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Commissioners OK amendments to budget, take look at WyoLink

*County counts
on \$153K in
extra revenue*

by Cindy Glasson
The Hot Springs County Commissioners approved several amendments to their proposed budget and discussed progress being made on connecting to WyoLink via a new tower during Tuesday's regular meeting.

The county will be receiving an additional \$153,779 in unanticipated revenue for the upcoming fiscal year, a majority coming from various grants.

Included in that amount is \$3,593 for the Division of Victim Services; \$4,565 in grant monies from the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) for video cameras for the sheriff's office; \$30,121 in State Land and Investment Board (SLIB) monies for the hospital parking lot; \$22,500 in SLIB funding for an isolation hood at the hospital; and an additional \$93,000 from SLIB for the hospital's elevator.

Funds will need to be moved from unencumbered funds to cover overages in those areas.

An additional \$200 will be added to the Water Commissioner fund because of four large legal advertisements that were unplanned.

Because of additional travel expenses with the county commissioners for various meetings, an additional \$1,560 will be added to the commissioners' line item.

The public health line will see an added \$5,150 to cover utility bills at the county annex, and the landfill line item will receive \$15,000 more as it

had been under-budgeted in the beginning.

Printing and publishing will see an additional \$2,000 as publishing costs have been more than originally anticipated for the year.

Under courthouse computer and equipment, an additional \$1,500 is being added to the line item to cover additional costs with the new server, and search and rescue will see an additional \$1,300 to cover utility costs as well.

In all, \$26,710 was approved to be moved to the above line items per vote by the commissioners.

Connecting to WyoLink

Emergency Management Coordinator Bill Gordon told the commissioners things are moving along for the town and county to be hooked up to the statewide WyoLink system, a digital radio program that will allow clearer reception and communication between local emergency departments and other departments statewide.

A tower is being installed by WYDOT one mile west of town at its own expense. WYDOT will maintain the equipment; however, the equipment will belong to the county, and electricity and propane for the site must be paid for by the county.

The tower will allow the WyoLink system to cover the town as Gordon said the current tower on Copper Mountain doesn't have a strong enough signal to use in town.

In addition, the new tower will allow for a better signal for emergency personnel further into Wind River Canyon than is currently available.

All radios used by emergency personnel in town and in the county are already capable of handling the WyoLink system.

As American as....a hot dog



Bridger Lewis stuffs in just one more hot dog while Kacy Conner looks like he's about done for during the Dairyland Annual Hot Dog Eating Contest on the Fourth of July. This year's winner, Anthony Vargas mowed through 11 hot dogs in just five minutes to earn the title of champion as well as a \$150 prize. — Cindy Glasson photo

Town to start ticketing for nuisance offenses

*Officer's goal is to
prevent fire hazards*

by J.D. Stetson

For more than two years, Thermopolis Police Officer Steve Hamann has been adamant about reminding people to clean up their property of junk and keep their grass cut.

While most people usually take care of the issue after a verbal reminder, there are some people who are stubborn and refuse to follow the town codes.

While it has been and it is still policy to allow leniency on behalf of people who need a reminder or have a genuine excuse

not to take care of the issue, Hamann approached the Town Council Tuesday to receive their blessing to start ticketing the repeat offenders.

"I just think it's actually time to kind of maybe set an example with these guys who are repeat offenders for the last two or three years and send them to court," Hamann told the council.

Violations of the town nuisance ordinances are considered a misdemeanor offense and are punishable by a fine up to \$750 as determined by the municipal court judge.

Mayor's Assistant Fred Crosby added it is the town's ultimate goal to get the properties cleaned up and safe for the public, and not simply to get the offender's money

for the town.

Both Crosby and Hamann stressed the fire hazard of tall weeds and grass during the summer months and the possibility of attracting rodents or other wild animals to town because of the condition of the property.

Councilman Al Braaten brought up his concern about trailers parked on the streets in which weeds and grass grow up around them through the street in some places.

Mayor Bill Malloy pointed out Hamann's record of making about 40 stops in the past month to address the issue.

"I'm not out to get the little grandmas on their fixed incomes who are trying,"

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Open house planned by water district

by J.D. Stetson

The South Thermopolis Water and Sewer District will have an open house from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. July 21 to explain its current project to replace and enhance its water system.

The meeting leads up to the district's bond election Aug. 16, when members of the district will decide whether the district should borrow \$413,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development to help fund the \$4.15 million project, according to a release from the district.

Currently, the district has secured \$2.17 million from the Wyoming Water Development Commission (WWDC), \$782,109 from the State Loan and Investment Board (SLIB) and \$500,000 from the Wyoming Business Council.

The district also will attain a grant from USDA for \$413,000 in addition to the loan, and the district will contribute \$60,000 from its general fund for the project.

The goal of the project is to update, replace and expand the

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Celebrating our independence in style



Bursts of color lit the night sky on the Fourth of July during the annual fireworks show on T-Hill, produced by the Thermopolis Volunteer Fire Department. The show featured more than \$5,800 worth of pyrotechnics, made possible through donations from local businesses and individuals. — Cindy Glasson photo

Relay for Life on tap this weekend

by Cindy Glasson

Friday marks the return of the Relay for Life in Thermopolis at Hot Springs State Park.

A cancer survivor's dinner will be held at the Senior Center starting at 5 p.m. The dinner is open to those who have survived the devastating disease and their caregivers.

Opening ceremonies will begin in the park at 6:30 p.m.

This year, Slip 'n Slide, an in-

flatable water slide for elementary-aged children, and other wet and wild games are planned as part of the Relay Fun Fair.

Kids may bring their water guns and bathing suits and join the fun. Snow cones and other treats will be available for sale during the fun fair.

The fun fair will be open to the community, free of charge, as a

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Lions Ranch Rodeo set Friday, Saturday

Locals and visitors alike will be treated to another exciting weekend of rodeo action with the 21st annual Lions Ranch Rodeo at the Hot Springs County Fairgrounds Friday and Saturday nights.

You can pick your favorite team during the calcutta which starts things off Friday night at 7 p.m. Monies raised during the calcutta on Friday and concessions both days are donated

locally for eye care by the Lions Club.

After the calcutta, five-person rodeo teams will start kicking up dust competing in events like wild cow milking, wild cow riding, branding, team doctoring and more.

Both Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the event are

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Hamann said. “People with bigger lots and have a lot of stuff or whatever, I generally tell them you’ve got 10 days to show me some kind of improvement and you’re trying to work on it.”

Ordinance readings

The council voted on third reading to expand summer hours on Sunday for bars and restaurants to serve alcoholic beverages.

The ordinance will take affect on July 14 and it will expand hours from the current closing time of 10 p.m. to midnight on Sundays from Memorial Day weekend through the last week-end in October.

The council also voted on second reading to pass an updated Green River Ordinance in order to regulate peddlers, solicitors, canvassers, transient merchants, itinerant merchants, transient food vender and itinerant food vendors.

Farmer's markets, school children and government employees would be exempt from the ordinance.

The council will hear third reading of the ordinance at its next regular council meeting at 7 p.m. July 19 at town hall.

Town Attorney Mike Messenger asked the council to table an ordinance establishing a \$10

court automation fee paid for by people who are found guilty of violating town ordinances, including speeding tickets.

Messenger said he needed to clarify whether the town would receive the fee or if it would have to be sent to the state.

“There’s no point on adding a burden on the town clerk to benefit the state,” Messenger said.

The council tabled the ordinance until Messenger could confirm whether the money would go to the state or stay with the town.

Employee of the Month

Malloy presented Police Sgt. Mike Chimenti with the plaque for Employee of the Month for the month of June for his exemplary performance during the absence of Police Chief Mark Nelson while Nelson trained at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va.

Chimenti has worked 32 years for the department.

“We appreciate the positive comments from citizens in the community as well as town and county law enforcement personnel also for outstanding work ethic and a desire to constantly better himself and to make Thermopolis a better place to live,” Malloy said.

Holy Trinity's new sculpture



Christy Muecke of Powell, the Chick with the Chainsaw, carved Jesus out of a pine tree for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. — J.D. Stetson and Joe Sova photos

Relay

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way to celebrate Relay for Life with the whole family.

There will be a silent auction again this year featuring special baskets put together by each of the relay teams. You can find the baskets displayed at Bank of Thermopolis, Pinnacle Bank, Big Horn Federal, Let’s Talk Cellular and Storyteller.

You may place your bid on your favorite basket before they’re moved to the relay site, or place your bid until 8 p.m. at

the event.

The luminary ceremony is scheduled to begin at 10 p.m. with lighted luminaries set out along the pathway the relay is taking through the park.

You may purchase luminaries in memory of loved ones until the night of the relay.

A goal of \$33,000 was set by the relay core committee this year and everyone is encouraged to come for part or the entire overnight event.

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available at the Chamber of Commerce, Storyteller, from any Lions Club member or at the gate both nights of the rodeo.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors (age 60 and over) and children under 7 are free.

Concessions will be available both nights, so no coolers, please.

Additional information may be obtained by calling rodeo organizer Trenda Moore at 921-1902.

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30-year-old system currently in place and to expand the service area from 25 percent of the district to 75 percent. Currently there are a number of residences in the district that are not served by the district.

The project entails installation of a 250,000-gallon water

tank at the top of Coyote Run, which will run in conjunction with the current tank. The additional storage is intended to alleviate the district’s current water pressure issues in areas of the district, as well as allow the district to service more users.

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids, entitled "Riverside Cemetery: Pump Replacement Thermopolis, Wyoming" will be received by the Hot Springs County Cemetery District, P.O. Box 568 Thermopolis, WY 82443 until 1:00 P.M. local time on July 28, 2011 in accordance with the plans, specifications and other contract documents.

At said place and time, and promptly thereafter, all proposals that have been duly received will be publicly opened and read aloud. No bid may be withdrawn within a period of sixty (60) days after the scheduled time for the opening bids.

The scope of the project shall generally include, but not necessarily be limited to:

Removal of existing pump and motor, wet well modifications, and installation of new pump and motor, discharge pipe fabrication, inlet screens, and filtration equipment.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Riverside Cemetery District Office beginning at 4:00 P.M. on July 14, 2011. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is mandatory for all contractors wishing to bid the project as a prime contractor. The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Plans and specifications may be examined in the Riverside Cemetery Office or in the Architect's Office. Copies of said documents may be obtained from the Landscape Architect, Carl Thuesen ASLA, 1925 Grand Avenue #105, Billings, MT 59102, telephone 406-252-5545, for a non-refundable reproduction charge of \$100.00 per set. Project Manager is Nathan Steiner.

Each bid or proposal must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond payable to Hot Springs County Cemetery District, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid. Successful bidder(s) shall furnish an approved Performance Bond, Labor and Material Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. Insurance as required shall be obtained by the successful bidder(s) and a certificate of that insurance shall be provided.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals received, to waive informalities in the bids, to postpone the award of the contract for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, and to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid which is in the best interest of the OWNER. In accordance with the provisions of Wyoming Statute Annotated §16-6-101, et seq., preferences are hereby given to contractors residing in Wyoming and to materials, supplies, agricultural products, equipment, machinery, and provision s produced, manufactured or grown in Wyoming, or supplied by a resident of the state, quality being equal to articles offered by the competitors outside of the state. Any bidder claiming preference must submit evidence of

Wyoming residency as defined in Wyo. Stat. Ann. §16-6-101.

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Notice of Hearing

Red Lane Watershed Improvement District

Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing of the proposed budget for the Red Lane Watershed Improvement District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, which is now being considered by the Red Lane Watershed Improvement District Board of Directors will be held at the Big Horn Federal Community Room at 643 Broadway, Thermopolis, WY on the 12th day of July at 6:00 PM, at which time any and all such persons interested may appear and be heard regarding such budget.

A Summary of the Proposed Budget follows:

		Expenditures
Maintenance		\$3,775.00
Miscellaneous/Administrative		\$290.00
Board Expenses		<u>\$1,870.00</u>
Expenditure Totals		\$5,935.00

		Revenue
Assessments		\$6,295.00
Miscellaneous Revenue		<u>\$500.00</u>
Revenue Totals		\$6,795.00

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LUCERNE WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 611
THERMOPOLIS, WY 82443

***** PUBLIC NOTICE *****

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing on the Final Budget for the Lucerne Water and Sewer District for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 will be held at the Districts Office located at 918 Nakamura Lane, Thermopolis, Wyoming, on the 19th day of July 2011 at 6:00 p.m., at which time any and all Lucerne Water and Non Water Users interested may attend and be heard on the final Budget.

LUCERNE WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at 415 Springview, Thermopolis, Wyoming on the 20th day of July, 2011 at eight o'clock p.m. The purpose of this hearing is consideration and adoption of the proposed budget for Hot Springs County School District #1 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

At this time any and all interested persons may appear and be heard respecting such budget.

These budget considerations are based on an estimated assessed valuation of \$223,298,599.

Hot Springs County School District #1			SUMMARY FY 2012			BUDGET
FUND	Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/11	Anticipated Revenues Without Levy	Fund Balance Plus Revenues	Total Appropriations	Tax Requirement	Mill Levy
GENERAL	\$ 1,416,839.24	\$ 4,085,355.00	\$ 5,502,194.24	\$ 11,623,097.00	\$ 6,922,256.57	31.000
SPECIAL REVENUE	\$ 80,075.15	\$ 1,101,240.00	\$ 1,181,315.15	\$ 1,101,240.00	\$ -	0.000
CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION	\$ 1,051,315.95	\$ 1,043,644.00	\$ 2,094,959.95	\$ 1,058,959.00	\$ -	0.000
MAJOR MAINTENANCE	\$ 792,085.48	\$ 328,204.00	\$ 1,120,289.48	\$ 700,000.00	\$ -	0.000
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 284,685.00	\$ -	\$ 284,685.00	\$ 284,685.00	\$ 279,123.25	1.250
FOOD SERVICE	\$ 38,420.03	\$ 415,000.00	\$ 453,420.03	\$ 412,892.00	\$ -	0.000
INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 163,757.65	\$ 1,664,000.00	\$ 1,827,757.65	\$ 1,668,000.00	\$ -	0.000
SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 382,840.46	\$ 20,100.00	\$ 402,940.46	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	0.000
PUPIL ACTIVITY	\$ 116,401.91	\$ 190,750.00	\$ 307,151.91	\$ 190,000.00	\$ -	0.000
RECREATION DISTRICT	\$ 16,796.60	\$ 11,655.00	\$ 28,451.60	\$ 251,750.06	\$ 223,298.46	1.000

Hot Springs County School District #1 MILL LEVY COMPARISON FY11 to FY12			
	Mill Levy 2010-2011	Mill Levy 2011-2012	Change
Special District Tax	25.000	25.000	0.000
County School Tax	6.000	6.000	0.000
Debt Service	0.000	0.000	0.000
Board of Cooperative Educ Services			
NW BOCES	0.500	0.500	0.000
Fremont BOCES	0.500	0.500	0.000
CWC BOCHES	0.250	0.250	0.000
Recreation Board	1.000	1.000	0.000
TOTAL	33.250	33.250	0.000

Board of Trustees of Hot Springs County School District No. 1
Thermopolis, Wyoming
/s/ Elizabeth Mahoney, Chairman
/s/ Hub Whitt, Treasurer
/s/ Clay VanAntwerp, Clerk

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