



photo by April S. Kelley

Coffee, conversation and help

From left to right, Bob Poch, Marie Buxton and Reverend Ron Philips at the Help Center at Common Ground on Tuesday afternoon.

Citizen input sought for grizzly plan

by April S. Kelley

The Grizzly Plan is a joint resolution put forth in the 63rd legislature of the state of Wyoming 2016 budget session that is taking steps to remove the grizzly bear and the gray wolf from the endangered species list in Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department is accepting public comments on the plan until April 14.

Senator John Barrasso said it is just as important for the citizens of Wyoming to give their input regarding the plan as it is to delist these species to help the state.

"The grizzly bear needs to come off of the endangered species list," Barrasso said. "The way that the federal government comes out with its rules has a direct impact on that. We need to delist the grizzly bear, period. We need to delist the gray wolf as well. Both have been devastating to wildlife and livestock and the endangered species act is being abused."



The endangered species act needs to be revised through Congress, Barrasso said.

"We need to revise the endangered species act so that if a species gets on the list, it truly is endangered," he said. "When it goes on the list, we need to know when the species will hit its non-endangered number. Whenever we hit that number, whether it's grizzly bears or wolves, we need to be able to take them off that list without having to go through all of this government mumbo jumbo to delist them."

The joint resolution is requesting Congress to

seek removal of the grizzly bear and gray wolf populations from being listed under the endangered species act and to assist in funding programs and services for gray wolf and grizzly bear management. There have been numerous economic losses in the state because of the grizzly bear and gray wolf predation on livestock. The cost to manage both the gray wolf and the grizzly bear and to compensate entities and individuals for damage caused by these species is significantly greater than can be sustained through existing budgets of the responsible state and federal agencies.

Barrasso believes the control of these species should be under the direct control of the state of Wyoming.

"Grizzly bears and gray wolves ought to be under the control of Wyoming, not Washington," he said. "People on the ground here know what to do, Washington does not. We're just hoping the government regulators actually listen."

The grizzly bear was first listed as threatened in 1975 when biologists estimated only 136 bears in the Greater Yellowstone Area. Currently, there are estimated to be more than 700.

FWS is accepting public comment on the proposed rule and an accompanying conservation strategy and has committed to complete delisting by the end of the summer. Comments can be made online, at public meetings around the state or by mail. To comment or to see a schedule of meetings, visit <http://wgfd.wyo.gov/News/Wyoming-seeks-public-input-on-post-delisting-grizzly>.

Help Center assists with a little bit of everything

by April S. Kelley

The Help Center at Common Ground, located at 124 N. 5th St., helps individuals with everything from GED tutoring, telephone and internet access, a copy machine, a fax machine and much more.

"What we do is kind of hard to describe because we do it on a case by case basis," Reverend Ron Philips said. "Essentially what we do is sit down with them, have a cup of coffee and discuss what they need help with."

For those looking for work, the Help Center can aid in that process also.

"We can sit down with people, get online and go to Workforce Development and occasionally give them a call," Philips said. "If we know of something else, we'll point them in a direction. More often than not, people don't know how to contact Workforce Development or they're having problems using a computer to access them."

The Help Center can also help with resumes, Philips said.

"We're not a job service but we can help you get there," he said.

Helping someone to get a Wyoming High School Equivalency Certificate is also something the Help Center at Common Ground can do.

"We're not CWC (Central Wyoming College), but we can tutor people in the GED and we fund the testing and the books," Philips said. "Essentially, the GED is free, except for the work individuals are putting into it."

Philips said they have found that several people have gone to different organizations to get help and have not yet found the help they need.

"People should come to the Help Center when ever they have a problem and they haven't found a solution," he said. "We keep building our information base and we do our best to help."

The Help Center at Common Ground is open from noon – 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday every week.

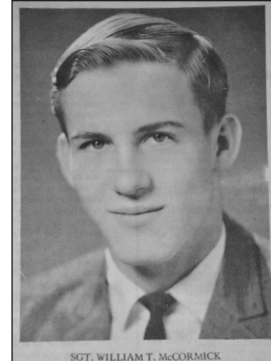
For more information, call Reverend Ron Philips at 864-3851.

McCormick scholarship raffle underway,

Each year, VFW Post 2281 honors the memory of Sergeant William T. McCormick, by providing a scholarship for Hot Springs County High School students in his name.

McCormick was born Oct. 28, 1947 and raised in Thermopolis, and was a star athlete. He was also very scholarly and well respected.

While attending high school, McCormick participated in activities that included Student Council, Language Club and four years of T-Club, in which he served as vice president. He was a member of the National Honor Society, was elected senior class president and attended Boys' State.



He lettered in football, swimming and track, and held the Hot Springs County High School track and field record in high hurdles, low hurdles and high jump. He was state champion in high hurdles and high jump, and was nominated "best athlete" his senior year.

In 1966, he was awarded the Kiwanis Scholarship, VFW honor pin, the Bausch and Lomb Sci-

ence Award and the University of Wyoming honor scholarship.

After high school, in which he graduated 14th out of 107 students, he joined the military and went to Vietnam.

At 22 years old, and having served only 10 months with the Seventh Air Cavalry, McCormick became the first Hot Springs County Vietnam fatality. He was awarded the Bronze Star for valor in action shortly before his death.

Lifetime VFW member Jeff Strong said the VFW has run the scholarship for many years, raising funds on behalf of the family. While the \$600 scholarship is open for all high school students to apply for, preference goes to those who are siblings or children of veterans.

Raffle tickets are on sale, with proceeds going to the scholarship fund. Tickets are \$10 each, with prizes of gift certificates from Blair's for \$100 or \$75 in groceries. Tickets are available at the VFW Club, from VFW Post 2281 members or by calling Strong at 921-2390. The drawing is set for April 15 at the VFW Club.

Public notices

AMENDED FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") dated June 24, 2013, executed and delivered by Ray D. Fraser ("Mortgagor(s)") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as nominee for Liberty Home Equity Solutions, Inc., and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which a Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (Reverse Mortgage) was executed and delivered by said Mortgagor(s), to said Mortgagee, and which Mortgage was recorded on June 28, 2013, at Instrument No. 0505811 in Book 157 at Page 597 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Hot Springs County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

To Liberty Home Equity Solutions, Inc. on January 28, 2016 recorded February 3, 2016 Instrument No. 0519585 in Book 171 at Page 1.

All in the records of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Hot Springs County, Wyoming.

WHEREAS, the Mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of said default, the Mortgagee declares to have become operative, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof, nor has any such suit or proceeding been instituted and the same discontinued; and

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$154,591.46 which sum consists of the principal advances of \$125,430.96 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$19,372.69, plus MIP in the amount of \$8,526.15, plus taxes in the amount of \$651.66, plus appraisals in the amount of \$550.00, plus inspections in the amount of \$60.00, plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

WHEREAS, the property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale. Any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid;

NOW, THEREFORE Liberty Home Equity Solutions, Inc., as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Hot Springs County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon on April 12,

2016 at the front door of the Hot Springs County Courthouse located at 415 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming, Hot Springs County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 7, LONGWELL RANCH SUBDIVISION NO. 2, FILED SEPTEMBER 5, 2000, AS PLAT NO. 87 AT PAGE 123 (PLAT DRAWER A-123) AND REFILED DECEMBER 29, 2000 AS PLAT NO. 88 AT PAGE 268 (PLAT DRAWER A-124), HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING.

which has the address of 720 Country Road, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443.

Together with all improvements thereon situate and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto.

Liberty Home Equity Solutions, Inc.
By: Danette Baldacci
Crowley Fleck PLLP
101 West Brundage Street
Sheridan, WY 82801
1-844-280-7990

Pub. March 17, 24, 31 & April 7, 2016 No. 7737

Legal Notice Notice of Change of Meeting Date

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Hot Springs County School District No. 1 scheduled for May 17, 2016, has been changed to Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room located at 415 Springview, Thermopolis, WY.

/s/ Tobi Johansen
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Pub. March 24, 2016 No. 7740

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Procedural Rules and Special Regulations, notice is hereby given of the application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) requesting authority to decrease rates on deferred net power costs (NPC) pursuant to Tariff Schedule 95; and to increase rates pursuant to Tariff Schedule 93, renewable energy credits (RECs) and Sulfur Dioxide (SO2) emission allowances, as more fully described below:

RMP is a public utility, as defined in W.S. §37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), providing retail electric public utility service under certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by the Commission. RMP is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to W.S. §37-2-112.

On March 15, 2016, the Company submitted

an application together with testimony, exhibits and revised tariff sheets requesting authority to revise and change rates pursuant to two different rate schedules: [i] its energy cost adjustment mechanism (ECAM) Tariff Schedule 95, requesting approval to decrease rates by \$2.7 million in deferred NPC; and [ii] its REC and SO2 revenue adjustment mechanism (RRA) Tariff Schedule 93, requesting approval to increase rates by \$50 thousand to reflect the sale of RECs and SO2 emission allowances. RMP requests that the Commission approve the proposed decrease on an interim basis, effective May 15, 2016, subject to further review and hearing.

Pursuant to Tariff Schedule 95, RMP proposes to recover an approximately \$12.2 million comprised of total deferred NPC including embedded cost differential adjustments during the deferral period, deferral period interest, and residual balances from prior ECAMs. The Company proposes to revise Tariff Schedule 95 by adding the \$12.2 million to the currently effective deferred NPC rate that is designed to collect \$13.9 million from retail customers. Notwithstanding the \$12.2 million increase for the deferral period, the \$13.9 million will decrease when the Company stops collecting amounts from prior ECAM deferrals May 14, 2016.

Pursuant to Tariff Schedule 93, the Company is proposing to refund to customers approximately \$644 thousand to account for calendar year 2015 balancing account adjustments and 2016 forecast sales revenues for REC and SO2 products in the market. From the currently approved \$690 thousand surcredit, this results in an overall increase of \$50 thousand from current rates.

RMP is also requesting a change to the filing date and rate effective date for future filings beginning in 2017. The current filing date is March 15 and the request is to change it to April 15. The current rate effective date is May 15 and the request is to change it to June 15.

This is not a complete description of RMP's application. Interested persons may inspect the entire application at RMP's Wyoming offices and at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours. The application may also be reviewed on line at <http://www.pacificorp.com>.

Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, protest, intervention petition or request for a public hearing in this matter must file with the Commission in writing on or before April 11, 2016. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or you wish to file a public comment, statement, or protest, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission

at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 20000-492-EA-16 in your communications.

Dated: March 21, 2016.

Pub. March 24 & 31, 2016

No. 7743

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session March 15, 2016 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Pro-tem Dusty Lewis, Council members Tony Larson, John Dorman Sr. and Mark Nelson. Also, present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Fred Crosby, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Public Works Director Ernie Slagle, Police Chief Steven Shay and Town Attorney Mike Messenger. Mayor Mike Mortimore was absent.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Dorman made a motion, seconded by Nelson and carried to approve the agenda as presented.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the financial statement for February 2016.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: ANNE KEHLER: CURB STOP ISSUES: Kehler was not in attendance.

TOWN ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: Barnett was unable to attend. Crosby noted the Cedar Ridge tank painting project is expected to begin on March 21, a meter pit and pressure reducing valve (PRV) are next on the Meadowlark project and the cemetery PRV is in the planning process.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: Nothing at this time.

ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: EXCESS EQUIPMENT BIDS: Crosby publicly opened two bids on March 14, 2016 at 2 pm. Brad Lofink, dba Plowboy Auto, bid \$950 on the side load garbage truck, \$900 on the rear load garbage truck and \$350 on the Crown Vic. Jacquie Michel bid \$400 on the Crown Vic. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to award the bids to the high bidders.

ADMINISTRATION: MRG 15003: 1ST STREET SEWER PROJECT CLOSURE: Nelson made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to notify the State Lands and Investment Board that the project was complete and the Town would not need the remaining \$45,973.82 in grant funds.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: OTHER: The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm. The next Council meeting is April 5, 2016 at 7 pm.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule,
Clerk/Treasurer

Dusty Lewis,
Mayor Pro-tem

Pub. March 24, 2016

No. 7744

Hot Springs County District Court
Civil Action No. C16-7

from the Business Office, 415 Springview, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443.

Notice of Action to Appoint A Wrongful Death Representative for the Death of Justin Scott.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That on April 10, 2015, Justin Scott of city of Thermopolis in the County of Hot Springs in the State of Wyoming, died in Thermopolis, Wyoming, of possible unnatural causes. Miss Sandra (formerly Walker) Scott was, at the time of Justin Scott's death, the mother of Justin Scott. That on the 4th day of February, 2016, Sandra Scott through attorney Peter Timbers of Casper, Wyoming, and Hartford Insurance Company instituted petition to establish a wrongful death estate on behalf of the Justin Scott in the Wyoming District Court in Hot Springs County, Wyoming. Said petition is for the appointment of Sandra Scott as the Justin Scott Wrongful Death Estate Personal Representative for the purposes of settling the Wrongful Death Estate of Justin Scott. The petition instituted by Sandra Scott and Hartford in the Hot Springs County District Court for the State of Wyoming is:

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JUSTIN SCOTT

Civil Action Number C16-7

Any person claiming to qualify as a person who will best represent the interests of the potential beneficiaries under Wyoming Statute 1-38-104(a) may intervene as a matter of right. The notice shall be published for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which Justin Scott resided at the time of his death, Hot Springs County, Wyoming.

A report of all reasonably ascertainable beneficiaries shall be made to the District Court in and for Hot Springs County, Wyoming. Any person claiming to be beneficiaries or have an interest or claims in the estate and/or Wrongful Death Estate of Justin Scott should immediately notify Peter J. Timbers at his address as follows:

Peter J. Timbers
Schwartz, Bon, Walker & Studer, LLC
141 South Center Street, Suite 500
Casper, WY 82601
Telephone: (307) 235-6681
Facsimile: (307) 234-5099

Pub. March 10, 17 & 24, 2016 No. 7729

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of Hot Springs County School District No. 1, Thermopolis, Wyoming, for the following:

To furnish Hot Springs County School District No. 1 milk and dairy products for the school year 2016-2017 as per listed items and specification. The school district reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive any irregularities in the bids or bidding procedures.

Bids for Dairy Products shall be in a sealed envelope clearly marked **DAIRY BID**.

Bids will be accepted and filed at the Business Office, 415 Springview, Thermopolis, Wyoming until 10:00a.m., Tuesday April 12, 2016, at which time and place bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids will be available for public inspection. The school district reserves the right to select portions from the bids that are the best for the quality and price. Awarding of the bids will take place at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees on April 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, 415 Springview, Thermopolis, Wyoming

Preference shall be given to Wyoming vendors pursuant to provisions of Chapter 6, Title 16 of the Wyoming Statutes. The specification, bid forms and other pertinent information may be obtained from the Business Office, 415 Springview, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443.

/s/ Tobi Johansen
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Pub. March 24 & 31, 2016 No. 7739

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of Hot Springs County School District No. 1, Thermopolis, Wyoming, for the following:

To furnish Hot Springs County School District No. 1 diesel and unleaded gasoline products for the school year 2016-17 as per listed items and specification. The school district reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive any irregularities in the bids or bidding procedures.

Bids for fuel shall be in a sealed envelope clearly marked **FUEL BID**. Bids will be accepted and filed at the Business Office, 415 Springview, Thermopolis, Wyoming until 10:00a.m., Tuesday April 12, 2016, at which time and place bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids will be available for public inspection. The school district reserves the right to select portions from the bids that are the best for the quality and price. Awarding of the bids will take place at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees on April 19, 2016 at 6:30p.m. in the Board Room, 415 Springview, Thermopolis, Wyoming

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/s/ Tobi Johansen
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Pub. March 24 & 31, 2016 No. 7738

STATE OF) OFFICE OF THE
WYOMING) BOARD OF
) COUNTY
) COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF) THERMOPOLIS
HOT SPRINGS) WYOMING
March 15, 2016

The Hot Springs Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex. Present were Commissioners Brad Basse, John Lumley and Tom Ryan. Also present were County Attorney Jerry Williams, and Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners Penny Herdt. County Clerk Nina Webber was absent due to her participation in Election Training in Casper. Chairman Lumley led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Tom Ryan moved to approve the agenda with the following changes:
ADD: Marie McDougall 1.b. Support Letter – PH DEEP Program
Brad Basse seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Health Grant Amendment

Public Health Nurse Marie McDougall presented an amendment to the Public Health Response Contract for an increase of \$6,000.00 for the Commissioners' approval. This additional award resulted from Mary Gordon's project proposal to expedite the credentialing of spontaneous volunteer practitioners in the event of an emergency situation. Tom Ryan moved to approve Amendment One to the PHRC grant between Hot Springs County and the Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division. Brad Basse seconded the motion. Discussion: Amendment One is in the amount of \$6,000.00, bringing the total PHRC grant award to \$46,000.00. Motion carried.

Support Letter – DEEP (Diabetes Empowerment Education Program)

The Public Health Department has developed a Diabetes Education program in conjunction with the Senior Citizen's Center. PH Nurse Anita Weisbeck has taken training to become certified as a DEEP instructor. Implementation of the program requires both State and County Commission approval. Brad Basse moved approval of the chairman's signature on a letter of support to the State Public Health Supervisor regarding the implementation of the Diabetes Empowerment Education Program in Hot Springs County. Tom Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Airport Update

Fuel Tank Update – GDA representative Dustin Spomer reported that the majority of the work on installation of the fuel system at the new airport is complete. The project is expected to be finished and final inspection by the DEQ is scheduled for March 31st. Electrical and Fire Marshall inspections have also been scheduled. Mr. Spomer noted that there was a required change to the Spill Control & Containment Plan requiring the purchase of a Spill Kit for roughly \$500.00. The SPCC Plan has been revised to reflect this change. Treasurer Julie Mortimore reported that she has completed her part of the paperwork for the credit card system and Clerk Webber is finishing that up.

Fire Marshal Review of T-Hangar Plans – Commissioner Basse reported that he has completed the site plan for the T-Hangars and will submit it to Pat Westerholm at the Fire Marshall's office this week for review. Brad Basse moved to submit the plan review as presented to the State Fire Marshall's office with a check for the fee of \$582.35. Tom Ryan seconded the motion. Discussion: in the interest of efficiency and quicker turnaround time, Commissioner Basse will personally pay the plan review fee and submit a voucher for reimbursement at the first meeting in April. Motion carried.

Old Fuel Tank Disposal – Commissioner Basse reported that discussions with the DEQ Compliance Supervisor indicate that the County can sell the old fuel storage tank after submitting a change of service from regulated to unregulated use notification to the DEQ and cleaning the tank. The tank cannot be used for public dispensing purposes, but may be used for private dispensing purposes. The current FBO has obtained quotes to have the tank cleaned and/or disassembled. The delivery nozzles and hoses are fairly new and will be retained by the County. The FBO will look into an extension of the six-month time limit for decommissioning of the old tank. GDA and Owl Creek Aviation will investigate potential buyers for the tank. Commissioner Basse will follow up on this item.

Closeout Status Report – Mr. Spomer responded to questions regarding the weekly closeout status report for the new airport project. Items still under discussion include selling the job trailer, creation of an Airport Overlay District to protect the surrounding airspace, and finalization of the GPS Approach, among others. Mr. Spomer noted that the SRE Building Operations/Maintenance Manuals are being compiled for delivery at this time.

Black Mountain Road Study / WyoBen Questionnaire

Commissioner Ryan reported on his discussions with WyoBen representative Dale Nuttall regarding their input on repairs/renovations to Black Mountain Road. Mr. Spomer was asked to work with the Commissioners' staff to facilitate a meeting sometime the first part of April between

Wyoming Business Council representative Leah Brusino, the Commissioners, GDA Engineers and WyoBen to discuss funding options available through the WBC for work on Black Mountain Road.

Audit Review

Michael Wright with the accounting firm Koerwitz, Michel, Wright & Associates presented the Final County Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2015. This report includes an A-133 grant compliance audit for the Airport Improvement grant and the CDBG-Owl Creek Water District grant. This report is available for public review in the County Clerk's office. Mr. Wright reviewed the audit and accompanying comments, stating that the required written responses to the Audit Comments have been received from the Treasurer and the Clerk. There were no material weakness findings with regard to internal controls or non-compliance. Mr. Wright noted that there is a new line item on the financial statements shown as Net Pension Liability. This is not something new as part of the audit, but recent changes to Governmental Accounting Standards require it to be listed separately in the financial statements. Brad Basse moved acceptance of the 2015 Audit /Financial Statements. Tom Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Weed & Pest Funding Requests

Mosquito Control Funding Request – Weed & Pest Supervisor Lindsey Woodward submitted a request for \$1,300.00 for mosquito control within the County. This request was denied. Ms. Woodward will submit her department's annual levy request at a future meeting.

County Road Weed Spraying – Ms. Woodward presented a proposal for weed control on the County Roads in the amount of \$34,950. After discussion, it was agreed that Road & Bridge would cover the sterilant program which must be completed before May, and the rest of the program would be considered as part of the 2016-2017 budget.

Annual Operating Plan – Fire District

County Attorney Jerry Williams presented the 2016 Annual Fire Protection & Operating Plan Agreement between the Cody Interagency Dispatch Zone Coordinating Group and Hot Springs County for the Commissioners' signature. Attorney Williams has reviewed the plan, which has not changed substantially from previous years, and recommends its approval. The main part of the plan applicable to Hot Springs County is the mutual aid section outlining interagency cooperation and cross-county billing agreements Tom Ryan moved to approve the chairman's signature on the 2016 County-Wide Fire Protection Plan and Annual Operating Plan Agreement between the BLM, WSFD, USFS, NPS, BIA, and the counties of Big Horn, Park, Fremont, Hot Springs and Washakie and their respective fire districts. Brad Basse seconded the motion. Motion carried. Fire Warden Dion Robbins will provide Clerk Webber with a fully signed copy of the agreement.

HSCMH Master Facility Plan Update

Hospital CEO Robin Roling and Hospital Board president Bill Williams presented the Commissioners with the latest draft concept of the building plan for the hospital and associated cost estimates. It was stressed that this is only a draft concept – further detail work will wait until the level of community support has been established. Dr. Williams provided an update on the master facility plan. Ms. Roling and Dr. Williams noted that there seems to be a good cross-section demographically of public participation in the development of this plan.

Museum Security System

Museum Board representatives Doris Ann Ready and Pete Coggi discussed the pressing need for a better security system at the museum. Mr. Coggi and museum employee Jeff Hurd have put together a plan for a security camera system to monitor both levels of the Museum and the Museum Annex across the street. The estimated cost of the system and installation is less than \$2,500.00. The Pioneer Association has offered to help cover some of the cost of the system. Tom Ryan moved to authorize \$1,000.00 for the security system at the Museum, with funds to come from Emergency Expenditures. Brad Basse seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Wyoming Public Lands Initiative

Larry Bentley spoke to the Commissioners regarding the goals of the WPLI. There are two Wilderness Study Areas (WSA's) in Hot Springs County – one up Owl Creek including an area known as the Needles and one shared with Washakie County known as the Cedar Mountain area. Governor Mead has asked the counties statewide to form committees to research and comment on the wilderness characteristics or lack thereof for the WSA's in their respective counties. Several county residents have expressed interest in participating on such a committee if the Commissioners decide to participate. It appears that the cost of participating in the WPLI will primarily be time – it is anticipated that this project will take about three years. Brad Basse moved to participate in the WPLI. Tom Ryan seconded the motion. Discussion: Washakie County has asked that Hot Springs County work together with them regarding the Cedar Mountain WSA. Motion carried.

Other Business

Cloud Peak Counseling Center MOU Amendment – Cloud Peak Counseling Center is asking to amend their contract with the County to require the County to pay for transportation costs for CPCC clients to go to WBI or elsewhere as needed. The County Attorney expressed concern that the amendment does not require the County be given notification prior to transport. The Commissioners asked Attorney Williams to work with CPCC to insert language addressing his concerns

and tabled action on the amendment to the April 5th meeting.

High Plains Power Annual Meeting Proxy – The Commissioners declined to name a proxy, so no action was taken on this item.

Correspondence

Lucerne Pumping Plant Canal Company – 2016 Annual Meeting; 2015 Minutes
Fairboard Minutes – February, 2016
NRPC Minutes – February, 2016
Big Horn Mountain Coalition – Workshop Date Notification
Bureau of Reclamation – Reservoir Water Information Meetings; Bighorn River Flushing Flow Notification
Planner – DEQ Small Wastewater System Activity Report - 2015

The Commissioners reviewed the foregoing correspondence items. No additional action was required.

Executive Session – Brad Basse moved to enter into Executive Session for reasons of potential litigation at 6:25 p.m. Tom Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Brad Basse moved to re-enter regular session at 6:31 p.m. Tom Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Brad Basse moved to appoint Fremont County Attorney Patrick LeBrun (or one of his deputies if Mr. LeBrun is unavailable) as a special prosecutor for a potential case Hot Springs County. Tom Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the board, Tom Ryan moved to adjourn. John Lumley declared the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Attest:
John P. Lumley, Penny Herdt,
Chairman Deputy Clerk to the Board

Pub. March 24, 2016 No. 7742

Warrants List

The following list of warrants approved March 15, 2016, by HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT is hereby published as required by the Wyoming Education Code of 2005, as amended, Chapter 3, Section 21-3-110 (a)(ii).

PLAYING AT LEARNING	\$500.00
CDW GOVERNMENT INC	\$506.73
BRUCO, INC.	\$509.84
WALMART COMMUNITY	\$515.09
SUPER 8 MOTEL	\$525.00
REESE & RAYS IGA	\$559.99
TROXELL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	\$596.00
POSTAGE BY PHONE/PURCHASE	
POWER	\$598.81
COLORADO MAMMOTH	\$600.00
BLAIRS MARKET - THERMOPOLIS	\$665.24
VIVIAN SANNES	\$672.90
SLEEPING GIANT SKI RESORT	\$674.00
HIGH PLAINS PIZZA, INC.	\$682.76
PINNACLE BANK	
OF THERMOPOLIS	\$730.59
INDEPENDENT RECORD	\$733.55
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS STORES	\$774.85
AMERICA'S BEST VALUE INN	\$779.10
FOUNDATIONS, INC.	\$868.00
C'MON INN	\$909.93
KONE, INC.	\$933.96
AMAZON.COM INC	\$993.88
GOLD MEDAL SQUARED	\$1,000.00
ELDER EQUIPMENT	
LEASING OF WY, INC.	\$1,071.07
BLAIRS MARKET - THERMOPOLIS	\$1,217.57
BEST WESTERN -	
RAMKOTA HOTEL	\$1,245.00
HOT SPRINGS CO CPR CHAPTER	\$1,275.00
BIG HORN ROOFING, INC	\$1,288.12
PINNACLE BANK	
OF THERMOPOLIS	\$1,294.67
CHRISTIE COLVIN	\$1,327.30
HASCO INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	\$1,373.20
UNIVERSAL ATHLETIC SERVICE	\$1,415.77
TOBI JOHANSEN	\$1,434.75
SHOPKO	\$1,442.44
THERMOPOLIS HARDWARE	\$1,554.50
AFTER SCHOOL DEPOT	\$1,621.19
BRANDI MONGER	\$1,631.68
RT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	\$1,683.99
OWL CREEK GRAPHICS	\$1,790.05
LYNX SYSTEM DEVELOPERS, INC	\$1,916.00
BIG HORN BASIN HEARING, INC.	\$1,920.00
ULINE	\$2,078.80
NEWMIND GROUP, INC	\$2,208.00
SUCCESS N FUNDRAISING	\$2,244.00
AMAZON.COM INC	\$2,387.18
INDOFF, INCORPORATED	\$2,393.98
THE OFFICE SHOP	\$2,530.82
PHONAK INC	\$2,585.39
PINNACLE BANK	
OF THERMOPOLIS	\$2,653.35
AMAZON.COM INC	\$2,707.18
OWL LUMBER	\$2,727.16
NORCO	\$3,152.95
TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS	\$3,255.00
GOTTSCHKE REHABILITATION	
CENTER	\$4,117.50
COMPUTER VILLAGE	\$5,884.90
SYSCO FOOD SERVICES	
OF MONTANA	\$8,698.01
PINNACLE BANK	
OF THERMOPOLIS	\$9,052.54
FOOD SERVICES OF AMERICA	\$9,496.51
JADECO, INC.	\$10,047.72
TUMBLEWEED PROPANE	\$10,048.99
WYOMING GAS COMPANY	\$10,619.25
KOERWITZ, MICHEL	
& ASSOC. P.C.	\$12,200.00
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER	\$18,965.26
Total	\$171,887.01

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