



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

November 20, 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, Terry Wingerter, Matt Keating, County Attorney Bill Knight and Deputy County Attorney Heather Duncan-Malone. County Clerk Renea Vitto was absent.

Commissioner McDowell moved to approve the Minutes of Proceedings for November 6, 2012. The motion was seconded and carried.

Commissioner Hendry moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$949,281.19. The motion was seconded and carried.

Public Hearings:

A. 2012 Business Ready Community Grant & Loan Program for the 2012 Planning Grant Application-Determine the Electric Capacities at Various Sites within the County of Natrona (CAEDA) (Resolution 56-12)

Attorney Knight reported the application has been approved as to form. A representative from CAEDA was available for questions.

Chairman Opella opened the public hearing.

Linda Bergeron asked about funding.

Commissioner Hendry reported general fund monies are appropriated to the Business Council through the Legislative process. Business Council then decides what project will be approved; applicant needs a governmental entity to sign on the grant.

Hearing no further comments the floor was closed.

Commissioner McDowell moved for approval of the Resolution and the Planning Grant Application. The motion was seconded and carried.

Commissioner Hendry addressed the benefits for the citizens of the county and future development.

B. Economic Development Infrastructure Community Development Grant (CDBG) Application-Funding a Handicap Accessible Group Home/ Houses Low Income Individuals with Developmental Disabilities or Brain Injuries (I Reach 2) –Tabled until December 4, 2012.

Contracts, Agreements, Resolutions:

A. Resolution 60-12 Setting Rates for NC Parks, Lodge Rentals & Cross Country Skiing

Dick O’Hearn, Assistant Parks Superintendent provided proposed NC Parks Rate Increases approved by the NC Parks Board as of August 15, 2012. Rates are based on a twenty year improvement Resource Management Plan. Surrounding state parks, lakes and camping locations were included in rate comparisons. Monies will stay in the Parks Department for improvements, but the lake monies must remain separate based on the MOU with the BOR. Fee increases will help improve services currently provided at both the lakes and parks. NC Parks Board may be considering coming back to the BOCC in regards to different passes.

Commissioner Wingerter asked about the possibility of different use passes.

Commissioner Hendry moved for approval of the Resolution. The motion was seconded and carried.

B. Homeland Security Grant – Political Subdivision: NC; Award Amount: \$15,345.10; Award Period: September 1, 2012 through May 31, 2012; CFDA #: 97.067; DHS Grant Code: EMW-2012-SS-00151-S01; Project ID: 12-GPD-NAT-LS-HLE12

C. Homeland Security Grant – Political Subdivision: NC Local Emergency Planning Committee; Federal Award Amount: \$1,800.07; Local Match Amount: \$450.02; Total: \$2,250.09; Award Period: September 30, 2012 through June 30, 2013; DOT Award Num: HM-HMP-0296-12-01-00; CFDA #: 20.703; Project ID: 13-DOT-NAT-HM-HMP13

D. Homeland Security Grant – Political Subdivision: NC; Award Amount: \$60,166.50; Award Period: September 1, 2012 through May 31, 2014; CFDA #: 97.067; DHS Grant Code: EMW-2012-SS-00151-S01; Project ID: 12-GPD-NAT-SC-HSG12

E. Homeland Security Grant – Political Subdivision: NC; Award Amount: \$30,000.00; Match Amount: \$30,000.00; Opportunity Number: EMW-2012-EP-00069-S01; Award Period: October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2013; CFDA #: EMPG-97.042; Project ID: 12-GPD-NAT-EM-GCF12

Commissioner McDowell moved for approval of items B, C, D, and E all Homeland Security Grants. Commissioner Keating was opposed. The motion was seconded and carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Wingerter moved for approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

Public Comments:

Chairman Opella opened the floor to Public Comments.

Linda Bergeron, Casper objected in detail to the Homeland Security Grants approved during tonight's meeting; asked about the county's approval process; warned against current administration procedures.

Judy Jones, Casper objected to grants and strings attached to these grants; expressed concern about Agenda 21 and gave the Commission a book on Agenda 21; objected to current Commissioner Opella acting as Development Director; objected to joining county and city services.

Hearing no further comments the floor was closed.

Commissioner Comments:

Chairman Opella opened the floor to Commissioner Comments.

Commissioners tried to explain the County's hearing process and guidelines set by state statutes; purposes and uses for the Homeland Security Grants.

Chairman Opella reported he is not receiving two paychecks. He has been temporarily appointed by the Commission to oversee the department and report back.

Commissioner Wingerter praised the citizens of NC for the homecoming of Spc. Colton Sasser who was hurt in Afghanistan; congratulated all the winning candidates in the recent election.

Commissioner Keating reported officials wear many different hats in NC. This has been done for quite sometime. Some consolidation can be good as many agencies are doing the same job.

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 6:21 p.m.

My term of office expires
January 5, 2015
Office Expires
January 5, 2015



Board of Natrona County Commissioners

Chairman

Attest:

Natrona County Clerk

Renea Vitto
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