

OFFICIAL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 1, 1997

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on this date at 9:00 a.m. with Buzz Wassenberg, Bill Cramer, Gordon Johnston, Dave Trombly, Jim Hutchinson, George Funk, Allen Davis, Mike McGinnis, Cat Urbigkit of the Pinedale Roundup, and Mary Lankford, County Clerk present.

The minutes of the preceding meeting of March 18, 1997, were approved and ordered filed on motion by Commissioner Johnston and seconded by Commissioner Cramer. The motion carried.

The official bond for Gail Grubb, Treasurer for the Sublette County Golf Committee, in the amount of \$5,000 was approved and ordered filed with the Recreation Board.

Mike McGinnis, Road and Bridge Superintendent, discussed the Daniel-Merna project and the additional engineering cost of \$50,000 requested by Johnson-Fermilia. The Board authorized McGinnis to contact the District Engineer of the Wyoming Department of Transportation to request the Department to take over the project. McGinnis discussed the transfer station and the contractor's purchase of a scales. The Board authorized McGinnis to pursue the trade of a Caterpillar 140G motorgrader, prior to the end of the budget, in an effort to increase the buyback amount. McGinnis reported that the road openings have been slow, due to snow.

It was moved by Commissioner Cramer and seconded by Commissioner Johnston to offer Mark Jones \$5,000 for the movement of his buildings, in exchange for a county standard width right-of-way easement, with the offer being valid until May 1st. The motion carried. Later in the meeting, the Board decided it would accept a narrower easement, for no money, to avoid adverse possession procedures.

Deputy County Attorney Ed Wood reported that only one property owner was left for the completion of the annexation process. McGinnis requested and the Board directed Wood to contact Rio Verde Engineering regarding the cuts in the road adjacent to the subdivision. Wood reported on the Bennett lease, Miner Creek, and the County insurance consultant. Commissioner Cramer inquired about the Amrein judgement.

Sheriff Hank Ruland and Bob Sutherland discussed radios, locking of the generator room, jail revenue, the metro contracts, and contract prisoners. Ruland requested that the Board consider purchase of the Life Flight program for the County employees, which the Board agreed to consider during the budget process.

Scott Thompson, Emergency Management, discussed hazardous materials and the OSHA and EPA requirements. Chairman Wassenberg expressed his support for a hazardous materials policy and team training. The Board decided to take the program under advisement until it could discuss this issue at the Wyoming County Commissioners Association meeting at the end of the month. Thompson requested parking in Big Piney for his communications unit and was referred to Road & Bridge.

In accordance with the notice published in the Pinedale Roundup on March 13, 20, and 27, 1997, and pursuant to Footnote 4, Enrolled Act No. 1, House of Representative, Fifty-Fourth Legislature of the State of Wyoming 1997 General Session, public hearing was held for the Farm Loan Board grants awarded in January for two fire trucks.

In accordance with the notice published in the Pinedale Roundup on March 13, 20, and 27, 1997, and pursuant to Footnote 4, Enrolled Act No. 1, House of Representative, Fifty-Fourth Legislature of the State of Wyoming 1997 General Session, public hearing was held for the Farm Loan Board grant application for funding a portion of the Calpet Road Recycling Project. It was moved by Commissioner Johnston and seconded by Commissioner Cramer to adopt Resolution No. 97-532W authorizing submission of a Federal Mineral Royalty Capital Construction Account Grant application to the Farm Loan Board for the purpose of a hot in-place asphalt recycling project for 8.67 miles of the Big Piney-Calpet County Road No.23-134. The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Cramer and seconded by Commissioner Johnston to adopt Resolution No. 97-533W authorizing submission of a Federal Mineral Royalty Capital Construction Account Grant application to the Farm Loan Board for the purchase of a fire truck for the Big Piney-Marbleton Volunteer Fire Department Joint Powers Board. The motion carried.

Bob Reese, District Ranger, Tex Williams, and Craig Smith discussed road repairs and watershed projects on the Bridger-Teton Forest for the upcoming summer. In Sublette County repairs will be made to the Green River Lakes Road, Skyline Drive, and Granite Creek Road. Reese requested the Board prioritize Forest Service roads in the County which need repair. Emergency Flood Fundings will be used on wilderness trails and bridges, Union Pass, and the Middle Piney road. Reese suggested the Union Pass road for the Forest Highway Designation Program.

It was moved by Commissioner Cramer and seconded by Commissioner Johnston to adopt Resolution No. 97-534W joining with Goshen County in proposed litigation attacking the constitutionality of the newly enacted Property Tax Refund Statute, W.S. 39-3-401. The motion carried.

Allen Landry of JE Merit Construction, Inc., who has the maintenance contract agreement with Exxon, informed the Board that his company intends to hire locally.

County Attorney Clark Allan presented a grant application for VAWA Funding for new computer hardware and software for a total of \$25,142.95. The Board and County Clerk questioned the In-kind match of \$10,842.00, which included a two step salary increase for one of the personnel in the County Attorney's office. The Board approved the grant application submission, with the exception of the step increases.