

It was moved by Commissioner Cramer and seconded by Commissioner Johnston to approve and sign the Closing Agreement between Sublette County and R.S. Bennett Construction Company, Inc. which accepts the payment of \$1,193.05 for equivalent taxes, the construction of approximately 1 mile of road at the Mark Jones property south of Boulder, and conveys by quitclaim deed Lots 13-24, Block 35 and Lots 1-9, Block 36 of the Marbleton Townsite and Lots 2 & 3, of Sleepy Hollow Industrial Park Subdivision, and release Skyline Construction Company, Inc. and Rodney S. Bennett from any existing tax liability for unpaid taxes, penalties or interest with regard to County Parcel Numbers: 09-00-00313 900, 07-SC-061667 951, 07-00-09271 951 and 07-00-00317 951 for all previous tax years including 1998. The motion carried and the Closing Agreement and Quitclaim Deed were signed.

Mike McGinnis, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported that the County is nearly finished with the Jones Road project, that the Horse Creek Road has been improved, and that a BLM permit has been applied for winter usage on County Road No. 23-110. It was reported that Dave Goodwin has not responded to notification about his illegal access, and the Board directed Deputy County Attorney Ed Wood to notify Goodwin to come into compliance by December 10, 1998. The Board directed McGinnis to place a rock in the County right of way on Fayette Pole Creek County Road 23-121 at the Barbara Stephenson property. County Road No. 23-176 and 23-123 have been added to the chip-seal contract. The Board discussed resurfacing the Ryegrass Road, and will plan for a future resurfacing project.

Lois and Bud Decker presented a letter from the residents who live along Stone Trail and Granite Lane regarding the condition of the road. The Board recessed to travel the roads. Upon its return, the Board reconvened and reported that it would consider widening and hard surfacing the roads in the spring.

The Board directed the County Clerk to readvertise the Skyline Drive snowplowing for the December 7th meeting. John Overgaag, Darin Binning, and Max Lundberg indicated their concern about plowing before the bid letting. They were referred to the Forest Service.

Sheriff Hank Ruland and Undersheriff Henry Schmidt reported that the Sheriff's Department has responded to 4278 calls this past year, as compared to 3770 for last year. Schmidt reported that he is writing a grant application, and requested authorization for an application, for Federal funds for the amount of \$125,000 for a resource officer to assist in juvenile cases and in schools. It was moved by Commissioner Cramer and seconded by Commissioner Johnston to authorize the Sheriff's Department to apply for a grant in the amount of \$125,000 with a 25% match over 4 years for a resource officer. Schmidt inquired about a site for a skateboard park and was referred to the Recreation Board. A request from Search and Rescue was presented for the construction of a 40'x60' steel building at the Marbleton County Shop for the amount of \$34,250.00. Commissioner Cramer inquired if the Department needed storage in the Marbleton area and suggested that it include it with this proposal. The proposal will be considered at budget time. Schmidt reported that fully-funded leadership training is available for emergency management and encouraged the Board to consider attending. Schmidt reported that two defibrillators will be available in the department, and Wood informed the Board that the County will have minimal liability for their use. Ruland reported that Jory Tatro is missing and that the Department has begun an investigation.

Gary Espenscheid and Jody Fear, representing the Ag. Center, presented a purchase order for office supplies for a boxhold funding solicitation. It was reported that the transfer of funds for this project had not been advertised, but would be advertised for the December 7th meeting. The Board rejected the purchase order and directed them to use their donated funds for fund solicitation. Espenscheid reported that a drawing of the project has been prepared, but not received. It was reported that a soil test will be required, and that the placement of the building has been discussed and approved by Mandy Norris, Ed Taylor, and Harvey Graham at the Fairgrounds. Surveying has been donated by Surveyor Scherbel, LTD. Espenscheid inquired if the Fair Board's building reserve funds were available. It was reported that all county financial reports have been involved in their annual audit and have not been available. Espenscheid encouraged the Board to consider a proposal from an architect for the amount of \$50,000 plus \$5,000 expenses. The Board postponed comments from the audience until the December 7th meeting. It was moved by Commissioner Cramer and seconded by Commissioner Johnston to contract with Inberg-Miller Engineers for a soil test for a maximum of \$4,500. The motion carried. A proposal from the architect will be considered at the next meeting.

Ben Weeks discussed winter tourism in Yellowstone Park. Weeks requested the Board consider contributing \$5,000-\$10,000 from its discretionary fund to a fund to assist in keeping Yellowstone open in the winter. The Board advised Weeks that it does not have discretionary funds and that the request should be submitted at budget time.

McGinnis requested vacation from December 7-11, 1998, which the Board approved.

Leslie Theiss of the BLM, reported that the East Green River Road pit application will probably be issued this week, that an environmental assessment will be required for the Pinedale Walking Path, and that an application will be required from the Recreation Board for a right of way for the Walking Path. It was reported that workshops on the Pinedale Anticline Environmental Impact Statement will be held December 7-10, 1998, in the evenings at the Library.

Bob Reese of the Forest Service, reported that an expanded permit is being considered for the Dog Sled Race this year, and that the Wyoming Snowmobile Association have requested a permit for a charity ride on the Continental Divide Snowmobile Trail. No bids were received for the Half Moon Timber Sale, but that the Union Pass Timber Sale