

BOARD OF SHERIDAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 9:00 AM, MAY 16, 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 May 2, 2006 as written.

AGENDA:

The Board approved the Agenda as published, amended to also consider a fireworks permit request, setting a time limit on a Temporary Access, and the appointment of members to the Fair Board and the Planning and Zoning Commission, report on the status of the College Avenue vacation and the status of Fifth Street, KROE Lane and Dry Ranch Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Cram recognized the service of the following County employees:

Mark Conrad, ten years with the Sheriff's Office

Mary Geer, five years with the Sheriff's Office

Lois Trujillo, 15 years with the County Assessor's Office

Commissioner Dixon advised that the Assessor's new residential valuation system provided by the State may have placed in a few instances a value more than the fair market value and that adjustments have been made. Questions may be addressed with the Assessor's office.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments from the public.

SHERIDAN COUNTY AIRPORT

Airport Manager John Stopka advised that re-stripping maintenance is done every other year, funded through a grant. The Board approved Resolution 06-05-012, authorizing the Chairman to sign and submit a grant application to the Wyoming State Aeronautics Division for assistance to re-stripe the Airport's taxiways and aprons, in the amount of \$22,441, with a 20% local match of \$5,611; for a total project amount of \$28,052.

RESOLUTION 06-05-012  
SHERIDAN COUNTY AIRPORT

WHEREAS, there is a need to restripe the Taxiway's and Aprons at the Sheridan County Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division, provides financial assistance to local governmental agencies for airport improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division grant requested under this application will be used with local County funds that are available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sheridan County Board of County Commissioners approve the filing of a grant application to the Wyoming Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division, for financial aid and authorizes the Chairman to sign the application.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of May 2006.

	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	
ATTEST:	Sheridan County, Wyoming	
/s/Audrey Koltiska, County Clerk	/s/Terry Cram, Chairman	Yes
	/s/Lawrence A. Durante, Commissioner	Yes
	/s/Ky Dixon, Commissioner	Yes

#### LOWER PRAIRIE DOG ROAD

Chairman Cram opened the public hearing at 9:13 a.m. Public Works Director Bruce Yates said that traffic has increased significantly with counts over 800 vehicles/day; saying such roads should be paved at 300 vehicles/day. He said that hazards are heightened by dust produced from excessive speed for the condition of the road. He noted that even with applications of mag chloride, water trucks and graders, the county cannot keep up with the damage. The Board acknowledged that a previous roto-mill application was not satisfactorily applied. Mr. Yates said that a traffic study had not been conducted but visual sightings had determined that travel at lower speeds produced less dust and would help preserve the life of the road. He said Sheriff Hofmeier had assured him that posted speed limits would be enforced, but he wanted enforcement to be applied to all classes of vehicles.

Mr. Yates outlined what it would take to bring the road to industrial standards, which may cost up to \$1 million/mile. To accommodate users of the road, reconstruction would have to be done in increments. He said until reconstruction was done, the road would remain in an unsafe condition. Mr. Yates said the County may receive funding to improve Beatty Gulch and Beatty Spur roads, which would relieve the CBM traffic on Lower Prairie Dog road.

Chairman Cram said letters had been received from three residents and Mr. Yates regarding the possible lowering of the speed limit. Residents Jack Moriarty, Neil and Roger Brinkerhoff, Cynthia Brown, Vicki Taylor and Margaret Pilch all spoke regarding their concerns for the road's condition, the amount of traffic, and the possibility that funding may not be available to improve the road. The Board assured the residents that it was aware that lowering the speed limit was not a fix for the road's problems and options would continue to be explored. The public hearing was closed at 10:02 a.m.

Commissioner Dixon explained the intent of the impact funds, which were established by the Legislature for impacted communities. Under this program, she said Sheridan County entities would receive more funding than they have on an annual basis, and the County has submitted its list of projects for consideration by the State Lands and Investment Board. As a first step to improve the safety of the road, the Board approved Resolution 06-05-010, authorizing a reduction of the posted speed limit from 45 mph to 30 mph on Lower Prairie Dog Road, CR 1211, from the intersection with State Highway 336 north to the Montana border, being effective when posted.

#### RESOLUTION 06-05-010 LOWER PRAIRIE DOG ROAD

WHEREAS, W.S. § 24-1-104 provides that all county roads are under the supervision, management and control of the board of the county commissioners of the county wherein such roads are located; and

WHEREAS, excessive vehicle speeds on county highways pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Sheridan County; and

WHEREAS, the visibility for the motoring public has been greatly impaired by dust due to excessive industrial use of county roads, which creates a real hazard for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the county roads in Sheridan County were never designed for excessive use or for travel at high rates of speed; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that for the safety and welfare of the traveling public, that a reasonable and safe speed limit should be set.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners for the general safety, health and welfare of all Sheridan County citizens, reduces the speed limit on Lower Prairie Dog Road (County Road 1211) to a maximum of 30 mph, from the intersection with State Highway 336 north to the Montana border.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that regulatory signs shall be installed at locations determined by the County Engineer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the rules, regulations and standards of this resolution become effective on the date that regulatory signs are appropriately posted.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS sixteenth day of May, 2006.

ATTEST:	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	
/s/Audrey Koltiska, County Clerk	Sheridan County, Wyoming	
	/s/Terry Cram, Chairman	Yes
	/s/Lawrence A. Durante, Commissioner	Yes
	/s/Ky Dixon, Commissioner	Yes

#### SWITZER STORAGE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT; CU-06-002

Chairman Cram opened the public hearing at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Yates said Brent Switzer requests approval to place storage units on Urban Residential zoned property at 8714 Highway 14, west of Ranchester. No objections to this project were received. The hearing was closed at 10:40 a.m. Upon the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board approved the Switzer Storage Conditional Use Permit with the following conditions:

#### ELK MEADOWS SUBDIVISION; S-06-005

Mr. Yates said this request by Stephen and Margaret Baribeau is to replat Tract 19, Horseshoe Estates Subdivision, to create three lots, zoned Urban Residential. Domestic water well depth and septic inspection needs were discussed. There were no comments received from the public in opposition to this. Upon the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board approved the Elk Meadows Subdivision with the condition that all new construction shall require a building permit, with subsequent inspections by the Sheridan County Building Inspector.

#### RIGHT-OF-WAY LICENSES

The Board approved the following Right-of-way License applications:

Right-of-way License 06-13 to Qwest, authorizing a parallel installation along the Upper Road right-of-way to install a telephone line to a private residence, with the following conditions.

1. Provide traffic control plan to the County Engineer for approval prior to construction if there is any construction activity within the County right-of-way.
2. Contact County Engineer 24-hours prior to construction to request inspections.

Right-of-way License 06-14 to Bear Paw Energy, authorizing a bored crossing of Badger Creek Road for installation of a gas line with the following conditions.

1. Provide traffic control plan to the County Engineer for approval prior to construction if there is any construction activity within the County right-of-way.
2. Contact County Engineer 24-hours prior to construction to request inspections.

#### FIREWORKS PERMIT

The Board affirmed the action of the Chairman approving a fireworks permit to Sandy Brantz to have a private limited display on May 11, 2006 in conjunction with a wedding.

The Board also approved a permit for Supervised Public Display of Fireworks to Bruce Burns and Ed Salvatore to conduct a display at the Big Horn Equestrian Center on July 4, 2006. A parking ban was placed on Bird Farm Road, from 514 Bird Farm to Kruse Creek Road on July 4, 2006.

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES

Chairman Cram said the Commissioners had compared salaries with other county governments and conferred with Sheridan County elected officials. The Board discussed the proposed salaries, choosing to amend them from the amounts drafted. The Board approved Resolution 06-05-011, authorizing the establishment of salaries for elected officials for the next elected term of office as set out below. Commissioner Dixon dissented believing County Commissioners should be further compensated for the amount of work they do.

#### RESOLUTION 06-05-011 ESTABLISHMENT OF SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to W.S. 18-3-107 et seq, the Board of Sheridan County Commissioners is charged with establishing salaries for the next elected term of office for the following county officials; and

WHEREAS, the legislative body has approved increasing the salary ranges of certain county officers as specified; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Sheridan County Commissioners have met with the County elected officials for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the salary for the Sheridan County Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor, and Clerk of District Court shall be:

January 1 through December 31, 2007	\$57,000
January 1 through December 31, 2008	\$58,500
January 1 through December 31, 2009	\$60,000
January 1 through December 31, 2010	\$61,500

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the salary for the Sheridan County Sheriff shall be:

January 1 through December 31, 2007	\$60,000
January 1 through December 31, 2008	\$61,500
January 1 through December 31, 2009	\$63,000
January 1 through December 31, 2010	\$64,500

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the salary for the full-time County and prosecuting Attorney for Sheridan County shall be:

January 1 through December 31, 2007	\$77,000
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January 1 through December 31, 2008	\$78,500
January 1 through December 31, 2009	\$80,000
January 1 through December 31, 2010	\$81,500

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the salary for the Sheridan County Commissioners shall be:

January 1 through December 31, 2007	\$28,500
January 1 through December 31, 2008	\$29,250
January 1 through December 31, 2009	\$30,000
January 1 through December 31, 2010	\$30,750

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such salaries shall be paid in equal monthly allotments and shall not be increased during the period for which established.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all elected officials shall also be entitled to those benefits available to all other County employees.

DATED this sixteenth day of May, 2006.

ATTEST:	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	
	Sheridan County, Wyoming	
/s/Audrey Koltiska, County Clerk	/s/Terry Cram, Chairman	Yes
	/s/Lawrence A. Durante, Commissioner	Yes
	/s/Ky Dixon, Commissioner	No

SHERIDAN COUNTY AUDIT

The Board accepted the audit of County operations presented to Sheridan County by Porter, Muirhead, Cornia & Howard, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005.

EXTENSION OFFICE

The Board approved the Chairman executing an Extended Professional Service Agreement with the University of Wyoming setting out the terms and conditions for a 4-H and youth programming position, for the period March 13 through June 30, 2006, in the amount of \$4,792. A new contract for the 2006-2007 fiscal year will be forthcoming which is funded 50% by the County.

WYCAN

Being duly advertised on May 2, Chairman Cram opened the public hearing at 11:44 a.m. to receive applications for grant funding under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Community Partnership Initiative, managed by the Department of Family Services. Sandy Eisenman of WYCAN reported on the number of Sheridan residents served by its organization under a TANF grant received last year and asked for the Board's consideration of its application. No one else spoke to this issue. The hearing was closed at 11:51 a.m. The Board approved the Chairman submitting a grant application on behalf of WYCAN in the amount of \$50,000.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Board appointed Scott Barten to the Sheridan County Fair Board of Trustees to fill an unexpired term to January 2009.

The Board appointed Michael Mellgren and Craig Vogt to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill unexpired terms to June 30, 2007.

ZOWADA RECYCLING TEMPORARY ACCESS

The Board had set this on the agenda to specify a time limit on the previously granted Temporary Access across Mullinax Concrete property. Upon advice of counsel, the Board

approved that the Temporary Access would continue until the process to establish a private road by petition was either terminated or completed.

COLLEGE AVENUE VACATION

Mr. Yates stated that the property description to be attached to the Board's approved Resolution to vacate the County's interest in College Avenue was not completed. The Board directed Mr. Yates to contract the work to a private firm if necessary.

FIFTH STREET, KROE LANE, DRY RANCH ROAD AND MYDLAND ROAD

Special Projects Coordinator Gary Meyer reported on the work required to transfer ownership of the above-mentioned roads to the City of Sheridan. He said Randall Engineering Surveys is preparing final maps on Fifth Street and the City will accept based on that map. Property descriptions are being prepared by Prestfeldt Surveying for Mydland Road, Dry Ranch Road and Kroe Lane. No response from the city.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Sheridan County, Wyoming

ATTEST:

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Audrey Koltiska, County Clerk

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Terry Cram, Chairman