



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
February 7, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was brought to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Ed Opella. Those in attendance were Commissioners Bill McDowell, Rob Hendry, Matt Keating, Terry Wingerter, County Attorney Bill Knight, Deputy County Attorney Heather Duncan Malone and County Clerk Renea Vitto.

Commissioner McDowell moved to approve the Minutes of Proceedings for January 17, 2012. The motion was seconded and carried.

Commissioner Wingerter moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$2,022,746.69. The motion was seconded and carried.

Public Hearings:

A. Community Development Block Grant Application to Update its 1998 Development Plan; Grant request not to exceed \$50,000.00 (Resolution 04-12)

Gene Wallace, Development Department, reported if the County successfully receives the grant, modifications will be made to portions of current plans that have been affected by the development trend. He feels the grant should cover the entire cost as only certain sections will be revised. This process will go out to bid.

Commissioners showed interest in having the updated plan in electronic format.

Chairman Opella opened the public hearing.

Hearing no comments in favor or opposition, Chairman Opella closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Hendry moved to approve the Grant Application and Resolution 04-12. The motion was seconded and approved. Commissioner Wingerter was opposed.

Commissioner Hendry reported he felt this plan was important to update.

Commissioner Wingerter is leery of moving forward as he has seen these plans change too many times.

Contracts, Agreements, Resolutions:

A. MOU between the City of Casper & NC-Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant of \$39,963.00

Attorney Knight reported Casper Police Department applied in 2011. NCSO did not participate in the grant request and will have no claim to grant funds; however the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Fund would not reimburse the City of Casper until they had an agreement from the county that they were not eligible.

Commissioner McDowell moved to approve the MOU. The motion was seconded and approved.

B. Ratification of Professional Service Contract between NC & Don Fuller & Associates, LLC

Attorney Knight reported this contract replaces Kurt Infanger as one of the parent attorneys for juvenile abuse and neglect cases in the County. Nichole Collier has resigned.

Commissioner McDowell moved to approve the Contract. The motion was seconded and approved.

C. Ratification of Cooperative Agreement between the WYDOT & the NC Commission

Attorney Knight reported this is an amendment to the contract for the Gas Plant Road Bridge for an additional half mile of paving; estimated cost of \$511,387.00. If the bid does not meet the approval of the County regarding cost a change order will be issued and this portion will be deleted.

Commissioner McDowell moved to approve the Agreement. The motion was seconded and approved.

D. Resolution 05-12 Supporting Submission of Application to the WY Business Council through the Community Readiness Grant & Loan Program, on behalf of the County of Natrona

Attorney Knight reported CAEDA will own the building; building will sit on county property. This application substitutes a previous grant request with supporting letter.

Commissioner McDowell moved to approve the Grant Application and Resolution 05-12. The motion was seconded and approved.

E. Engagement Letter between NC BOCC & George K. Baum & Co.-NCPL

Attorney Knight reported this letter has been approved as to form by county legal.

Bill Nelson reported this Engagement Letter is entered into by Natrona County with George K. Baum & Co. to assist with the public policy phase to gauge the citizens' support for a new library. The underwriter would be George K. Baum & Co. if construction of a new library is supported and a bond measure is approved by the electorate.. NCPL is putting together a citizens' committee regarding public interest and citizen support.

Commissioner McDowell moved to approve the Engagement Letter. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Commissioner Hendry moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

Public Comments:

Chairman Opella opened the floor to Public Comments.

Hearing no comments the floor was closed.

Commissioner Comments:

Chairman Opella opened the floor to Commissioner Comments.

Commissioner Hendry discussed road concerns regarding Bishop and 6 Mile Road that need to be brought to Mike Haigler's attention; conditions need to be addressed before spring.

Commissioner McDowell spoke about the article in the newspaper regarding the NCPL and the formation of the citizens' committee. He urged public and media support and participation.

Hearing no further comments the floor was closed.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Chairman Opella adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

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Chairman



ATTEST:

NATRONA COUNTY CLERK

Renea Vitto

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My term of office expires
January 5, 2015