

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SHERIDAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board met at 9:00 a.m., December 16, 2008, in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Town of Ranchester, Wyoming. Mayor Cliff Clevenger welcomed Commissioners Robert L. Rolston, Steve Maier and Terry Cram. Chairman Rolston called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

The Board approved the agenda as published, amended to also consider on the Consent Agenda a Memorandum of Understanding between Sheridan County Community Health and the Fair Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Rolston announced that: The swearing-in ceremony for the new County Commissioners would be on December 19, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in the District Courtroom, officiated by Judge Fenn; the Board's next meeting would be a special session at 9:00 a.m. on December 22, 2008, in the District Courtroom of the Courthouse; and that there is an opening on the Sheridan County Fair Board for an unexpired term to January 3, 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the Consent Agenda as read and authorized the Chairman to sign documents as necessary. (a) Minutes of a regular session on December 2, 2008; (b) Affirm Public Works Director execution of an agreement with Paul Auzqui for supply of barrow pit material, to be used for Clear Creek bridge project; (c) Affirm Public Works Director execution of an agreement with Generation X for work on Twin Creek Road, BNSF Railroad crossing; (d) Sheridan County License Agreement 0840LA to Pinnacle Gas Resources to cross Lower Powder River Road to install a buried electrical cable, fee paid; (e) Affirm approval of MOU between Sheridan County Community Health and Sheridan County Fair Board to designate fairgrounds as site for mass vaccination clinic and SNS POD, required by Office of Homeland Security.

COUNTY AIRPORT

Forward Sheridan director, Philippe Chino, advised that the Sheridan Airline Task Force had previously engaged The Boyd Group, Inc. of Evergreen, Colorado to help Sheridan prepare for bringing other airline service to the Sheridan County Airport and wished to once again engage them to finish discussions opened with Sky West Airlines and United Express. Mr. Chino said the Task Force recognized the market is slow but that Sheridan lacks service options and all avenues should be explored. He said Great Lakes flies to Denver and Sky West flies to Salt Lake City. This would provide flight options for Sheridan business and the general public. Mr. Chino asked the Board to share expenses with the City of Sheridan for this contract. Airport Manager John Stopka has said that enplanements at the Airport are still good and Sheridan is fortunate to have our one airline. The Board allocated \$9,000 toward the Boyd contract.

WILLIAMSON GARAGE DOOR BUSINESS

Mr. Williamson's request for a County conditional use permit was denied on January 3, 2008, and the business was ordered to cease operations within six months at its location and move to commercially zoned property. Mr. Williamson was not present at this meeting but had

advised the Board that he had purchased property next to the City of Sheridan landfill. The City has given him notice of their concerns about the property and Mr. Williamson was asking for another extension of time to move his business so that he could address their concerns. The Board granted an extension to June 30, 2009.

LIQUOR DEALERS EXTENDED HOURS

The Board granted 2009 extended hours to the Sheridan County Liquor Dealers Association for the requested dates of February 15, July 4, October 31 and December 31.

SAWS

SAWS Administrator Dave Engels was present and summarized the proposed Amendment that would utilize the approximate \$4 million received through the capital facilities tax. The City receives 67% and the County 33% according to the Ownership Agreement. The Board approved Resolution 08-12-046, authorizing Sheridan County's representatives on the SAWS Joint Powers Board to vote in the affirmative on Amendment 1 to the SAWS Ownership Agreement. The Amendment sets out the authority of each entity to purchase or otherwise obtain supplies of water independently or jointly.

CLEAR CREEK BRIDGE

County Engineer Ken Muller said the County received three bids for replacing the bridge on Thompson Creek Road, all of which were under the engineer's estimate. The Board authorized the Chairman to sign the Notice of Award to DRM, Inc. of Gillette, the low bidder for this project, in the amount of \$942,812.15.

SOLDIER CREEK ROAD

Mr. Muller said the realignment of Soldier Creek Road west of the City limits required an easement from the Department of Veterans' Affairs, which has now been supplied. The Board accepted the Deed of Easement and ordered it to be filed with the County Clerk.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS

As required by the Wyoming Community Development Authority, the Board opened a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. to provide public notice of the availability of grant monies. Mike Mackey, Grants Administrator, said approximately \$1.25 million was available state-wide that could be used for affordable housing and group homes. He said no application would be considered at this meeting, but that the Volunteers of America would present an application before the submittal deadline. Since the County may only sponsor one application, he had encouraged the Sheridan Housing Action Committee to speak with the City of Sheridan to see if the City could sponsor their application. Mr. Mackey responded to a question from Robert Allen regarding the definition of affordable housing. Chairman Rolston commented that Forward Sheridan is exploring mobile home parks as affordable housing, however, the startup costs are very expensive. The public hearing was closed at 9:37 a.m.

JUVENILE JUSTICE OFFICE

Mr. Mackey advised that these federal juvenile grants funds are now being managed by the Volunteers of America and requires an agreement with the County. The Board authorized the Chairman to sign a Sub-award Agreement with the Volunteers of America, which is in cooperation with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, in the amount of \$20,000, for the period October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

The Board authorized the Chairman to sign the Waiver of Direct Sub-grant Award for the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant, releasing the awarded \$2,249 to the Juvenile Justice Joint Powers Board, for use in funding operation of the 48 hour holdover facility.

STORY FIRE HALL

Administrative Director Renee Obermueller advised that the County and the District jointly own the old Story fire hall. Negotiations are currently underway to sell the property. The Board authorized the Chairman to execute the Amendment to the Agreement Regarding Sale of Real Property between Sheridan County and the Story Rural Fire Protection District regarding disposition of the old Story fire hall. Through the amendment, the County has agreed to advance the District a loan against the proceeds, in the amount of \$80,000.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATION

Ms. Obermueller advised that the Deputy County Attorney had suggested additions to the agreement with Top Office Products, Inc. for office furniture for the second floor renovation, which is in the amount of \$156,517. The Board approved the agreement contingent upon the inclusion of these supplemental conditions.

TONGUE RIVER BRANCH LIBRARY

Library System Director Cathy Butler and other Library board members were present and reported that the Tongue River Branch Library has the opportunity to move into the north half of the Ranchester Town Hall once the town's addition is completed. The library is at capacity and needs additional space to adequately serve the community. The Board approved the allocation of \$50,000 to match the Sheridan County Library Foundation donation of \$50,000. These funds will enable the Tongue River Branch to begin a fund raising campaign to allow this expansion in two phases.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Sheridan County, Wyoming

Attest:

Robert L. Rolston, Chairman

Audrey Koltiska, County Clerk