

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SHERIDAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 9:00 AM
APRIL 18, 2006

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 April 4, 2006 as written.

AGENDA:

The Board approved the Agenda as published, amended to also consider a discussion on KROE Lane and Dry Ranch Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Airport Manager John Stopka attended the Northwest Mountain Region FAA Airport Conference. He displayed a plaque awarded to the Sheridan County Airport received for diligence in working effectively and maintaining FAA standards. The Airport's land use compatibility inspection was singled out for praise.

Mr. Stopka said that Senator Cubin's office had advised the Airport would receive FAA grant funding over \$1.8 million for the apron project and runway 14 slide area project. Work will begin this year.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments from the public.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Nurse Manager Judy Stallman reported that Community Health has participated since 1990 in the performance of medical evaluations for persons eligible for placement in nursing homes on Medicaid. The county performed 340 evaluations in 2005. The Board approved the contract with the Department of Health, Aging Division, and Sheridan County Public Health nursing, for a term July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008, receiving reimbursement of \$80 for each evaluation of medical eligibility for the Title 19 program.

SHERIDAN COUNTY AIRPORT

John Stopka said Seven Pillars would construct a storage and manufacturing facility for EMIT Water Discharge Technology; construct a corporate hangar for NST Investments; and construct office complexes for the foregoing as well as for EMIT Technologies, Inc. Sue Osborn, representing Seven Pillars, commented that it has outgrown current facilities and would soon employ 50 persons. The Board approved an Airport Business Park Lease Agreement with Seven Pillars Resources, LLC. for a term of 30 years, commencing May 1 and ending April 30, 2036.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

Chairman Cram opened the public hearing at 9:36 a.m. to receive public comment on the 2006 renewal of County licenses. Dale Rawlings, County Clerk's office, said that the County has 19 licenses, with two currently unassigned. Mike Romanjenko, Department of Revenue, advised that Big Horn Mountain Lodge, requesting transfer of its Retail Liquor License to

Liberty Resources, LLC, has not yet registered with the Department to conduct sales. The public hearing was closed at 9:45 a.m.

The Board approved renewal of the following liquor licenses for the 2006-2007 license year

Retail Liquor Licenses

B-Y Ranch Associates dba Bear Lodge
Jeri Sheperd dba Bozeman Trail Inn
Eaton Brothers dba Eatons Ranch
Jon Scherry dba Last Chance Bar
Martha Craven dba Leiterville Country Club
Patrick L. Green dba My Buddy's Place
Crystal Springs Inc dba Parkman Bar
Piney Creek General Store Inc. dba Piney Creek General Store
Powder Horn Ranch dba Powder Horn Golf Club
Y Business LLC dba The Big Horn Y
Blair Hotels, Inc. dba The Ranch at Ucross
D&G Tunnel Vision, Inc. dba Tunnel Inn
Harry Washut dba Wagon Box Chuckwagon
Wagon Box Properties, LLC dba Wagon Box Inn
Wyarno LLC dba Wyarno Bar

Limited Retail Liquor Licenses

Big Horn Equestrian Center
Big Horn Mountain Eagles FOE Aerie 4169
Sheridan Country Club

County Retail Malt Beverage Permits

Charles G. Malli dba Arvada Bar

The Board also approved the transfer of a Retail Liquor License from Cowboy Hotel Corp. to Arrowhead Lodge and Resort LLC dba Arrowhead Lodge, and renewed its license. The Board discussed the Big Horn Mountain Lodge license transfer, but took no action at this meeting.

BUSZKIEWIC VACATION; VA-06-001

County Planner Ray Pacheco advised that Brett and Marcy Buszkiewicz have requested to vacate Lots 1 and 4 of the Wilson Subdivision. The subdivision is zoned Agriculture and is accessed off Upper Prairie Dog Road. Mr. Pacheco said the vacated lots must be combined with their adjacent property to create a parcel more than 35 acres. As sufficient land is owned by the applicants to qualify for this process, the Board approved the Buszkiewicz subdivision vacation with the following conditions:

1. Applicant shall combine the vacated 19.23 acres with their adjoining property.
2. Applicant shall submit to the Planning Department a copy of the recorded Certificate of partial Vacation, as recorded in the office of the County Clerk.
3. Applicant shall submit to the Planning Department a copy of the new, recorded deed and legal description of the property, as recorded in the office of the County Clerk.
4. Applicant shall follow the County Assessor's application process for the Agricultural Classification of Land(s).

COLLEGE AVENUE

Public Works Director Bruce Yates advised that College Avenue, platted in 1892, is a county road and now also a city street. He asked the Board to approve a Resolution authorizing the initiation of the procedure to vacate any and all interest in College Avenue by Sheridan

County to the City of Sheridan. The Board approved Resolution 06-04-008, authorizing the vacation of College Avenue, properly described and contingent upon review and approval by the Deputy County Attorney, and appointed Mr. Yates as Viewer in the matter.

RIGHT-OF-WAY LICENSES

The Board approved the following right-of-way licenses to cross county roads:

Licenses 06-06, 06-07 and 06-08 authorizing Powder River Energy Corporation to cross Lower Powder River Road to install overhead power lines;

Licenses 06-09, 06-10 and 06-11 to Powder River Energy Corporation to cross Arvada-Davis Road to install overhead power lines.

License 06-12 authorizing Bear Paw Energy to bore across Lower Prairie Dog Road to install a gas line.

DEWEY QUARRY PIT #4

Special Projects Coordinator Gary Meyer said the Dewey Quarry is located near the intersection of Beatty Gulch and Lower Prairie Dog Roads. He said three firms submitted bids for crushing operations in pit #4. The Board awarded the contract for crushing to low bidder McGarvin Moberly, in the amount of \$353,796, and authorized the Chairman to execute the contract.

In related discussion, Mr. Myer said a water truck would be working on the road full time; a proposal to lower the speed limit was being investigated; culvert design standards had been completed; Lower Prairie Dog and Badger Creek Roads would receive work due to available impact funding; and it has been determined that mag chloride has about a six week lifespan on heavily traveled roads.

COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Chairman Cram said each year, the County Commissioners may award three scholarships to students to attend the University of Wyoming or other Wyoming community college. The Board awarded the 2006-2007 academic year County Scholarships to Kate Brengle, Tongue River High School; Reece B. Hall, Sheridan High School; and Matthew Leibrich, Sheridan High School. Should a graduate not be able to accept the awarded scholarship, Kaitlynn Terry, Sheridan High School, was named Alternate.

COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Chairman Cram said that the Legislature sets salary ranges for elected officials. The Commissioners have researched the salary levels of other Wyoming counties and have met with our county elected officials. He said the Commissioners must establish salaries for the next elected term of office for county officials. Commissioner Dixon said the County Commissioner position is supposed to be part-time and is currently paid at 50% of the elected officials median. She said the reality is that County Commissioners can and do work full time. It has been proposed to increase the salary to 2/3 or 3/4 of that level. A decision will be made sometime in May.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Chairman Cram said that the P&Z Commission Bylaws are more restrictive than that prescribed by Wyoming Statute. The Bylaws stipulate four members shall reside outside incorporated city limits, whereas the statute states three. Chairman Cram said he polled Planning

and Zoning Commission members, most of whom stated no concern with the change to three members residing outside incorporated areas of the county. Board members commented that a change of membership rules would allow more flexibility, encouraging the appointment of members from outlying townships.

Ron Lytton spoke in opposition to a change to three county members. Billie Little, Planning and Zoning Commissioner, commented that the Commission needed people who understood rural matters. She said the original intent of the statute was to have representation from small unincorporated towns. Chairman Cram and Commissioner Dixon both said that many people now residing in the County do not represent agriculture, and many former agriculture persons now reside in the city. Commissioner Durante expressed his concern that a change in membership should not be made with the intent to correct a previous appointment. His motion to Table this question died for lack of a second.

The Board approved amending the Planning and Zoning Commission Bylaws as follows:
ARTICLE II, Membership: Section 1. The number of members residing in the unincorporated area of the county was changed from four to three.

ARTICLE III, Meetings: Section 2. Regular Meetings: Regular meetings of the Commission shall be scheduled once a month as determined by a majority of the Commission. Any change in future meeting dates shall be determined and announced at a regular meeting of the Commission.

ARTICLE VII, Advisory Boards: This Article was deleted from the Bylaws.

Considering an appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Chairman Cram said the Board had received four letters of interest for this position. A motion to again appoint Michael Mellgren died for lack of a positive vote. The Board elected to advertise further for this and other openings before appointing a member to the Commission.

OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

The Board approved a bond for David Fall, Treasurer, of the Campbell County Board of Cooperative higher Education Services, in the amount of \$50,000, for a term ending January 29, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Sheridan County, Wyoming

Audrey Koltiska, County Clerk

Terry Cram, Chairman