

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
February 4, 2014**

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

Commissioner McDowell welcomed fellow elected officials to the podium to present their employee service awards. Chairman McDowell asked to have all the services awards made part of the record: 5 YEAR SERVICE: Joy Fleming, Michelle Maines, Shannon Atkins, Brandy Porter, David Benardis, Heather Duncan-Malone, Donna LePage, Christina Collingwood, Margaret Liesmer, Lindsay Pattalochi, Eugene Wallace, John Wollen, Marvin Fitzpatrick, Travis Wesnitzer, Mark Bahr, Sandra Arnold, Rachel Hastings, Chad Heigis, Richard Reeves, Brett Tebeest, John Rabun, Teresa Gambino, Patty Still, Angel Capone Evans, Jolyn Wynn, Nicholas Kuhnel, Marcie Moore, Hazel F. Leppink; 10 YEAR SERVICE: Christine Lindsey, Connie Rollins, Amy Taylor, Michael Haigler, Athena Brown, David Crow, Jarrel Hurst III, Danny Schirlinger Jr., Gordon Schuler, John Tooke, Shelley Smith, Nancy Moody, Priscilla Williams, Kate Mutch, Nicholle Gerharter, Brian Rohrbeck, Clifton W. McCrady; 15 YEAR SERVICE: Mary Villegas, Robert Gillingham, John Blasé, Ben Britton, Chad Frimml, John Harlin, Melody Lee, Rebecca Lovelace, Murielle Alden, George DeMarce; 20 YEAR SERVICE: Mona Cureton, Charles Davis; 25 YEAR SERVICE: Jill Kiester, Brian Davy, John Wienke Jr. Jerry Clark, Rhody Ridley, Susan Anderson, Inge Akins; 30 YEAR SERVICE: Johnny Becker, Stewart Anderson, Tom Jones .

Commissioner Chadwick moved to approve the Minutes of Proceedings for January 21, 2014. Commissioner Hendry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hendry moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,048,037.58. Commissioner Wingerter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Hearings:

A. 2014 Business Ready Community Grant Program Application for Casper Mountain Biathlon Venue Community Enhancement Grant Project (Resolution 06-14)

Attorney Knight reported if approved Natrona County agrees to be the sponsoring entity of the grant to construct a Biathlon facility located on Casper Mountain (east of current Nordic Ski location). Matching funds provided from CAEDA & EDJPB. Application has been reviewed and approved as to form by the County Attorney's office.

Chairman McDowell opened the public hearing.

Chairman McDowell noted for the record he received emails of support from: Charlotte Gruner, Dan Ray, Jeff Garner, Daniel Rea, Dr. Kathy Blair and Colby Dreschel.

Rob Rosser, President of the Casper Mountain Biathlon Club, spoke in favor of building a world class international standard Biathlon/Multi Sport venue.

Also speaking in favor: Leif Johanson (Casper), Vice-President of Fat Fish Racing; Roy Buck (Casper), Owner Ragged Edge Sports; Mason Sale (Casper); Ken Mick (Casper) WY National Guard Biathlon Team Member; Christopher Smith (Casper) Hogadon Ski Area Manager; Chloe Sale (Casper) Elite Team Member/Casper Mountain Biathlon Club; and Keith Tyler (Casper) gave history of the Nordic System in Natrona County.

Hearing no comments in opposition, Chairman McDowell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Wingerter moved for approval of submitting the Grant Application and Resolution 06-14. Commissioner Chadwick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. CUP13-0015

Jason Gutierrez, Development, reported this is a request by Rocky Mountain Power, a division of PacifiCorp, for a Conditional Use Permit to allow construction and operation of the new Bar Nunn Substation and supporting 115kV transmission line; property is addressed as 3540 Zuni Trail. On January 14, 2014, the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval incorporating all staff's findings of facts. To date staff has received no public comments.

Chairman McDowell opened the public hearing.

Leslie Blythe, Rocky Mountain Power and Tom Fargen, Rocky Mountain Power Project Manager, reported on the project; both were available for questions.

Hearing no comments in opposition, Chairman McDowell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Chadwick moved for approval of the Conditional Use Permit including finding of facts and staff's recommendations. Commissioner Wingerter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Contracts, Agreements, Resolutions:

A. Contingency Agreement between NC & Mountain West Technologies Corporation

Attorney Knight reported this is a revision to a previously approved Agreement as part of the Grant Application. As per the WY Business Council's request the following changes have been made: Page 2 (dates inserted beginning May 2014 and completed expansion by December 13, 2014); Page 3 section e (county will only reimburse the electrical and broadband costs related

with operations of expansion). Agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by the County Attorney's office.

Commissioner Chadwick moved for approval of the Agreement. Commissioner Wingerter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. Resolution 05-14 Amending the NC Employee Handbook, Resolution 49-11: Non-Smoking Policy (Amendment #3)

Attorney Malone reported upon the request of Ed Opella, HR Director. Electronic Cigarettes were not previously included in the definition of smoking. Amendment will treat all smoking devices the same.

Commissioner Wingerter moved for approval of the Resolution and Amendment. Commissioner Hendry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Second Amendment to the Amoco Property Reuse Joint Powers Agreement between NC, WY and the City of Casper, WY

Attorney Knight reported this amendment removes the required individual approvals from both the City of Casper and County Commissioners allowing the ARAJPB to approve the sale of properties with the approval of the board (board members are appointed jointly by the City of Casper and County Commissioners). Amendment has been reviewed and approved as to form by the County Attorney's office, as well as, the City of Casper.

Commissioner Hendry moved for approval of the Amendment. Commissioner Chadwick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Letter to Wyoming Business Council requesting modifications to the Casper Crude to Rail Grant & the Mountain West Technology Networks (MWTN)

Chairman McDowell reported when the original grant request for infrastructure improvement was done to run water lines from 20/26 to the crude rail project it was estimated that there would be \$1.5 Million of state monies delivered to support project; in fact state monies turned out to be approximately \$800,000.00. The crude to rail project later decided to run fiber up the water line resulting in a new application to the WY Business Council to utilize the remaining funds. WY Business Council had questions regarding the initial estimates of cost, which have been addressed by engineering firm; estimates for installation appear to be in the remaining balance of monies.

Commissioner Hendry moved for approval of the Letter to install Fiber Optics. Commissioner Chadwick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Agreement between GSG & NC BOCC for Completion of the NC Detention Facility Inmate Housing Guardrail Project

Attorney Knight reported this agreement is in the amount of \$18,955; allows GSG to move forward with the bidding process and project administration of the guardrail

project. Agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by the County Attorney's office.

Commissioner Hendry moved for approval of the Agreement. Commissioner Chadwick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Hendry moved for approval of the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Chadwick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Chairman McDowell opened the floor to Public Comments.

Hearing no comments the floor was closed.

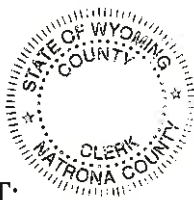
Commissioner Comments:

Chairman McDowell opened the floor to Commissioner Comments.

Hearing no comments the floor was closed.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Chairman McDowell adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.



BOARD OF NATRONA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Bill McDowell

Chairman

ATTEST:

NATRONA COUNTY CLERK

Renea Vitto

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My term of office expires
January 5, 2015