

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SHERIDAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board met at 9:00 a.m., February 17, 2009, in regular session at the Sheridan College board room, Sheridan, Wyoming. Chairman Rolston called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Commissioners Terry Cram, Steve Maier, Mike Nickel, Tom Ringley and Robert L. Rolston.

AGENDA

The Board approved the agenda as published.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Watkins, representing the Public Land Users Committee (PLUC), stated their purpose was to assist in providing public recreation on State lands (Beatty Gulch/3 Poles area), but could not enforce rules of operation on these lands except by the creation of a recreation district. He said there is a group willing to install a Moto-cross course on these lands, which would contribute to increased tourism. He said a County-wide District would be the first in the state and would not be in conflict with the Sheridan Recreation District. He said he wished to introduce the idea to the public and believed it would be beneficial to the County.

Commissioner Cram said he believes this is the way to go to properly utilize this area. The Commissioners would appoint the recreation district board that would then develop rules of operation. He said the land was given to the County by the state on the condition that a recreation district would be formed. The County is also looking at developing the Kleenburn area for recreation.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the Consent Agenda as read and authorized the Chairman to sign documents as required: (a) Minutes of a regular meeting on February 3, 2009; (b) Partial Release of Mortgage for Lot 9, Block 1, Poplar Grove PUD Phase One, with payment of \$21,400; (c) Partial Release of Mortgage for Lot 8, Block 1, Poplar Grove PUD Phase One, with payment of \$10,700; (d) Consent to Assignment of an Assignment of Affordable Housing Agreement from Steve Redinger, assignor, to Perry Rosenlund, assignee, pertaining to Lot 9, Block 1, Poplar Grove PUD Phase One; (e) Accept Developer Mortgage Lien from Fine Home Builders LLC on Lot 9, Block 1, Poplar Grove PUD Phase One, in the amount of \$21,400; (f) Affirm Administrative Director execution of Lease Agreement #641 with Valley Motor Leasing, Inc. for one 2009 Honda CR-V.

COUNTY AIRPORT

Airport Manager John Stopka asked the Board to apply for funding through the Wyoming Aeronautics Division for materials only to repaint runways 14/32 and 5/23. Mr. Stopka said Airport personnel would repaint the runways. The Board approved the Chairman submitting a grant application, in the amount of \$24,000, for this purpose. The Airport would budget the County's share of \$6,000 in the next budget fiscal year.

RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

Having been approved by the County Sheriff and County Attorney, the Board approved the transfer of a retail liquor license, combination on/off premises, held by Liberty Resources to H&P Management, LLC, with the license to be effective for a term of four months to May 31, 2009. A question by Commissioner Cram on the hours of operation was later confirmed to be correct as stated on the application.

WOODLAND CREEK ESTATES ANNEXATION

Chairman Rolston acknowledged that the Board had received a copy of a petition signed by 90 County residents noting their concerns to the annexation of this area into the City. Mr. Rolston said he and other County staff would attend the City Council meeting this evening for the third reading on this issue. He read the reasons for the residents' concerns as stated in their petition. Mitch Cangimilla asked what the Board's stance was on annexing County Road 66. Public Works Director Rod Liesinger said his staff has met with City staff on this matter and that the County believes when the City annexes property, it should also annex affected County roads. Mary Ann Burton said she was concerned that FEMA and the Corps of Engineers should be involved in delineating the floodplain prior to any annexation. She said she knows the residents will have restrictions and higher taxes once annexed and said she appreciated the Board's assistance. Commissioner Cram said the Board is concerned about the road since the Board labored to cooperate on a Memorandum of Understanding with the City that stipulates roads that are contiguous should be annexed.

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA

Administrative Director Renee Obermueller introduced Jeff Holsinger, director of the VOA, to speak regarding their request to transfer one-cent optional discretionary funds allocated to WYSTAR by the Board. Mr. Holsinger said the Happy Feet Daycare Program has been closed due to it not being profitable. He said they were looking at a possible subsidy of \$80,000 to keep the program. He asked for permission to use these funds for their Independent Living and Veteran Transitional Living programs.

Mr. Holsinger said the Independent Living program assists 25 juveniles, ages 16 to 21, most of whom are homeless. He said this is an under-funded program and is critical to the community. VOA provides an apartment and staff to help guide these kids so they stay out of jail. Mr. Holsinger said he is proud of the funding that is coming into the state to support the Veterans Transitional Living program. VOA received \$2 million out of \$25 million awarded nationally, and is the only program out of 56 that has broken ground.

Leanne, one of the Independent Living clients, gave testimony of her life and the assistance given to her through this program. Craig Fisgus, Director of Youth Services, said they served 80 kids last year, ranging in age from 15 to 24, with limited resources. He said this is an unmet population, with the State not involved in this area.

Commissioner Cram commented that the public understands and appreciates the public process the County uses to consider and dispense taxes. Commissioner Maier noted that this discussion is a good example of the Board's management of the one-cent optional funding that

the voters approve every four years. Ms. Obermueller said that recipients are required to provide the County each year with their budget, financial statement, audit, and organization structure. These become the public record and are available to the public. The Board approved the transfer of funds.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Sheridan County, Wyoming

Attest:

Robert L. Rolston, Chairman

Audrey Koltiska, County Clerk