

OFFICIAL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 7, 1992

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on this date at 9:00 a.m. with Craig Crandall, Monte Skinner, Buzz Wassenberg, Dave Arambel of the Pinedale Roundup, Mike McGinnis, and Mary Lankford, County Clerk present.

The minutes of the preceding meeting of March 17, 1992, were approved and ordered filed on motion by Commissioner Wassenberg and seconded by Commissioner Skinner. The motion carried.

Bob Johnson, Civil Defense Director, provided a quarterly report of his activities, including attendance at two schools and coordination of one exercise.

Pete Olson discussed the abandonment of the bridge across the New Fork River adjacent to his property and informed the Board that it is adequate for his use. The bridge has been condemned by the State. A formal protest to the abandonment has been received for the State Land Commissioner. It was moved by Commissioner Wassenberg and seconded by Commissioner Skinner to not abandon the bridge and direct John Crow to pursue the initiation of revamping the state design standards for county bridges. The motion carried.

Paul Scherbel reported that there is no right of way on Mathis Lane County Road No. 23-126 and suggested that the Board leave as is and pursue the revision of the bridge design standards.

It was moved by Commissioner Skinner and seconded by Commissioner Wassenberg to adopt Resolution No. 92-353C declaring the Martin Jensen County Road No. 23-169 a county road. The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Wassenberg and seconded by Commissioner Skinner to sign the agreement on the Sommers Road. The motion carried.

Misty Haehn, Zoning Administrator, was directed to pursue the easement from School District #1 for Slate Lane.

The Board was informed that the BLM State-wide Wilderness Plan designates the Scab Creek area to be included with the Wilderness Area.

Mike McGinnis, Road and Bridge Superintendent, discussed the fencing of Paradise County Road No. 23-136.

The Board reviewed a letter from Rex Miller requesting that cattleguards be installed at his property line which adjoins the Chidsey property. The Board approved the request.

Sheriff Jack Cain and Undersheriff Bob Hanson presented a proposed pay plan for County Sheriff's Deputies. The Board informed Cain and Hanson that it would not consider any pay increases until more information is available on revenues for FY93. They also requested permission to purchase 5 vehicles, being 3 cars and 2 four-wheel drives, in July. After discussion of price, review of status of current vehicles, and the requirement of committing funds for the purchase, it was moved by Commissioner Wassenberg and seconded by Commissioner Crandall to commit the funds to allow the purchase of 4 vehicles, being 3 cars and one four-wheel drive, in the FY93 budget. The motion carried with the vote being Crandall-aye, Wassenberg-aye, and Skinner-nay.

The Board directed the Sheriff to adopt a policy concerning damages and liability by means of a contract for rental of horses and snowmachines, etc., from Sheriff's Department employees.

Commissioner Wassenberg requested that a Sheriff's Department representative be present at each meeting at an appointed time on the agenda, that the Department submit activity reports to the Board and that the Board will conduct a quarterly line-item budget review. The recent jail remodeling was questioned.

Sheriff Cain presented FBI agent Dick Baxter and Rock Springs Police Department Sergeant Neil Kourbelas to discuss Cain's application to attend the FBI Academy at Quantico, Virginia, this summer. The course is 11 weeks from June 15 to September 1, 1992.

Commissioner Skinner informed Cain that he was upset about his inability to communicate with the Board concerning his application and expressed concerns about the lack of leadership in the department during Cain's absence and hearing about Cain's application by rumor. Skinner inquired if the Board would need to approve Cain's acceptance to the Academy. Cain informed the Board that as an elected official, his attendance at the academy was an administrative decision, and would not require the Board's approval. Commissioner Wassenberg expressed concern about the cost of the training to the County during Cain's absence. The FBI Academy funds travel, room and board, and the training, but the County would be required to continue Cain's salary during his absence. Baxter informed the Board that Cain has not received his official invitation, but the candidates are usually notified one month prior to the beginning of the training.

Annie Weber, Public Health Nurse, reported to the Board that her agency has been performing radon testing in the county at 130 sites. 98% of the sites tested have been normal or low. Weber reported on clinics throughout the county and the plan for Wellness Week in Pinedale with the development of a health fair. Weber discussed the diversion of nursing funds on the state level and requested that the Board protest this diversion.

John Teichert, Loren Smith, and Bob Johnson discussed the State funding of water commissioners starting July 1, 1992. The County will no longer fund a water commissioner. It was requested that monthly reports be received from the local water commissioner and that the position will be probably less than full time starting July 1st. A county vehicle was discussed with the state being charged for water commissioner activities and the same vehicle used for county civil defense activities.

Rusty Gooch discussed movement of Willow Lake County Road No. 23-119 on his property and was referred to Resolution No. 91-326C which established procedures governing the relocation of part of a county road.

It was moved by Commissioner Skinner and seconded by Commissioner Wassenberg to sign the agreement with the Wyoming Game and Fish for \$40,000 for gravel for the Willow Lake Road improvement project. The motion carried and the agreement was signed.

Misty Haehn and Mike McGinnis presented proposed revisions to the County Road Standards. After review, the Board directed the County Clerk to advertise a public hearing on May 5, 1992, at 11:00 a.m. for the acceptance of the revisions.

Bill Cramer presented a letter concerning road improvements needed prior to the graveling of the Upper Hoback Road.

Mike McGinnis, Road and Bridge Superintendent, discussed the lease-purchase of two compactors for the summer. The Board approved the leases. The possible sale of the gravel pit at Cora was discussed.

In light of a suit filed against Sublette County by Terrence Amrein, it was moved by Commissioner Wassenberg and seconded by Commissioner Skinner to direct the County and Prosecuting Attorney to move to dismiss the suit. The motion carried.

The new court rules governing Justice of the Peace courts were discussed. It was noticed that the Big Piney Justice Court is not open full-time as required by the new rules. Due to budgetary constraints, it was decided to delay providing full-time service at the Big Piney Court until July.