



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
May 1, 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 Matt Keating, Rob Hendry, Terry Wingerter, Attorney Bill Knight, and County Clerk Renea Vitto. Commissioner McDowell and Deputy County Attorney Heather Duncan Malone were absent.

Commissioner Wingerter moved to excuse Commissioner McDowell from the meeting as he is out of town. The motion was seconded and carried.

Commissioner Wingerter moved to approve the Minutes of Proceedings for April 17, 2012. Commissioner Keating abstained from the vote. The motion was seconded and carried.

Commissioner Wingerter moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$557,160.75. The motion was seconded and carried.

Chairman Opella announced Renee Barnhart, Jacob Bratton, and Michelle Sherwin as the 2012-2013 County Commissioners Scholarship Recipients.

Public Hearings:

A. TA12-0001

Gene Wallace, Development Department, reported this is a request by staff to amend the text of the Zoning Resolution of NC, WY, relating to small wind energy systems (SWES) and the maximum tower height in certain zoning districts (*text amendment provided in original packet*).

Chairman Opella opened the public hearing.

Speaking in favor: Mike Kenefick, WY Renewables

Speaking in opposition: None

Hearing no further comments Chairman Opella closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Hendry moved to approve the Text Amendment incorporating the Development Department's proposed finding of facts and motion of recommendation with stipulation. The motion was seconded and approved.

Contracts, Agreements, Resolutions:

A. Additional Temporary Work Space (ATWS) Agreement-Greencore Pipeline Company, LLC

This is for an additional 25 foot Right of Way Easement to be used temporarily during construction.

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

Commissioner Hendry reported Greencore contracted with Rockford in a previous pipeline project on 33 Mile up to Gillette and did an excellent job.

B. MOU Between the State of WY, Office of the State Public Defender, WY Guardians Ad Litem Program & NC

Attorney Knight reported this contract is for the next two years; affective July 1, 2012. Terms of the contract are identical to previous MOU. There is one statutory change that the County will provide offices for attorneys employed by the State of WY. County Legal has approved as to form.

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

C. Resolution 49-11-A Amending the NC Employee Handbook, Resolution #49-11: Workers' Compensation (Amendment #1)

Clerk Vitto reported this amendment allows the employee on Worker's Compensation to use sick and vacation time to receive a full paycheck instead of 2/3 time. The Worker's Compensation payment would be turned over to the county. This option is a common practice used throughout the state.

Commissioner Hendry moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Commissioner Wingerter 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 Wingerter reported he is excited NCI is getting the jets back for commercial flights.

Commissioner Keating had the opportunity to tour the Anadarko fields today. He was very impressed.

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 6:16 p.m.

My term of office expires
January 5, 2015



BOARD OF NATRONA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman

ATTEST:

NATRONA COUNTY CLERK

Renea Vitto