Rescue budget currently has \$97,400 for contract helicopter services. An additional \$118,600 will be needed for the remainder of the 2011 summer season.

Other sources, such as other counties and agencies, were discussed as possible funding sources. It was moved by Commissioner Linn and seconded by Chairman Bousman to authorize the County Attorney to work with the Sheriff and Tip Top to negotiate a contract for a 90 day contract for services. The motion carried, with the vote being: Bousman-aye, Linn-aye, and Nelson-nay.

Dave Racich, Cindy Van, Scott Scherbel, Jason Zakotnik, and Rob Harding, representing the Rural Health Care District, discussed the repayment for the County Clinics. The Board advised the District directors that it would retain ownership of the buildings and would lease the buildings to the District.

Commissioner Nelson discussed the need for a lease and suggested an annual rent of \$100,000 for both clinics. Chairman Bousman discussed placing the rental funds in a reserve for future repair and replacement of the clinics. Commissioner Linn expressed his support for the County owning the clinics and the District paying rent. Director Van expressed her passion for patient care. It was moved by Commissioner Linn to require no repayment of the clinic construction funds, the County will retain ownership of the clinics, and the annual rental fee will be one dollar. The motion died, due to lack of a second. It was moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Chairman Bousman to require no repayment of the clinic construction funds, the County will retain ownership of the clinics, and the annual rental fee will be \$100,000, to be reserved by the County for future repairs and replacement. The motion carried, with the vote being: Bousman-aye, Nelson-aye, and Linn, nay.

In accordance with the public notice published in the Sublette Examiner on February 15, 2011, public hearing was held for the following:

1. It was moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Linn to approve the vacation and amendment of Lots 17 and 18, Trails End Subdivision, First Amendment, J and P Investments, applicant. The motion carried.
2. It was moved by Commissioner Linn and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to deny a request by River Ranch, LLC for a partial vacation and amendment of an existing plat, being a boundary line adjustment, changing the dividing line between Lots 13 and 14 from an east-west orientation to a more north-south orientation, making the center of the New Fork River the common line of the New Fork Social Club Subdivision. The motion carried, with the vote being: Nelson-aye, Linn-aye, and Bousman-nay.

It was moved by Commissioner Linn and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to appoint Kevin Hughes to an unexpired one-year term to the Fair Board. The motion carried.

The Board discussed a request from School District #1 for leave for Jim Malkowski. No action was taken.

It was decided to move the Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting to Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, for Western Interstate Region Meetings in Washington.

Jim Mackey and Christine Priest, representing Groathouse Construction, reviewed the following projects:

1. Ice Arena. It was moved by Commissioner Linn and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to approve Change Order #6 in the amount of \$2,585.82 for doors and emergency lighting. The motion carried.
2. Cora Community Center. It is estimated that a stick-built structure will cost \$196,000. It was decided to interview architects for the project.
3. Project Update. A project review and update was presented.
4. Ag. Center. It was moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Linn to approve Change Order #17, in the amount of \$3,011.00 for electrical items; Change Order #18, in the amount of \$4,122.00 for repairs to the water system in the mechanical room; and Change Order #19, in the amount of \$726.00 to move the lights above the fans. The motion carried. It was moved by Commissioner Linn and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to approve Bid Under Run #11, in the amount of \$1,821.00 for electric heaters for the fire sprinkler room. The motion carried.

The Board discussed Bid Under Run #12, in the amount of \$12,172.00 to replace the exhaust fans with louvers. After a lengthy discussion with Erik Voris, GSG Architecture, it was decided to approve the Under Run and split the cost, with the County paying for the fan, and billing GSG for half. The work will be complete by the end of April.

Carie Whitman, Fair Grounds Manager, discussed budget items and the cleaning of the Events Center.

TJ Hunt, Cathy Summerall, and Ben Franklin, representing the Fire Board, and Brian Gray, representing WLC, discussed the storage of the fire tower in Canada, lack of a contract, and no services agreement with WLC. The Board directed that a contract with WHP be prepared for the Commissioners to sign, that a service agreement be prepared with WLC, and that all construction items shall be reviewed and approved by Christine Priest of Groathouse Construction.

It was moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Linn to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Pinedale for the municipal watershed of Pinedale. The motion carried.

Sharon Rutch, representing Wind River Figure Skaters, updated the Board on its program.

It was moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Chairman Bousman to award the bid for the Big Sandy Elkhorn County Road No. 23-118 to Lewis & Lewis, in the amount of \$1,422,888.76. The motion carried, with the vote being: Bousman-aye, Nelson-aye, and Linn-nay.

Butch Penton, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported on Jack Creek bridge bids, the crusher, gravel, and a water line easement on Ehman Lane. Penton discussed the Birch winter access.

It was moved by Commissioner Linn and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to approve a Change Order for the North Paradise Road Project in the amount of \$107,265.48 for multi-plate extensions. The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Linn and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to reduce the retainage on the Mickelson Lane project from 10 % to 5%. The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Linn and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to adopt Resolution No. 11-100161B, rescinding Resolution No. 10-100141C, and confirming the name of New Fork Bridge County Road No. 23-175. The motion carried.

The Board participated in a conference call with John McKinley, of Davis & Cannon.

It was moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Linn to adopt Resolution No. 11-100160B initiating the procedure for the vacation of part of the Sommers Boat Access County Road No. 23-146A. The motion carried.

Class II Roads were discussed with McKinley. McKinley will modify Form 3. The Board discussed easements and directed that all easements will be reviewed by Deputy County Surveyor Skylar Wilson prior to acceptance, for a Class II Road, and that all Class II Roads that become First Class County Roads will require new easements.

McKinley reviewed the Forest Service easement offered to Sublette County to Hoback Ranches. The Board decided to reject the easement due to the width of 40 feet, the annual use fee, and annual maintenance and management plan. It was noted that the easement does not comply with the Class II Road Standards or First Class County Road Standards. The Board suggested that the Forest Service grant the easement to the Hoback Ranches Service & Improvement District.

McKinley discussed the upcoming meeting with Teton County on the Landfill Contract.

The Board decided to issue a press release concerning the recent ozone alerts. Commissioner Linn will work with Cat Urbigit to prepare the release.

It was moved by Commissioner Linn and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to approve the purchase of a Caterpillar 930H Loader in the amount of \$105,240.00, with trade. The motion carried.

The Board approved and signed contracts with Jackson Hole Community Counseling Center and with St. John's Medical Center for Title 25 Emergency Detention Services.

The following abatement petitions and affidavits of abatement of taxes were presented on petition from the County Assessor and the State of Wyoming Board of Equalization: BP America Production

Company, \$3,096.32; BP American Production Company, \$43,629.12; Chevron USA, Inc., \$12.61; Encana Oil & Gas (USA), Inc., \$15,007.79; Encana Oil & Gas (USA), Inc., \$2,616.73; Encana Oil & Gas (USA), Inc., \$1,090.43; Encana Oil & Gas (USA), Inc., \$14,290.07; Encana Oil & Gas (USA), Inc., \$68.01; Shell Rocky Mountain Production LLC, \$1,787.77; Southern California Public POW, \$17,309.85; Southern California Public POW, \$132,846.17; Turlock Irrigation District, \$46,636.48; Ultra Resources, Inc., \$6,484.11; Ultra Resources, Inc., \$24,144.18; Ultra Resources, Inc., \$22,611.34; Ultra Resources, Inc., \$12,839.87; Ultra Resources, Inc., \$47,938.88; Ultra Resources, Inc., \$553.63; Saw Shop, \$115.32; Saw Shop, \$101.23; and Steve Robertson, \$88.87.

The Board met with the Pinedale Town Council and discussed Joint Powers Board projects. It was moved by Commissioner Linn and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to transfer \$1 million to the Pinedale Joint Powers Board. The motion carried.

Accounts Payable audited and approved for payment:

AAA SPRING SPECIALISTS CO. 385.48 / AIRGAS INTERMOUNTAIN, INC. 93.98 ALL AMERICAN FUEL COMPANY, INC. 47,479.82 / ALSCO 113.73 ANIMAL CLINIC OF PINEDALE PC 794.20 / AMERICAN RED CROSS OF WYOMING 539.94 A TO Z HARDWARE 1,072.50 / BARNES DISTRIBUTION 1,113.58 BAUM HYDRAULICS CORPORATION 69.50 / BERLIN ARCHITECTS 443.65 BIDDLE CONSULTING GROUP, INC. 445.59 / BIG J'S AUTO PARTS INC. 1,272.74 JOEL E. BOUSMAN 4,607.85 / BRIDGER MECHANICAL, INC. 60.00 BURNEY & COMPANY 14.33 / CED POCATELLO 245.90 / CENTURYLINK 7,574.87 CENTURYLINK 18,923.64 / CERTIFIED ENGINEERING SYSTEMS 209.31 COLMAN EQUIPMENT CO. 124.20 / COMPULINK, LTD. 1,000.00 / CS & T INC. 3,000.00 COMMERCIAL TIRE 580.84 / CRESTED BUTTE OUTDOORS 4,400.00 CROSSON LAW OFFICE,P.C. 270.00 / DAVES ELECTRONICS 8,432.50 WY DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 7.00 / DEQ, AIR QUALITY DIVISION 200.00 DIV OF ALAMO SALES CORP 2,299.76 / DUSTBUSTERS, INC. 12,462.21 EIDEN'S AUTO SERVICE 220.00 / EMI FILTRATION PRODUCTS 802.90 FIRE ENGINEERING COMPANY 1,700.00 / FLEET SERVICES 1,341.10 FORSGREN ASSOCIATES INC. 3,820.00 / GARAGE DOOR HANDIMAN 3,398.00 DERETH GEHLHAUSEN 158.00 / F. GASTON GOSAR 860.00 GROATHOUSE CONSTRUCTION, INC. 14,121.00 / GSG ARCHITECTURE 1,462.44 HILTI INC. 676.47 / HORIZON LABORATORY, LLC 118.00 / LAILA ILLOWAY 141.52 INTERSTATE BATTERIES OF 354.85 / J. J. KELLER & ASSOCIATES INC. 1,051.48 JLP, INC. 27,965.67 / KENWORTH SALES IDAHO FALLS 163.78 KENWORTH SALES ROCK SPRINGS 153.56 / KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S 295.00 LAB SAFETY SUPPLY INC 146.22 / LITTLE AMERICA HOTELS AND RESORTS 321.19 LARIMER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 7.40 / LAURA LOPEMAN 240.00 LP CONSULTING 50.00 / M & M TRANSFER INC. 16,705.78 M & N EQUIPMENT, LLC 1,971.00 / BECKY MANNING 6.18 / MHL SYSTEMS 52,306.42 MIDWAY MALL 126.12 / MIKE'S HEATING SERVICE 2,471.06 / MOOSLEY MAILBOXES 136.99 MOTOROLA 19,290.72 / MOTOSAT 507.90 / MOUNTAIN WEST TRUCK CENTER 42.35 MOUNTAIN WEST ELECTRIAL SERVICES, 5,477.32 NATIONAL BUSINESS FURNITURE 1,624.57 / NATIONAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS 3,340.59 NELSON ENGINEERING, INC. 1,632.50 / NO HASSLE AUTO GLASS LLC 448.00 NORCO, INC. 436.21 / NORTHERN SAFETY CO. INC. 535.53 / NOR-TECH 2,658.00 NRA- LEAD 525.00 / OFFICE OUTLET 1,948.43 / PACIFIC STEEL & RECYCLING 781.78 PAPE RANCHES, INC. 3,000.00 / PINE CREEK BEHAVIORAL HEALTH 4,168.00 PETERBILT OF WYOMING 326.16 / PINEDALE AUTO SUPPLY 4,536.15 PINEDALE LUMBER 123.80 / PINEDALE NATURAL GAS CO. 383.49 PINEDALE ROUNDUP 241.00 / PINEDALE SINCLAIR 25.83 / PINEDALE RENTAL 1,028.12 PITNEY BOWES INC. 245.62 / POLYGRAPHS ETC, LLC 1,630.00 / PPS CO.INC. 2,732.80 PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER 1,451.67 / PRIEFERT MFG. CO., INC. 54,270.50 PROFORCE LAW ENFORCEMENT 161.75 / QUILL CORPORATION 106.13 REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY 4,428.17 / REIMAN CORP. 31,907.16 RENDEZVOUS POINTE 21,223.00 / RURAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT 168.00 RIDLEY'S FAMILY MARKETS 107.05 / RIGGING FOR RESCUE, LLC 5,280.00 RIO VERDE ENGINEERING 36,879.49 / ROCKY MTN. HOME CENTER 1,396.00 ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER 11,300.74 / ROCKY MOUNTAIN PARK INN 196.40 ROCKY MOUNTAIN WASH, LLC 440.80 / ROCKY MOUNTAIN PROPANE 584.46 R.S. BENNETT CONSTRUCTION INC. 151,730.62 / SATCOM GLOBAL FZE 225.17 SUBLETTE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 4,396.00 / SCSD NO. 9 ACTIVITY 2,500.00 EUGENE SEEHAFFER 3,704.50 / SENIOR CLASS TRUST 2,500.00 SEVERSON SUPPLY CO., INC. 1,112.94 / SHADOW MOUNTAIN WATER OF WY 108.00 SPOTSYLVANIA, INC. 195.00 / SPRINGHILL SUITES 231.00 / STITCHIN POST 10.00 ST ANTHONY NEW HOLLAND 1,817.13 / STOCKMAN'S CLUB & BAR 271.15 SUBLETTE EXAMINER 2,807.00 / SYMBOLARTS 106.50 / TESCO WILLIAMSEN 10,358.57 TIP TOP SEARCH & RESCUE 1,701.32 / TOP SHELF ARTIC CAT 1,125.27 TOWN OF

MARBLETON 77.56 / TRANS EQUIPMENT SUPPLY-RCK. SPR 1,099.69 ULTRAMAX 508.00 / UNION TELEPHONE 264.77 / VERIZON WIRELESS 148.49 WARNER TRUCK CENTER 539.04 / WAXIE SANITARY SUPPLY 9,435.09 WEST BANK SANITATION 46.91 / WCADVSA 75.00 / WY DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 15,888.12 BRENDAN WEBER 806.00 / WESTERN PETROLEUM 2,850.33 / ERIC WERMUTH 466.54 WESTERN DETENTION 391.79 / WESTECH FUEL EQUIPMENT 51.37 WESTERN TIRE CHAIN 89.85 / WESTERN VETERINARY SERVICE 120.10 SKYLAR WILSON 200.00 / WIRELESS ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS, 10.24 WOLF'S PINEDALE DODGE 123.54 / WILLIAMS PLUMBING, HEATING & 8,197.30 WATCHGUARD SECURITY SYSTEMS 913.05 / WYOMING MACHINERY COMPANY 15,514.14 WYOMING.COM 449.85 / WYOMING WORKER'S SAFETY AND 18,387.91 XEROX CORPORATION 6,260.55

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SUBLETTE COUNTY, WYOMING

/s/ Joel E. Bousman, Chairman

Attest:

/s/ Mary L. Lankford, County Clerk