

Park County Board of County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Chairman Grosskopf called to order a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Park County, Wyoming, on Tuesday, July 10, 2018. Present were Vice Chairman, Jake Fulkerson Commissioners Lee Livingston, Tim French, Joe Tilden, and Clerk Colleen Renner.

Park County Attorney Bryan Skoric led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Session.

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

Adopt Fiscal Year 2018-19 County Budget

Clerk Renner presented two resolutions for the upcoming fiscal year. The first is the income statement requesting the funds necessary to operate for the year and the second for appropriating funds for the maintenance and operation for the year. **RESOLUTION 2018-28** – Provide Income necessary to Finance Park County and **RESOLUTION 2018-29** – Appropriate Monies for the Maintenance and Operation. Commissioner Tilden moved to approve as presented, Commissioner Livingston seconded, and motion carried. Commissioner Fulkerson amended motion to approve both resolutions with the change discussed, motion carried.

Liaison Report

Commissioner French reported he will attend the fair advisory board meeting tonight.

Commissioner Tilden reported on the meeting held regarding the Squaw Creek Road with approximately 70-80 people in attendance, good questions were asked and the work has begun. Memorandum of Understanding was signed for the no fee area in cooperation with Park County and Buffalo Bill State Park and the signs are being made at this time.

Commissioner Livingston reported briefly on the Forest Service travel management schedule and this fall they should have draft out for comment.

Commissioner Fulkerson reported on drug court and there attendance policy. Those employees asked that they thank all commissioners for the raise they received. He also stated that the Library Board is excited about their new board members, asked Frances Clymer to work closely with Steve Pomajzl, Accounts Payable on budget items as he would be an asset to her and her board.

At this time Commissioner Tilden asked First Deputy Hans Odde to give an update on airport board proceeding with land acquisition. Mr. Odde stated the BLM piece of land is going forward and studies are being done on archeology and an environmental assessment will be completed. FFA prefers that the airports have a buffer zone. Once the studies are returned the board will move forward in acquiring the land.

Chairman Grosskopf reported on Forward Cody regarding the activity with Gun Works going to the state for a three million loan/grant to buy a piece property, this could possibly create seventy five new jobs. Cody Labs is up in the air at this time possibility they may downsize. Chairman Grosskopf will be traveling to Nashville for National Association of County Officials (NACo). Policy changes regarding Waters of the U.S. and Clean Water Act are two of the resolutions he has been working on with the committee. Lands of Wilderness, inequality of

Payment in Lieu of Taxes funding, are a couple other topics he is interested in and will report back regarding the lack of our input while they were working on this with the states.

Sharon Smith – Treasurer, Board of Directors, Cody Heritage Museum – RE: Cody Heritage Museum Garden, Sign Approval

Ms. Smith reported the grand opening Thursday, July 19 at 2 p.m. Her request today is to place the stage stop sign prior to that opening. The garden should be completed next spring with the sidewalks. It was suggested she contact Mike Garza, Buildings & Ground Supervisor so it does not damage water lines that might be in the area. The map presented showed the sign placement and it was suggested to put it closer to the main street sidewalk until the garden is complete. Commissioner Livingston made a motion to approve the placement of the sign with the suggestion that it be placed closer to the sidewalk for now, Commissioner Tilden seconded, and motion carried.

Tara Hart – Chairman of the Riverside Cemetery District – RE: Riverside Cemetery District – Presentation of Upcoming Budget

Ms. Hart introduced Board member Myles Haines and Cheryl Welch, Office Manager. A brief summary was given of their budget, reserves are being saved to replace a UV unit which will cost approximately \$300,000, other expenses include the completion of the committal shelter, now in two locations and with the mill they are able to keep burial costs down. The Cemetery District employs four fulltime and six seasonal people which were given a 6% cost of living raise. They are making plans for a columbarium for the Grand Riverside Cemetery. The commissioners thanked them for coming and for their service as board members.

Tycee Mohler – Park County 4-H Youth Development Educator – RE: Annual Salary Agreement from UW –

Ms. Mohler presented the annual compensation agreement to the Commission for the counties portion of the 4-H Youth Development position which reflects a 3% merit increase based on annual review. Commissioner Tilden made a motion to approve and allow the chair to sign the agreement, Commissioner Fulkerson seconded, and motion carried.

Ms. Mohler gave a brief update on twelve contests, state shoot and robotics are also doing well in competition. Cody Shooting Complex storage of the guns for Cody is working out well. Tiger McNeil is a huge help to the program. Pete Foley is Council President and still helps out with the programs. In the process of doing staff interviews, the Powell position has been filled and will start next week.

Christine Bekes, Executive Director Powell Economic Partnership & Steve Wahrlich – RE: Powell Hotel/Conference Center Project

Ms. Bekes gave the overall history of the project for Powell. Steve Wahrlich is owner of the Clocktower Inn Billings who purchased the land 2 ½ years ago with another investor. With the Governor's economic engine for the state the City of Powell's project is eligible for dollars through the Wyoming Business Council and the purchaser has an agreement with the City to repay them and they in turn will repay the Wyoming Business Council if this project is funded. This endeavor could add 33 new jobs to Powell, increase the lodging tax, and property tax. This is a \$2.6 million grant and there are no public funds. After much more discussion Ms. Bekes stated she is requesting a letter of support from the Board for this project to the Wyoming Business Council. Wayne Knapp stated he felt this was setting a dangerous precedent using government funding to go into direct competition with private business. Chairman Grosskopf stated this is a grant to the City of Powell and the owner will pay all funds back through the lease and all requirements have been met. The City Council voted 4 to 1 to send a letter of support. Commissioner

Tilden made a motion to write a letter of support and allow for the project to move forward, Commissioner Livingston seconded. Commissioner French stated he is pro Powell and having a hard time, with the project Commissioner Tilden reminded him the project could be great for the whole county. Commissioner Fulkerson felt it is not our position to stand in the way. Chairman Grosskopf called for the question, all in favor and motion carried, Chairman directed staff to draft a letter.

Adjourn.

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

Loren Grosskopf, Chairman

Jake Fulkerson, Vice Chairman

Tim A. French, Commissioner

Lee Livingston, Commissioner

Joseph E. Tilden, Commissioner

Attest:

Colleen Renner, County Clerk