

Park County Board of County Commissioners
SPECIAL Meeting
Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Chairman Grosskopf called to order a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Park County, Wyoming, on Tuesday, June 26, 2018. Present were Vice Chairman, Jake Fulkerson Commissioners Tim French, Joe Tilden and Clerk Colleen Renner, Commissioner Lee Livingston was absent.

Zack Bowman led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Budget Amendments - Commissioners – RE: Public Hearing

Brian Edwards, County Engineer and Tim Waddell, Solid Waste Department Head presented an amendment

- 1) Payment of matching funds associated with the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) pertaining to construction of road improvements for County Road 6WX (South Fork Road Major Rehabilitation – Phase 1) in the amount of \$1,312,000.
- 2) Unanticipated revenue from the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program under Title I and Title III for FY17.
- 3) Early repayment of Wyoming Office of State Lands & Investment Board (SLIB) Loans #102, #102AR and #124 pertaining to landfill related improvements.

Mr. Waddell presented the payoff amount on the SLIB Loan in the amount of \$2,366,155 as the first payment of \$397,000 was in this current budget.

Commissioner Tilden made a motion to close the Public Hearing, Commissioner Fulkerson seconded, and motion carried.

Commissioner French made a motion to allow the amendments and accept the resolution, Commissioner Tilden seconded, and motion carried.

Approve Final vouchers, Fiscal Year 2017-18

After discussion on the FLAP Payment Commissioner French made a motion to approve the final vouchers for FY18, Commissioner Tilden seconded and motion carried.

Executive Session.

Commissioner Tilden moved to go into executive session pursuant to Wyoming State Statute § 16-4-405 (a) (x), seconded by Commissioner Fulkerson and unanimously carried. Commissioner Tilden moved to come out of executive session, seconded by Commissioner Fulkerson and unanimously carried. There were no decisions made in this session.

Martin Knapp, Park County Office of Homeland Security, Brian Edwards, Park County Engineer – RE: Conference call with the State of Wyoming Homeland Security & Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

The conference call began with introductions, on the phone was Larry Majerus, Deputy Director, Melinda Gibson, All-Hazards Coordinator, and Lynn Budd, Security Unit Chief. Chairman Grosskopf also identified to the callers that this call is open to the public and are present.

Mr. Knapp stated they are holding a meeting on Friday regarding the Squaw Creek Road at the Painter Store in Crandall. Brian Edwards, County Engineer, explained the damages in that area with regards to privately owned cabins/homes and the road damage. Now the only access is through a private land. Power has been restored and no one is without water now. Geologists reported on Friday that this is an active slide area.

Ms. Gibson after listening stated the threshold for privately owned structures would have had to impact 100 homes or a smaller community of 25-30 homes.

There is also a dollar threshold which is one million before the governor could contact the President and request disaster. There were other discussions on the possibilities of other organizations such as Red Cross, WYDOT, Emergency Relief for Federal Roadways, to name a few.

The Forest Service is planning on being present Friday evening also. Weather permitting this project will hopefully begin after July 4. Culverts will be installed and temporary easements will be acquired initially. Road materials may be available from the WYDOT old Dead Indian pit, Ghost Creek Pit and possibly recycled asphalt from the top of the world road project. Mr. Edwards estimates the cost at \$250,000.

Matt Hall, Mayor of Cody – RE: Black Hills Energy

Mayor Hall requested five minutes to give an update on the rate increase that Black Hills Energy is proposing for the \$1.4 million dollars is cost for redoing infrastructure. Meetings in Cheyenne will be held July 10-12 and there requesting a 32% increase over the next year. Mayor Hall is asking the Commissioners to write a letter denying there request and possibly implementing the increase over a three-year period. More discussion will be at the July 3rd meeting.

Eric Deeg, President, Senior Consultant, USI Insurance Services – RE: ASG Application and clarification on our stop loss reimbursement

Mr. Deeg requested over the phone signature from the Chairman for our ASG application which becomes effective July 1. Regarding Park County claims for this past month he was not notified by our carrier RCI of the very high claims. Chairman Grosskopf stated we are trying to finalize our budget and needing to know if we will need to transfer funds or if we will be receiving some stop loss payments soon. Mr. Deeg believes that we should have over \$200,000 being returned to us and will work with RCI and get those figures to us.

Commissioners – RE: Budget Discussions

With cash carry over being over two million, additional fund request discussions on road and bridge equipment, museum employees, insurance and retirement updated and the library with the audio-visual. Mr. Edwards stated his budget is good as he did add for replacing some equipment. He also requested adding \$250,000 to unexpected contract services knowing they will be working on the Squaw Creek Road and next year some of the Secure Rural School funding can be used to continue work on that road.

Discussion on whether the new tractor stays in Events or moves to Buildings & Grounds, consent was to leave it in Events with the understanding that other departments could use it and that it needs to be taken care of.

Commissioner French stated he would like the Library budget to show what funds are being held at the state level and available for use here at the county level. With those amounts in the budget it shows transparency.

With no further department changes, Commissioners moved onto salary increases and merit discussions on the departments that submitted them. Question regarding the insurance increase of 11.7% and the .25 increase in the Wyoming Retirement on the employee and employer side. Commissioner Tilden made a motion to give a 5% COLA across the board, not including the Museum as they presented a wage increase for that department, Commissioner Fulkerson seconded. Commissioner French stated he has a hard time with a 5% COLA with the 12.2% increase in benefits. Commissioner Tilden pointed out that it has been 3-5 years since the county has given a COLA. He knows that there has been a bonus here and there but with 1.9 million remaining it is the right thing to do, Commissioner Fulkerson agreed. After further discussion Chairman Grosskopf called for the question, Commissioner Tilden and Fulkerson moved to approve, Commissioner French was opposed. Motion carried. Commissioner Tilden made a motion to give the Museum Board those increases discussed, the Library 5% of their wage line and they can disperse as they would like. The following

departments were given the merit increases for employees they presented; County Clerk, Commissioner Tilden made a motion to approve all three, Commissioner Fulkerson seconded, Commissioner French opposed. Park County Sheriff requested to promote one and replace and asked for one new hire, Commissioner Tilden made a motion to approve all three, Commissioner Fulkerson seconded, Commissioner French opposed. Road & Bridge/County Engineer requested two operators go from a Grade 1 to a Grade 2 Commissioner Fulkerson made a motion to approve Commissioner Tilden seconded and Commissioner French opposed. County Attorney requested three deputies be increase and four support staff to be moved, Commissioner Tilden made a motion to approve Commissioner Fulkerson seconded and motion carried. Planning & Zoning, requested a change in Grade, which both positions are a 15, one step plus cola will achieve the request, Commissioner Tilden made a motion to approve Commissioner Fulkerson seconded and motion carried. County Assessor, the two that became certified, Commissioner French moved to approve Commissioner Tilden seconded for just those two position and motion carried. Treasurer requested one for merit, Commissioner Fulkerson moved to approve, Commissioner Tilden seconded, and motion carried. Information/Technology requested an increase from an assistant to a technician, Commissioner Tilden moved to approve and Commissioner French seconded, and motion carried. Departments not specifically mentioned will receive the 5% Cola for their employees. Clerk Renner requested that the Cola take effect July 8, Commissioner French made a motion to allow payroll effective July 8, Commissioner Fulkerson seconded and motion carried.

Adjourn.

Commissioner Tilden made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner French seconded and the motion carried.

Loren Grosskopf, Chairman

Jake Fulkerson, Vice Chairman

Tim A. French, Commissioner

Absent
Lee Livingston, Commissioner

Joseph E. Tilden, Commissioner

Attest:

Colleen Renner, County Clerk