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Ellis Webber and Nolan Collins show off their Easter Eggs and baskets after a Kiddie College Easter Egg hunt Thursday, March 28. The preschool held a second Easter Egg hunt Friday for a second class of kids. — J.D. Stetson photo

Commissioners cover emergency requests

by Cindy Glasson

The Hot Springs County Commissioners had a full slate at Tuesday's meeting, including an update on the new airport, a moth control issue at the museum and discussion about a recent bill for housing of an inmate at an out-of-county facility.

Ross Rhodes, director of the Hot Springs County Museum and Cultural Center, presented a bill to the commissioners for pest control totaling \$400.

An infestation of moths at the museum created the need to have a pest control company come in and eradicate the insects.

Rhodes said they have no idea how the infestation started, but by the time the creatures were discovered, damage to three mounts, including a large buffalo head, were so extreme the mounts had to be destroyed.

"Hair was literally falling out in chunks," Rhodes said. "They had eaten the hide behind the hair."

As of Tuesday morning, there were no signs of the insects; however, Rhodes said the exterminator had told him any eggs that had been laid in the museum could still hatch within the next year.

The commissioners approved paying the bill for the exterminator out of emergency expenditures as the museum did not have a line item in its budget for such work.

The commissioners asked sheriff Lou Falgoust to attend the meeting Tuesday afternoon after receiving a bill from the Natrona County Juvenile Justice Center for more than \$7,000.

The bill was for housing a juvenile at the facility at the order of the circuit court judge. The bill was

for a single month's housing, and county attorney Jerry Williams said there will be yet another bill for approximately the same amount. The juvenile has been brought back to Hot Springs County.

Williams said the case has been turned over to district court and it is their hope the district court judge will allow the juvenile to remain housed here rather than be returned to the Casper facility.

The problem, though, is the judge could remand the juvenile back to Casper for as much as six months before a sentencing.

The commissioners again had to dip into emergency expenditures to pay the bill. Williams and Falgoust said they are looking hard for an alternative facility that is not only reasonably priced but safe for a juvenile should the need arise in the future.

Phase III of new airport

GDA Engineers held its pre-bid walk-through for Phase III of the new airport project last week, hosting about 27 contractors who are interested in bidding on this phase.

GDA indicated to the commissioners that all of the major contractors they expected to see bid the work attended the walk-through, along with several that were not originally expected.

Contractors attended from Wyoming, Montana and even one firm from Washington state that is currently working on an airport project in Montana.

Bid opening for Phase III will be April 17 at 2:15 p.m. in the county annex.

Hospital prepping for new EMR in June

J.D. Stetson

The Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees received a brief update regarding the hospital's Electronic Medical Records (EMR) upgrade, approved various changes to quality/compliance policies and received various reports concerning the hospital during its March 26 meeting.

The hospital is determined to go live with the new EMR system June 18 after more than a year of preparation, installation and training with Cerner and Billings Clinic.

CEO Robin Roling said the change-over to the new system won't be without challenges as the go-live date approaches and passes, but the hospital has been working to mitigate any risks through database testing, practice, training and ensuring technicians will be on-site for the switch.

The hospital chose to undergo im-

plementation of the new EMR system due to federal requirements. Once the hospital is able to meet "meaningful use" as defined by federal law, the hospital will be able to receive reimbursement from the government for the purchase and installation of the system.

Pillar reports

The Quality/Compliance committee presented the board with a number of updated written policies concerning aspects of the hospital that include compliance education, duties, access to service providers, responsibilities to the board, reporting mechanisms, HIPAA compliance, confidentiality, a compliance program manual and more. The board passed the updated policies on a unanimous vote.

The board also received reports from Marketing Director T.J. Schoenewald, Chief Financial Officer Shelly

Larson and Human Resources Director Patti Jeunehomme.

Schoenewald reported that 34 hospital employees helped with the blood draws for the Kiwanis Club's Thermopolis Health Fair April 13.

In a written report, Schoenewald also indicated work continues on a Women's Health Month project providing opportunities to community members for various events. The hospital will host a booth at the Health Fair, taking signups for the events, which will include hikes at Hot Springs State Park and at Legend Rock Petroglyph site. Details are still being worked out for various other events for the month.

Schoenewald said the hospital's Environmental Services will also host a booth at the health fair to show the public several of the important steps necessary for quality cleaning in the hospital setting.

Larson reported the hospital continues getting closer to reaching its goals concerning the number of accounts receivable days and days cash on hand.

In February, the hospital had 52.8 days in accounts receivable, which is below its goal of 55 days. It also had 57.3 days cash on hand, which is below its goal of 61 days.

The hospital continues its "Journey to Excellence" leadership and staff program and has various educational and leadership events scheduled in April, Jeunehomme said.

CEO report

In Roling's written report, she indicated the Big Horn Clinic in Basin continues to move forward in its transition to a Primary Care Medical Home with state consultant TransforMed.

The work has involved answering

surveys, readiness changes and providing data to assess improvements.

Roling also announced that the hospital is one of 10 critical access hospitals in the state to receive a community needs assessment from the Wyoming Institute of Population Health. The assessment meets federal requirements mandated under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The assessment is funded under a grant from the Wyoming Department of Health Office of Rural Health.

Roling also introduced interim Chief Nursing Officer Kath Virgil-Belding, who started work at the hospital March 4. Roling said the interim CNO has been hard at work participating in strategic planning, assessing the current nursing organizational structure and working in the nursing setting to ensure success of the EMR implementation.

Elk Foundation banquet and auction in spotlight Saturday

The Big Horn Basin Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) will certainly have something to celebrate during the ninth annual Big Game Banquet and Auction, set for Saturday evening in the fair building at the Hot Springs County Fairgrounds.

According to event organizer Jill Tonn, Wyoming has placed first in fundraising for the second year in a row and captured 15 awards at the 2013 Elk Camp, RMEF's annual national convention Feb. 28-March 4 in



Las Vegas, Nev. The Wyoming chapter of RMEF was one of eight that had a fundraising total of \$100,000 or more, Tonn said.

"It was pretty exciting. It was awesome," Tonn said.

One of the awards received went to Star Valley for the top new RMEF chapter in the entire country.

The Big Game Banquet and Auction begins with a social hour at 5 p.m., featuring a number of games

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Senior Citizens Center serves lunch to 128 on 40th birthday

by Joe Sovia

A capacity crowd honored the 40th birthday celebration of the Hot Springs County Senior Citizens Center on Monday in Thermopolis, with lunch served to 128 people. Volunteers from local churches delivered another 61 meals to homes around the county during lunchtime.

The Senior Citizens Center

opened in 1973 and has been in its current location on Senior Avenue since the summer of 1976. Janet Dickson is the center director; she has been with the facility for nearly 20 years. Roxie Braley, the assistant director and bookkeeper, is in her 13th year with the center.

"It was fantastic. It was a great turnout for us," Braley

said Tuesday. "Now that they've seen what type of meal we prepare, we'll get more seniors here for lunches."

Braley said the center has six routes in the county and currently delivers lunches to homes as far from Thermopolis as Kirby.

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Sheriff Lou Falgoust serves lunch to Don and Alice Schoenberger on Monday at the Hot Springs County Senior Citizens Center. The center celebrated its 40th anniversary during the event. Falgoust has volunteered serving meals for 20 years at the center. The current facility is located on Senior Avenue in Thermopolis. — Joe Sovia photo

Senior

There were a number of special guests for the 40th anniversary celebration Monday, including Shirley Longwell, who was the center's very first director, when the facility was located on Arapahoe Street.

John Lumley, a county commissioner and vice chairman of the Senior Citizens Center Board of Directors, pointed out Victoria Allen as the "senior" senior citizen at the lunch; she is 98 years old.

State Sen. Gerald Geis and State Rep. Nathan Winters attended the lunch and both lauded the center for its service to local senior citizens and other members of the community. Dickeson credited the legislators with playing a role in returning more than \$200,000 to Wyoming senior citizens centers that had been cut from the state budget. "Jerry (Geis) has always been a big supporter of us," Braley said.

When Winters spoke he said, "Thermopolis is just a big family."

Board members recognized

Dickeson recognized the members of the center's board

of directors. They are chairwoman Jeannette Titmus, Lumley, second vice chair Marty Oravec, secretary Karl Allen, treasurer Gerald Munger, David Peake, Joyce Kelley and Barb Vietti.

On the Project Council volunteer board are chairwoman Kelley, vice chair Sybil Hannah, first secretary Mary White, second secretary Nancy Haynes, Anna Jane Ireland, Dollie Coffee, Marilyn Matthews and Peggy Schneider. Golden Age Club board members are chairman Mike Kelley, vice chair Louise Odde, secretary Wally Van Antwerp, treasurer Jean Stanhope, Virginia Odde, Lillie Mueller, Donna Lossner, Duke Allen and Mikki Martinez. Those board members were also recognized by Dickeson.

Dickeson also saluted the center staff, including secretary/home delivery coordinator Patty Curtin; statistician/billing clerk Charlotte Porch; bus driver Ken Chapel; access care coordinator (ACC) Shawn Fields; assistant ACC Trena Moore; homemakers, Dixie Vialpando, Pam Rangel, Colleen Blakesley and Brenda Bo-

ren; cooks Stephanie Palu and Rachelle Roberts; kitchen aides Sarah English, Patty Dean and Roberta Harris; dishwasher Chris Dietz; kitchen substitute/janitor Ellen Galyan; substitute Leonard Jacobs; and companions Twila Wood, Vera Hausauer and Karen Enis.

Sheriff Lou Falgoust served lunch to many of the senior citizens attending. He has volunteered his time in that capacity – each weekday – for 20 years.

During lunch, Van Antwerp sang and played guitar, and was accompanied by Toots Dougherty on the piano.

Lunch Monday-Friday

Braley said weekday meals (Monday-Friday) are served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to persons age 60 and over, and their guests. The suggested donation is \$4 for seniors and their spouses, and \$9 for other guests.

Persons of any age can use the Hot Springs County Senior Citizens Center for activities such as bridge, pinocle and pool. Exercise equipment is also available. Call 864-2151 for further information.



Margaret Hyatt and Dean Bihr enjoy cookies after the Thermopolis Rehabilitation and Care Center Easter Egg Hunt Saturday morning. Children up to age 8 took turns hunting for treats hidden along all corners of the cafeteria. — J.D. Stetson photo

Banquet

and raffles. Dinner is served at 7 p.m. There will be a live auction following dinner and a silent auction throughout the evening. Gary Nash will provide the auction services.

Tonn indicated the number of firearms up for auction Saturday is nearly doubled from last year. She said there would be 24 or 25 firearms on the auction block when generally there are just 12 to 14 such items.

"We've stepped it up pretty well," Tonn said. "I

think people will have a really good time."

Ticket cost is \$65 per person or \$95 per couple. The cost includes a one-year RMEF membership and a prime rib dinner.

Outlets for tickets are White Horse Country Store, Canyon Sporting Goods and Thermopolis Hardware and Mercantile.

For further information about the banquet and auction or RMEF in general, call Tonn at 867-2613 or Dan Webber at 307-899-2283.

Public notices

REQUESTING DBE QUOTES

PAUL REED CONSTRUCTION & SUPPLY, INC

is soliciting subcontractor and material quotes from qualified DBE business for

**Hot Springs County Airport
Airport Relocation Project, Phase III
Earthwork, Drainage, Paving & Electrical**
A.I.P. No. 03-56-0043-03, State Project No. THP-11D
Bids date April 17, 2013 @ 2pm

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McMurry Ready Mix Company REQUESTING DBEMBE QUOTATIONS

McMurry Ready Mix Company is soliciting quotes from qualified DBE businesses for the

HOT SPRINGS COUNTY AIRPORT- RELOCATION PROJECT-PHASE III -EARTHWORK AND DRAINAGE

The bid date is Wednesday **April 17th at 10:00 AM**
(Please submit quotes by COB 4/15/13.)
P.O. Box 2488 Casper, WY 82602 or via fax (307) 235-9093
Contact: John Ramage at 307-473-9581
or via e-mail estimating@mrmco.net
with any question or concerns in regards to this project.

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STATE OF WYOMING)	OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF
)	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF HOT SPRINGS)	THERMOPOLIS WYOMING
		March 5, 2013

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Government Annex.

Present were Commissioners Brad Basse, John Lumley and Mike Baker. Also present were County Clerk Hans Odde, County Attorney Jerry Williams and Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners Penny Herdt. Chairman Basse led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

John Lumley made a motion to approve the agenda with the following changes:

ADD: Ray Shaffer	2.e. TCT Utility License Agreement
Other Business	4. WYECIP Energy Upgrade Draw Down Request #1

Mike Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Mike Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on February 5 and 19, 2013 as presented. John Lumley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve Bills

The following bills were submitted for approval:

BILLS – FEBRUARY, 2013

KONE INC. 391.77/CASPER STAR TRIBUNE 233.75/HOT SPRINGS VETERINARY CLINIC 172.00 / S & H GLASS, INC. 1,114.50 / BRUCO, INC. 390.00 / D & D MACHINE, INC. 4,006.18 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY CPR CHAPTER 315.00 / GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY 952.54 / AFLAC (ACCOUNT #HW652) 685.27 / STATE OF WYOMING - A&I 32.30 / AIT LABORATORIES 180.00 / ALLEGIANCE BENEFIT PLAN MANGT, INC. 39,776.12 / ANITA WEISBECK 87.19 / ATLAS OFFICE PRODUCTS, INC. 98.18 / BRESNAN COMMUNICATIONS 55.20 / BIG HORN WATER 110.00 / BIG HORN ENERGY 456.00 / BILLINGS GAZETTE 429.42 / BLAIR'S SUPERMARKET 660.57 / AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. 522.40 / CASSIE NORSKOG 149.44 / RED ROCK FAMILY PRACTICE 100.00 / THERMOPOLIS HARDWARE 48.92 / CODY DIABETES TEAM 85.00 / COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INS. 148.60 / VERIZON WIRELESS 55.77 / VERIZON WIRELESS 48.79 / VERIZON WIRELESS 57.87 / VERIZON WIRELESS 357.53 / VERIZON WIRELESS 47.97 / TERESA K. CORNELLA 454.21 / CINDY MAGELKY 293.80 / KOERWITZ, MICHEL, 10,800.00 / CROWLEY AIR SERVICE, LLC 4,935.78 / ECONO SIGNS LLC 1,124.86 / FASTENAL COMPANY 12.48 / SHELL FLEET PLUS PROCESSING CENTER 80.42 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 39,918.43 / FORENSICS LIMITED, LLC 160.00 / MORTIMORE FUNERAL HOME 1,260.00 / GDA ENGINEERS 8,179.85 / GOTTSCHKE THERAPY REHAB WELLNESS 360.00 / GREENLINE EQUIPMENT, LLC 122.68 / GRAYSON INDUSTRIAL COATINGS 2,200.00 / MOUNTAIN WEST BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 103.80 / HANS ODDE 363.30 / BETH PRICE 119.95 / HIGH PLAINS POWER 96.06 / HAMPTON INN & SUITES - BUFFALO 154.00 / HONNEN EQUIPMENT CO. WYO 160.53 / HOT SPRINGS MUSEUM 45,000.00 / HOT SPRINGS CONSERVATION DISTRICT 19,000.00 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY HEALTH INS ACCT 61,757.57 / HOT SPRINGS CO. SCHOOL DIST #1 3,267.98 / INDEPENDENT RECORD 1,506.08 / INDOFF INC. 643.31 / ISABELLE M. WILLSON 54.26 / JADE HOUCHEIN 45.00 / JILL JACOBSON-LOGAN 750.00 / JOHN P. LUMLEY 237.86 / JOSH CONRAD 39.52 / KATHY'S GROOMING 92.11 / KENT A. RICHINS 325.00 / MAJOR METAL 5,595.00 / MARY A. GORDON 22.38 / MCGARVIN

MOBERLY CONST. CO. 3,500.00 / MEADOW GOLD BILLINGS 311.29 / MEL'S OK TIRE STORE, INC. 793.92 / HOT SPRINGS COUNSELING SERV. 500.00 / MESSENGER & OVERFIELD 1,725.15 / MOORE MEDICAL, LLC 8.04 / MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. 9,860.22 / NIELSEN OIL CO., INC. 100.80 / NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS 296.46 / ONE STOP REPAIR & 39.70 / O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 43.60 / O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 12.18 / THE OFFICE SHOP, INC 288.45 / OWL LUMBER INC. 178.92 / OWL CREEK WATER DISTRICT 7,904.00 / ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER 4,429.22 / PERFORMANCE AUTO & GLASS 67.14 / PERFORMANCE AUTO & GLASS 79.84 / PENNY T. HERDT 39.99 / PIZZA HUT 138.11 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 190.00 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 2,215.00 / PLAINSMAN PRINTING & SUPPLY 877.51 / POSTMASTER 494.80 / CENTURY LINK 651.92 / REESE & RAY IGA 73.59 / GORRELL & HOPKINSON, P.C. 120.00 / RONALD P. JUROVICH 250.00 / RT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 2,061.81 / SEALS UNLIMITED, INC. 68.86 / SHOSHONE OFFICE SUPPLY 653.34 / SHOP-KO THERMOPOLIS 65.93 / HOT SPRINGS CO SENIOR CITIZENS INC 16,525.95 / THE STANDARD INS. CO. 1,408.74 / STEHLIN PLUMBING & CONTRACTING 156.00 / STATE OF WYOMING GUARDIANS AD LITEM 2,559.17 / SYSCO MONTANA, INC. 1,480.73 / TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP. 164.75 / TEPEE POOLS 306.00 / THOMAS L. BENNETT, M.D. 3,160.00 / TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS 1,004.20 / TRANE U.S. INC. 68,251.50 / TRI COUNTY TELEPHONE ASSOC, INC 333.65 / NORCO, INC. 222.57 / VERIZON WIRELESS 42.53 / VERIZON WIRELESS 32.45 / VICKLUND PHARMACY 154.31 / VISA - CARD ONE 391.94 / VISA - CARD TWO 89.00 / VISA - CARD FIVE 3,067.38 / VISA 191.83 / VISA 136.45 / VISA 153.57 / VISA 331.74 / WCS TELECOM 12.35 / WEST PAYMENT CENTER 127.16 / WINTER EQUIPMENT CO. INC. 923.89 / WIRELESS ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS 12,933.81 / WYOMING DEPT. OF WORKFORCE SERVICES 2,379.60 / WYOMING STATE BAR 78.00 / WYOMING.COM 20.00 / WYOMING DIVISION OF 154.00 / ORCHARD TRUST COMPANY 5,079.26 / WYOMING GAS 3,958.72 / WYONET INC. 227.90 / WYO RETIREMENT SYSTEM 22,698.04 / 036-NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS. 336.00 / WYOMING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER CENTER 135.00
Payroll for February, 2013 - \$160,282.40.

Maintenance Monthly Report

Maintenance Foreman Chuck Carver reported there have been some issues with Trane reported by subcontractors on the project, including a lack of engineering by Trane and materials not showing up on time. Trane seems to be relying on local contractors for job specs instead of doing the engineering work they are contracted to do. The materials issue has led to subcontractors mobilizing to the site in anticipation of work, and then sitting around without materials to perform the job. He has spoken with Trane representative Dave Miller on the phone about this and things seem to be getting back on track. Mr. Miller will be back in Thermopolis today and Mr. Carver will be meeting with him later this afternoon to make sure these items are addressed properly.

The ongoing issue with the operation of the sally port doors continues. Mr. Carver has discussed ways to remedy this with law enforcement personnel, and will do more thorough weekly maintenance on the sensors to attempt to improve the situation.

The janitorial work sink in the Ag Extension building will be replaced today as the drain has rusted out.

The vault floor sealing project has been completed. Work on the ventilation system for the vault is nearly complete.

Repairs from the library break-ins and vandalism have been completed. The Shopko lot parking blocks have been delivered and will be installed by month end.

Road and Bridge Monthly Report

Road & Bridge Supervisor Ray Shaffer reported that he is still working with the BLM on re-permitting the Sand Draw and Kirby Creek pits. There is a tour scheduled for March 13 so the BLM can get an on-ground look at the permit site. Mr. Shaffer provided the Commissioners a copy of the annual report letter sent to Nate & MacCile Brown regarding the county's past and future use of the Brown pit. There is currently 600 yards of pit run stockpiled at the County pit, as well as about 1000 yards of crushed fines purchased from McGarvin-Moberly from the Pearce pit. All the stockpiled cold mix has been used from the Wagonhound pit. The storage pad must be cleaned up also, and that will be used for fill along the shoulders of West Cottonwood road this spring. Reclamation and seeding of the former pit area will follow when the pad material has been removed.

Mr. Shaffer has begun advertising for someone to fill a retirement-related vacancy within the department. He hopes to have the position filled by April 1st.

As soon as the weather permits, Road and Bridge will start a crack sealing project using a cold emulsion product and the crushed fines stockpiled at the County Pit. After the crack seal project is complete, it will be followed with a chip seal project over the same areas. Mr. Shaffer indicated that he hopes to finish the road-widening project on Grass Creek road this summer. It may require the rental of a trackhoe/hammer to complete this project.

The rural fire number project has been completed. The position of the fire numbers has been changed from a flat position to a flag position. Combined with the higher reflectivity index of the new signs, this will make them much easier for first responders to see at night.

A new materials agreement has been signed with Canyon Ready Mix for chips for possible chipping projects this summer.

Road Mapping Project – After reviewing the road records in Hot Springs County and at Donnell & Allred, Inc. in Worland, it appears that there are actually more records available within the county than in Worland, eliminating any need for procuring records from Donnell & Allred, Inc. at this time. Mr. Shaffer presented a proposal from Rick Hudson and Engineering Associates for the surveying and mapping of Road 19, which he has identified as his number one priority mapping project. John Lumley moved to accept the preliminary proposal from Engineering Associates and Rick Hudson to provide survey and mapping services for Road 19 as described, in the amount of \$10,500.00. Funds to come from the County Road Fund line item. Mike Baker seconded the motion. Discussion: Chairman Basse

pointed out that the County is simply mapping the road at this time – no improvements or new road construction is planned as a part of this project. Motion carried. Mr. Shaffer was asked to work with Commissioner Baker and return to a later meeting with further prioritization and budget numbers for future mapping projects.

Skelton Road Approach Agreement – Mr. Shaffer presented an Approach Agreement from Sherman Skelton for an approach to be installed on Skelton Road 0.5 miles from the start of County Road 21. Mr. Shaffer has reviewed and approved the agreement. All required fees have been paid. Mike Baker moved to approve the Approach Agreement with Sherman Skelton for an approach to be installed 0.5 miles from the start of County Road 21. John Lumley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Spring Creek Road Designation – Regarding last month's discussion about changing the name of the road coming off Sorensen Road, currently known as Lower Spring Creek road – Mr. Shaffer has discussed the matter with the landowner, Mr. Bill Smith. Mr. Smith has no objections to changing the name to Spring Creek Road to comply with the Post Office's requirements. No mail is actually received at any address on this road at this time. Mike Baker moved to designate the road as described as Spring Creek Road. John Lumley seconded. Motion carried.

Guardrail Project Discussion – Mr. Shaffer presented estimates from a company who has done guardrail replacement projects throughout the state for the proposed county guardrail upgrade project. The initial portion of the project would be on County Road 8 (East River Road). This would be a federally-funded Rural Road Safety project, with engineering and grant money funneled through WYDOT. The estimate is only preliminary and includes no amounts for grading and dirt work. Mr. Shaffer stated that a lot of that work could be done as an in-kind match by the county. The scope of the project will necessitate engineering and bidding of the project. Each grant through the Wyoming Rural Road Safety program is a 90/10 grant in the amount of \$100,000.00. It appears that the project could be done in phases to utilize separate grants for each phase. CRF funds can be used as grant match funds. WYDOT's L-TAP division will assist with the engineering and grant application process. The Commissioners directed Mr. Shaffer to continue to pursue this project and work with WYDOT/L-TAP on the grant application process.

TCT Utility License Agreement – TCT has applied for a utility license agreement for an underground cable crossing on Missouri Flats road. Mr. Shaffer has reviewed the application and has no issues with it. John Lumley moved to approve the Utility License Agreement between Hot Springs County and TCT, Inc. for an underground telecommunications cable crossing approximately 85' west of the Highway 120 Right-of-Way at the intersection of Highway 120 and County Road 25-15 (Missouri Flats) pending receipt by the County Clerk of the required fees from TCT, Inc.. Mike Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Planner Monthly Report

Planner Bo Bowman reported that the DRAFT County Natural Resource Plan revision has been completed and is currently undergoing a consistency review by Karen Budd-Falen. Funds for this review will come from the Planner's NRPC account. Mr. Bowman has asked the Land Use Planning Board to begin a review of the County Land Use Regulations with an eye to updating them.

Public Highways Resolution-DRAFT – Mr. Bowman presented a Draft resolution dealing with the definition of a public highway for the Commissioners' consideration. This resolution was drafted by the NRPC in response to a statutory amendment passed by the legislature in 2009 allowing counties to recognize public roads that existed as of October, 1976. The NRPC feels that this Draft resolution would be effective in preventing any future closures of public roads on public land, if such closure would be contrary to the County's interests. After reviewing the Draft resolution, the Commissioners questioned the necessity of the resolution and what the NRPC expects to achieve by its passage. The resolution was laid back for further consideration at a later meeting.

Planner Update – The permit applications for expansion of the Sand Draw and Kirby Creek pits have been submitted and are being processed. The Pearce subdivision issues have been successfully resolved. There is currently a cabin for sale within the county allegedly without a permitted septic system for waste disposal – currently an illegal system is being used for waste disposal. Mr. Bowman will send written notification to the owner regarding steps that must be taken to correct this violation. Mr. Bowman has received notification of an un-permitted septic system possibly constructed within the county last year. He is investigating this matter.

Centennial Committee Funds Request

Ross Rhodes appeared before the Commissioners to request funding assistance for advertising for the County Centennial Celebration to be held June 22, 2013. Clerk Odde offered his opinion that this would be a misuse of public funds to assist a private undertaking. Some private funding has already been obtained. The Commissioners declined to take any action at this time.

Museum Façade Project

Ross Rhodes reported he has received two bids for removal of the aluminum façade on the museum. The low bid lists a cost of \$150.00/hour for an estimated 16 hours for a cost of roughly \$2,400.00 just for removal. Disposal of the removed aluminum will add approximately \$2,000 more to the total cost. Mr. Rhodes had hoped to fund this project from the sale of the removed aluminum, but reported that at this time aluminum prices are too low to make this a reasonable solution. Mr. Rhodes would like to have this project completed prior to the Centennial celebration in June, if possible. After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed to investigate ways to get the façade removed using volunteer labor and donated equipment.

Special Mill Levy Request – Weed & Pest Department

Weed & Pest Supervisor Lindsay Woodward and Office Manager Shawna Farrell approached the County Commissioners with the annual request an additional 1 mill on the County's assessed valuation for the special management areas for weeds and

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