

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SHERIDAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 9:00 AM
MARCH 21, 2006, SHERIDAN, WYOMING

The Board of County Commissioners of Sheridan County, Wyoming met at the time and place above-mentioned. Members present were Chairman Terry Cram, Commissioner Lawrence A. Durante and Commissioner Ky Dixon. Chairman Cram called the meeting to order and then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

The Board approved the Minutes of March 7, 2006 as written.

AGENDA:

The Board approved the Agenda as published, amended to also consider a cooperative law enforcement agreement, a discussion on debt collection, designation of a Special Deputy County Clerk, and permission to share the County Road and Bridge frequency with Johnson County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Cram outlined changes to the annual County Commission Scholarship Program. The Commissioners award three new and one renewal scholarship each year. In the past, this has been full tuition for one year at a Wyoming college or the University. The legislation establishing the Governor's Hathaway Scholarship Program, has reduced the County Commission Scholarship Program to an academic year maximum of \$1,000. This will apply to the three recipients for this and succeeding years. However, the renewal scholarship will remain at full tuition for this year. This, too, will then change to a maximum of \$1,000.

Chairman Cram announced the resignation of Kurt Layher to the Fair Board of Trustees as he will become unavailable to attend meetings on a regular basis. His resignation will be effective no later than July 1, 2006.

Chairman Cram also advised that Jeff Tomlinson has resigned from the Sheridan County Tripartite Board. His term expires April 2008. The Tripartite Board meets approximately three times a year to review and determine the distribution of Community Service Block Grant funds to local non-profit service providers.

Chairman Cram recognized Kathie Schonenbach's 15 years of service to Community Health.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments from the public.

SHERIDAN COUNTY PUBLIC FUNDS

Upon the recommendation of Sheridan County Treasurer Pete Carroll, and pursuant to W.S. 9-4-818, the Board approved Resolution 06-03-007, designating financial institutions as depositories for Sheridan County public funds, and authorized the County Treasurer to invest funds pursuant to W.S. 9-4-831.

RESOLUTION 06-03-007
DEPOSITORIES FOR PUBLIC FUNDS FOR SHERIDAN COUNTY

BE IT RESOLVED, that financial institutions located in Sheridan County having properly applied pursuant to W.S. 9-4-818, the Board of County Commissioners designated the following financial institutions as depositories for public funds of Sheridan County (including the Sheridan County Airport, Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library, and the Sheridan County Fair Association), and are identified as the:

Bank of the West,
Cowboy State Bank,
First Federal Savings Bank,
First Interstate Bank
Sheridan State Bank,
The Bank of Sheridan,
U.S. Bank, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sheridan County Treasurer, or his designated Deputy, is hereby authorized and allowed to invest Sheridan County Funds pursuant to W.S. 9-4-831, in approved financial institutions and brokerage houses located within Sheridan County and/or with the Wyoming State Treasurer-WYOSTAR. However, all funds invested must be in the name of "Sheridan County."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Treasurer and the brokerage houses are not required to apply as depositories to the Board of Sheridan County Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect for a period of one year or until such time as it may be rescinded.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of March, 2006.

Acknowledged by	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISIONERS	
Sheridan County Treasurer	Sheridan County, Wyoming	
/s/Peter C. Carroll	/s/Terry Cram, Chairman	Yes
	Ky Dixon, Commissioner	Yes
ATTEST:	Lawrence A. Durante, Commissioner	Yes
/s/Audrey Koltiska, County Clerk		

FIRE PROTECTION

The Commissioners recognized Edward Schunk with a Centennial Belt Buckle for his many years of service as the Sheridan County Fire Warden. Mr. Schunk will retire July 1, 2006. He commented that one of his lasting accomplishments is the coordinated radio system for county emergency responders. Chairman Cram said that Mr. Schunk was also instrumental in convincing the House Corporations Committee to study next year the identified discrepancies in the statutes dealing with fire codes.

Upon the recommendation of the Sheridan County Fire Board, the Board appointed Bill Biastoch, currently Assistant Fire Warden, to a four-year term as Sheridan County Fire Warden, effective July 1, 2006; and appointed Fritz Bates, currently Clearmont Fire Chief, as Sheridan County Assistant Fire Warden, effective July 1, 2006.

The Board approved the 2006 Wildland Fire Management Annual Operating Plan between Sheridan County and the Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Forestry Division, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Big Horn, Clearmont, Dayton, Story and Tongue River Fire Districts. County annual plans are incorporated into the Wyoming Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement, which stipulate fire protection responsibilities and priorities and reimbursement for services.

Mr. Biastoch outlined the changes requested by the BLM, which have to do with heavy equipment use and the requirement for a BLM officer to be dispatched to fires.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board granted permission for the Johnson County Road and Bridge Department to use the Sheridan County Road and Bridge Department frequency, to provide a communication link between the two entities.

SHERIDAN COUNTY PROPERTY

The Board approved authorizing the Sheridan County Board of Trustees of the Sheridan County Library System to act as the property manager for the house located on county property identified as 429 W. Alger.

SHERIDAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Board approved the sponsorship of a grant application to the Wyoming Department of Transportation on behalf of the Sheridan County Historical Society. If awarded, the TEAL grant (Transportation Enhancement Activities-Local) would fund construction of exhibits of the Bozeman Trail and the Railroad for display at the Society's museum. A planned project for 2008, which would be funded jointly with Montana, is to build exhibits on the General Crook Campaign and the Rosebud Battlefield. The Board approved offering a letter to support the Society's efforts to build transportation related exhibits at the Society's Museum.

Upon consideration of the completed TEAL application, the Board shall authorize the submission of the grant application and accept responsibility for the project maintenance as required by grant program rules. The grant award will be contingent upon the Society executing a Sub-Grantee Agreement with Sheridan County.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Jerry Grandahl advised that Waste Day would be on June 3 this year from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mr. Grandahl said that the City of Sheridan, Weed and Pest, Senator Bruce Burns and others have contributed to this event, which costs approximately \$40,000 to run. The Board allocated \$5,000 to support the Household Hazardous Waste Day.

EMERGENCY SHELTER

The Board accepted a grant award from the Wyoming Department of Health for funding the Emergency Shelter operated by the Volunteers of America, for a term ending February 28, 2007, in an amount not to exceed \$30,450. The acceptance is contingent upon the Volunteers of America executing a Sub-Grantee Agreement with Sheridan County.

SHERIDAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Hofmeier advised that a cooperative agreement with the Bighorn National Forest provides for ten of his deputies to patrol the Forest this summer. He said there is only one Forest officer. The Board approved Amendment 2 to the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement setting out the 2006-2007 Financial and Operating Plan between the Sheridan County Sheriff's office and the Bighorn National Forest for a term ending March 31, 2007.

DEBT COLLECTION

Sheriff Hofmeier said that his office is obligated to transport inmates for physician services if requested. Commissioner Durante said that medical costs at the jail have risen significantly. For the eight-month period from July 2000 to February 2001, the cost was \$11,170. For the eight-month period ending February 2006, the cost is \$86,000. The Sheriff's Office maintains a record of all inmate expenses. The Board approved entering into an agreement with Collection Professionals, Inc. (CPI) to collect outstanding inmate debts, including those for medical expenses. The approval was amended to be contingent upon the assurance that CPI was the only appropriate collection agency in Sheridan.

JAIL PROJECT

Special Projects Coordinator Gary Meyer reported that change order #26 comprises revisions to the Phase III mechanical design (\$146,502), which includes project delays of 97 days, and revisions in mechanical work (\$44,741). Mr. Meyer said the County would also receive a credit on installation of Phase III toilet accessories of \$1,602. The scheduled completion date is extended to September 5. The Board approved change order #26 to the Ormond Builders contract, in the amount of \$189,642.

Chairman Cram noted that a claim for improper design would be contested at a later time. Mr. Meyer said some of the delay time was not included in previously approved change orders. Chairman Cram noted that the Sheriff's Office had not hired personnel to man the new Addition, which attributed to a 20-day delay in moving into the Addition, which caused the contractor not being able to start work as scheduled.

COTTAGES AT THE HUB SUBDIVISION

County Engineer Bruce Yates reported that an error was found upon review of the submitted plat for this subdivision. The Board did not remove this item from the Table for consideration.

RIGHT-OF-WAY LICENSES

The Board approved Right-of-way Licenses 06-04 and 06-05 to Barker Bros., Inc. for open cuts of Skeel Street, a County road, to install sewer and water lines for development of the Sheridan Industrial Park within the City. The following conditions apply: (1) Licensee shall provide a traffic control plan to the County Engineer prior to construction; (2) Licensee shall provide lean fill concrete for backfill under the paved roadway with test reports; and (3) Licensee shall contact the County Engineer 24-hours prior to construction to request inspections.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Board accepted a Homeland Security grant award of \$1,485.79 on behalf of the Local Emergency Planning Committee to develop and implement hazardous materials emergency plans, with a contract term ending September 30, 2006. The Board also approved a required County match of \$165.09.

OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

The Board approved a \$5,000 Bond for Edgar Fack, Treasurer, Wild Rose Water Improvement District, for a term ending March 9, 2007.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Board appointed Tom Quinn to the Big Goose-Beaver Creek Community Advisory Committee.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

Upon the recommendation of County Clerk Audrey Koltiska, the Board approved designating Sue Allender as a Special Deputy County Clerk, effective this date.

COALBED METHANE COUNTIES COALITION

Bj Kristiansen, Director of the Coalbed Methane Counties Coalition, gave a 2005 year-end powerpoint presentation on the Coalition's activities. The Coalition has been in existence for five years and has grown to include Sheridan, Johnson, Carbon, Sweetwater Counties, and the Lake DeSmet and Campbell County Conservation Districts, with the State of Wyoming.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Sheridan County, Wyoming

ATTEST:

Audrey Koltiska, County Clerk

Terry Cram, Chairman