

available in the county buildings and provide training to individuals in those buildings on how to administer. No formal action was taken on any of these issues.

A draft agreement was presented regarding the Game & Fish and the current walk-in archery area at the old ICM property near the airport. The board reviewed the document and Attorney Crago provided an explanation of the document and some potential changes needed. No formal action was taken.

A two-day malt beverage permit was presented for approval. Application was submitted by the American Legion Post #13 to sell beer during the Johnson County Fair & Rode on Aug 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. Clerk Camino confirmed appropriate fees had been paid. Commissioner Shelley moved to approve, Perry seconded and the motion. Perry called for public comment – being none the motion carried.

Emergency Management Coordinator Marilyn Connelly explained that the Tisdale Mountain radio tower lease pertaining to the lease on land currently owned by Mr. Morrison, formerly owned by Kaycee Land & Livestock, needs to be renegotiated. She had discussed the lease with the new owners and they indicated that they would require \$500 annually vs the current \$100 annual fee. Marilyn indicated this is more than reasonable and requested we agree to those terms. The commissioners agreed. Attorney Crago will draft a new agreement to be presented for approval at a future meeting.

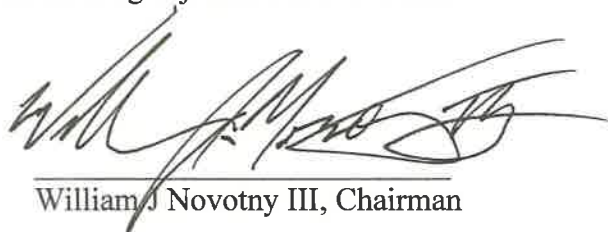
Lindsey Belliveau, Director of the Johnson County Library explained that one of her employees has resigned and requested the hiring freeze be waived so she could fill that vacancy. Commissioner Shelley moved to approve the request to waive the hiring freeze, Perry seconded and the motion carried.

The annual contract was presented for approval between the Public Health Department & Johnson County for the County Health Officer. The contract which is #230918 was not on the agenda but Attorney Crago provided an explanation about the purpose of the contract and recommended approval to sign. Shelley made a motion that the contract be signed, Perry seconded, and the motion carried.


Vice-Chairman Perry called for any additional business or public comment. Laura Ulrich introduced herself as the new President of the Board of Directors of the animal shelter. She provided a copy of their annual financial report and discussed the cut that they had received a 78% decrease in their funding from the City of Buffalo. She expressed the need to change the county's contract with the animal shelter to provide a monthly increase from \$300 to \$500. Robert Garrison spoke on behalf of the animal shelter as well and encouraged the commissioners to support the shelter. He also made comments about concerns over the property tax increases and discussed various legislation on this matter, including deferral program.

Vice Chairman Perry stated he had erred in not presenting the minutes from the regular meeting of May 2, 2023, for approval at the start of the meeting. Commissioner Shelley moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Commissioner Perry. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Perry called again for any additional public comment. Being none, he called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Shelley moved to adjourn the meeting with Perry providing a second. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.



William J. Novotny III, Chairman

Attest:   
Jackie Camino, County Clerk

#### Commissioner Meeting June 06, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was brought to order by Commission Chairman William J. Novotny III at 9:00 am on Tuesday June 6, 2023. Attending were Commissioners Bob Perry & Jeff Shelley, Commissioner's Assistant Jody Telkamp, County Attorney Tucker Ruby and, County Clerk Jackie Camino.

Chairman Novotny presented the minutes from the May 16, 2023, regular commissioners meeting and asked if there were any changes or corrections. Being none, he called for a motion to approve which was provided by Commissioner Shelly, seconded by Commissioner Perry and the motion carried.

At 9:03 AM, Chairman Novotny convened a budget hearing to consider Resolution #701 to amend the county budget in the amount of \$85,000.00. The funds are in the form of a grant from the Wyoming Department of Transportation to the Johnson County Airport Board for the Runway End Indicator Light Project (REIL). Clerk Camino confirmed it had been advertised as required. Commissioner Perry moved to approve the Resolution; Commissioner Shelly seconded. Chairman Novotny called for public comment and Commissioner Perry provided an explanation on the project. There was no other public comment. Resolution passed 3-0. At 9:08 AM the budget hearing was adjourned, and the Commissioners returned to regular business.

Chairman Novotny presented a proposal to rescind unspent 1% allocations from previous fiscal years. He recommended the following 1% funds be reallocated to the 1% fund: FY18-19-Harold Jarrard Park \$1,200, Buffalo Chamber of Commerce \$116.88. FY 19-20; JoCo First-Marketing \$762.42, Harold Jarrard Park \$16,730.00, JC Youth Camp \$36.58, District Court \$169.22, JoCo First Capital Improvement \$5,952.50, Historic Court House boiler \$43,877.58, JC Assessor \$1,500, JC Planner \$65.44, JC YMCA \$239.50, JC Youth Camp \$986.01, FY 20-21 JC Road & Bridge \$1, Mikesell Potts Rec Area \$1,887.25, Historic Court House \$28,900, JC Fair Board \$6,028. Commissioner Shelley moved to approve this proposal, Commissioner Perry provided the second and the motion carried.

Johnson County Public Health Director Kristin Friedrich provided comments again about her need for another part time nurse in her department and asked the commission to consider waiving the hiring freeze. The current budget does not provide funding for the position. Commissioner Novotny inquired if she had included that request in her 23-24 budget. She stated that she would submit an amended budget and include that request. The commissioners tabled the request to be revisited after the FY 23-24 budget is approved. County Health Nurse Friedrich indicated that the Narcan had come in and would be distributed to the county buildings and will provide training to employees in each building.

Chairman Novotny presented Resolution #702 – Veterans Memorial and called for a motion to approve. Perry moved for approval, Shelley seconded. Novotny called for public comment and being none, the motion carried.

Clerk Camino presented Resolution 703 for approval which would allow the Johnson County Tourism Association to add their employees to the Johnson County health insurance plan. Perry so moved with Shelly seconding. Chairman Novotny called for public comment. Amy Williams inquired if this resolution included retirement and Novotny replied that it was only for health insurance. Being no further comment, the motion carried.



A final version of the grant agreement for the Lake DeSmet north boat access in the amount of \$175k between Johnson County and the Wyoming Game & Fish was presented by County Attorney Tucker Ruby for approval. Tucker advised that everything is in order and he advised approving & signing. Bob Perry moved to approve, Shelley seconded and the motion carried.

Chairman Novotny discussed the need and sought approval to draft four separate letters to the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Sage Grouse Implementation Team on behalf of Johnson County in our cooperative agency status.-Commissioner Perry moved to approve, Commissioner Shelley seconded. Novotny called for public comment. Comments were provided by Garrett Lindemann, and Kerry Aggen. Novotny called for a vote – motion carried.

Chairman Novotny presented Adam Todd as a candidate to be appointed to the Johnson County Tourism Board. Jeff Shelley moved to approve, Bob Perry seconded and the motion carried.

Clerk Camino presented catering permits for approval that had been submitted by Amanda from Taylors Invasion Bar for Elmer wedding June 23, Longmire Night Rodeo on June 22,29 – July 6, 13, 20 – Aug 10 and the Sullivan wedding on Aug 26th. Clerk Camino confirmed all fees had been paid as required. Commissioner Shelley moved to approve, Commissioner Perry seconded and the motion carried.

Vouchers were presented which totaled \$319,2817.37 for approval. Novotny & Shelley both indicated they'd had questions that had been answered and requested no changes. Shelley moved to approved, Perry seconded and the motion carried.

Having covered all agenda items, Chairman Novotny called for any additional public comment. Jerry Spiering requested that the commissioners make an effort to project comments louder at the meeting so all can hear. Bob Perry also provided comments on the poor appearance and lack of maintenance on the Summer Information Center. Jody Sauer from the JCTA addressed the concerns assuring them that the Chamber of Commerce is working on the solution. Garrett Lindemann made comments requesting that the commissioners hold a town hall meeting to address the property tax issue and requested our law makers be in attendance. Chairman Novotny stated he'd taken it under advisement. Laura Ulrich from the animal shelter provided a corrected financial statement as the previous one had an error. Kerry Aggen provided comments on her previous formal complaint about the COVID-19 vaccine. She reaffirmed her formal complaint and requested the commissioners act to shut down the use of the vaccine. Garrett Lindemann and Marianne Ferrari both made comments to support her request and agreed the substance is harmful. Having no further public comment, Novotny closed public comment and called for a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Shelley moved to adjourn the meeting with Perry providing a second. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.


The following vouchers were paid:

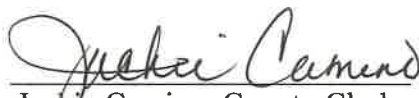
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parts; Wyoming Police Service Dog Assoc 60.00 dues; Wyo Public Health Lab 80.00-lab; Wyo Taxpayer Assoc \$195.00-dues; Xerox Corp-Copies570.93-copier lease/maint; Charlotte Yenney \$372.00 May Camp Host.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m..

  
William J. Novotny III, Chairman

Attest:   
Jackie Camino, County Clerk

#### Commissioner Meeting June 20, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was brought to order by Commission Chairman William Novotny III, at 9:00 am on Tuesday, June 20, 2023. Attending were Commissioners Bob Perry and Jeff Shelley, Commissioner's Assistant Jody Telkamp, County Civil Attorney Barry Crago and County Clerk Jackie Camino.

The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Novotny presented the minutes from the regular meeting of June 6, 2023. Commissioner Perry moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Commissioner Shelley. Motion carried.

Chairman Novotny introduced the Honorable Justice John Fenn from the Wyoming Supreme Court. Judge Fenn is the Chairman of the State Court Security Commission. He provided comments on the results of the security inspection he'd done earlier that morning. He praised Johnson County for their facility and process. His recommendation was to ensure adequate manpower as needed and to support Sheriff Odenbach on any requests for additional manpower. He commented that Johnson County was doing better than most counties and provided information on some potential grants that are available.

Chairman Novotny presented two one-day malt beverage permit requests for approval from the South Fork Lodge to provide malt beverages at the Pig Wrestling event at the JC Fairgrounds on June 23, 2023, and from The Lake Stop for a wedding on July 1<sup>st</sup> at Kearney Hall. Clerk Camino confirmed all fees were paid. Commissioner Shelley moved to approve the requests, Commissioner Perry seconded and the motion passed.

Commission Assistant Jody Telkamp presented two T-Hangar leases for approval from Mike Bacon & Dennis Boggs. She indicated that these are the only two leases that had been received that included the required proof of insurance. The other leases in hand did not have the insurance confirmation. She indicated that Airport Board Treasurer Gerald Fink had recommended we not sign any leases without the insurance information and therefore she just had the two presented for approval. Civil Attorney Crago confirmed these were the updated leases he'd recently drafted and sent out. Commissioner Perry made a motion to approve signing the leases, Commissioner Shelley seconded and the motion carried.

Two Museum Board appointments are set to expire on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Current board member Lynn Young has requested to be reappointed. Applications have also received from Karen B Harvey and Cynthia Pallister. Commissioner Perry who acts as the liaison to the board stated that the board had not provided any input as to a preference of the applicants. Current Museum Board of Governors member Craig Cope was in attendance and was called upon for comment. He requested that Lynn Young be reappointed and that either of the other applicants would be acceptable but he had no preference. Commissioner Perry moved to reappoint Lynn Young to the board and Commissioner Shelley seconded; the motion passed. Commissioner Shelley moved to appoint Cynthia Pallister to the board for the remaining opening, Commissioner Perry seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioners addressed the opening of a position on the Johnson County Tourism Association Board. Taylor Lawson had expressed an interest and after discussion the commissioners agreed that the individual met the threshold for requirements. Commissioner Perry moved to appoint Taylor Lawson to the board and Commissioner Shelley seconded; the motion passed.

Chairman Novotny inquired of Clerk Camino, Assistant Telkamp & Civil Attorney Barry Crago if there was any additional business. Having none, he called for public comment.

Jerry Spiering presented a plan for framework to provide affordable housing in Johnson County. He is advocating for the formation of a board to accomplish this. He indicated that he'd approached the Buffalo Housing Authority and they indicated they didn't want anything to do with it. However, he'd discussed this with Dennis Kirven who indicated that the Housing Authority is the best vehicle we have to accomplish the goal. He had researched what other communities are doing and some were working with a developer with funding provided by Wyoming Community Development Authority, as well as corporate and individual participation in the form of donations. No formal action was taken.

Amy Williams provided comments & detailed statistics to support the need to have a public forum/town hall meeting to discuss the property tax situation. Chairman Novotny indicated that he and State Representative Barry Crago had been working on this and they had secured Ashley Harpstreith from the Wyoming Taxpayers Association to give a presentation. He explained the meeting would be held on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Buffalo High School auditorium with a town hall meeting to follow the presentation.

Cindy Barlow made an inquiry about the Wyoming Taxpayers Association and their role. Attorney Crago responded to her inquiry. Barlow asked if the Assessor would be allowed to provide an explanation on the assessment process at the town hall meeting as the Wyoming Taxpayers Association is a deceptive name – and it is paid for predominantly by industry and that's who they represent. Chairman Novotny answered in the affirmative that he would personally invite County Assessor Steve Esponda to the meeting but explained that he is an elected official and the board cannot require him to attend. Barlow also questioned how much training the board has had to be qualified to act as a Board of Equalization. Chairman Novotny responded with an explanation as to the training and experience he's had in that regard. She inquired if the public would be allowed to comment at the town hall meeting to which he responded in the affirmative.

Jan Loftus requested that the commissioners consider reducing the mill levies. She agreed that while the legislature had taken action that would assist a few, it should be equal assistance to all. She cited property tax bills that had been presented and killed at this year's legislative session.

Greg Loftus presented comments to advocate for less spending and asked the commissioners to lower the mill levy for the upcoming budget.

Amy Williams provided an announcement that the joint revenue committee would be having a meeting on Monday & Tuesday at Sheridan College in the Thorne Rider Campus Room.