

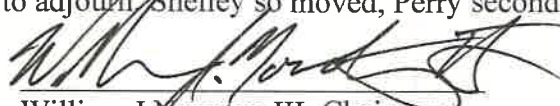
Bob Ostheimer from the Recycle Board presented comments to the board about his recommendation for the open board position. He inquired as to the process and if the current board chairman should be consulted. Commissioner Perry said he'd been leaning toward one of the applicants but would concede, honoring any commitment the board had made to the other applicant. Perry moved to appoint Rachel Woita to the open position of the Recycle Board, Shelley seconded and the motion carried. There was a brief discussion around the hours of operation and the need for the center to operate on weekends or evenings.

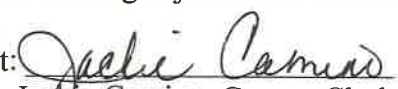
Chairman Novotny called for any additional business or public comment before moving to Executive Session. He called on Kerry Aggen who had requested to make comments. She presented comments around her amended complaint around the COVID vaccines currently being administered, providing various data to back her opinion on the matter. She asked what action the Commissioners could take. Novotny responded that he would review her complaint with County Attorney Ruby but he indicated that likely the authority to respond does not lie with the county but rather at a higher level, i.e. state & federal.

Marilyn Connelly commented on the recent need to call a Code Red and close the county offices and indicated based on the forecast, another Code Red could be called. Commissioners all agreed there is a need for the County to be sure to notify the City of our intentions and they should reciprocate. She commented on the need to provide adequate notice to our facilities manager, as well as the landfill.

Having no further business Novotny called for a motion to move into Executive Session to deal with a personnel matter. Perry moved to recess for ES, Shelley seconded and the motion carried at 10:37 am.

Chairman Novotny reconvened the regular meeting of the Johnson County Commissioners at 11:45 am. Perry made a motion to allow Commissioner Shelley & County Attorney Ruby to enter into negotiations for a contract with Forensic Consulting LLC to allow the Johnson County Coroner's office to continue to operate efficiently. Seconded by Novotny, and the motion carried. Novotny called for any additional business or public comment. Being none, he called for a motion to adjourn. Shelley so moved, Perry seconded and the meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.


William J. Novotny III, Chairman

Attest: 
Jackie Camino, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting March 07, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was brought to order by Chairman William J. Novotny, III at 9:00am on Tuesday March 07, 2023. Attending were Commissioners Jeff Shelley and Robert Perry, Commissioner's Assistant Jody Telkamp, Civil Attorney Barry Crago, and County Clerk Jackie Camino.

Perry moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023, regular meeting. Shelley seconded; motion carried.

Board Appointments: Two applicants, Jeremiah Wolski & Kris Whitney, have expressed an interest in the open seat on the Planning Board and qualifications were discussed. Perry moved to appoint Jeremiah Wolski, Shelley seconded and the motion carried. Marilyn Novotny was presented as an applicant to be appointed to the Child Support Authority Board. Due to a conflict of interest, Chairman Novotny recused himself from discussing or voting on this issue. Shelley moved to appoint Marilyn Novotny to the Child Support Authority Board, Perry seconded and the motion carried.

Scott Pehringer from Road & Bridge approached the board with a request to lift the hiring freeze to replace a blade operator who will be leaving April 27th. He indicated he would advertise immediately to fill the position. Shelley moved to waive the hiring freeze currently in force to replace a blade operator. Perry seconded and motion carried. Ashlea Bassett had two documents that needed signed by the commissioners pertaining to the congestion mitigation air quality (CMAQ) dust suppression project. Pehringer provided a brief update on the project and ongoing process. The documents were certifications that must be signed and submitted because we have been awarded Wyoming Department of Transportation funds for the project.

Sheriff Odenbach approached the board with a request to lift the hiring freeze to replace a Sheriff's Deputy who has resigned. He has a candidate already that is currently working in the jail and he is an excellent fit as he has past experience and training. That will vacate a position at the jail, but this department does not fall under the hiring freeze. Odenbach requested that the hiring freeze be rescinded to avoid obtaining approval when he has an opening. Novotny explained the hiring freeze was put in place by a resolution in 2015 and would remain in place until officially rescinded. Perry moved to approve the request to hire a deputy, Shelley seconded and the motion carried. Odenbach provided a brief update pertaining to recent drug busts and current jail population numbers. He also discussed the need to replace some vehicles that are worn out which are approved 1% money. Four vehicles have been ordered, but we haven't been able to take delivery due to production issues.

Tim Cahal and Phil Gonzales of Buffalo Trails Board provided a semi-annual update and explained they'd partnered with First Interstate Bank on some clean up and had rec'd a small grant from them. Cahal discussed the adopt-a-trail program, cleanup projects, grants awarded and difficulty keeping a full-time seasonal employee. Gonzales proposed that the commissioners adopt a portion of the trails. They discussed going to a QR code system to provide information to tourists and locals along the trail. Jim Waller provided comment on the trail map. Novotny provided comments on the master plan update. Cahal expressed an immediate need for a strategic plan. They also discussed the need for signage to warn of the pedestrians and cyclers as well as the possible need for a speed limit for eBikes. Novotny called for public comment. Buffalo Mayor Schrader commented on the need to coordinate with Gillette & Sheridan to provide similar rules. Treasurer Carla Bishop recommended providing a speed limit vs banning the ebikes on the trail.

Treasurer Bishop presented her recommendation for 1% allocation for the FY23-24, which is to allocate at the same level as last year. Novotny explained that last years funding was \$200k, and the prior year \$150k. Bishop cautioned that in subsequent years it may be necessary to reduce that amount due to anticipated inflation. Novotny called for public comment – being none he called for a motion on this matter. Perry moved to approve the allocation of \$200k to the 1% committee, Shelley seconded and the motion carried.

County Planner Jim Waller approached the Commissioners to approve a boundary adjustment pertaining to Kirk Atter & 7M Land & Livestock after providing a detailed explanation as to the need. His recommendation is to have the Commission approve the affidavit & mylar and sign the plat noting correct titling. Novotny called for public comment. Hearing none, Perry moved to approve the request, Shelley seconded and the motion passed.

The Commissioners revisited the approval of the liquor license for The Johnson County Moose Lodge which had previously not been acted upon. Clerk Camino presented a letter from Fran Johannson from the Lodge asking the commissioners to consider extending the license for one year until they could secure a new location as allowed under

state statute. After discussion, Perry moved to decline the request and Shelley seconded. Barry Crago advised that it would be in their best interest to just withdraw their application. Crago agreed to contact them directly. Perry withdrew his motion and made a motion to table the matter until the next meeting. Shelley seconded and the motion was approved.

A catering permit was requested for the Gatchell Museum Association spring roundup. Shelly moved to approve the permit, seconded by Perry. Motion carried.

Commissioners Assistant Jody Telkamp announced that the Commissioners' scholarship applications are now available online through April 10th. Telkamp also presented additional comments about the redesign of our website. She expressed the need to migrate to new website with an updated version and a new hosting agency. Telkamp provided details on what they offer and what the contract would include. The process will take approximately 4 months to build & launch the new website which is beyond when our current contract will expire. Vestor Logic will continue to support our website provided we give them a hold harmless statement in writing. Crago indicated that would be no problem, but regarding the new contact, he said we need to have added that we have full rights to the website. Perry moved to approve engaging Revize, Shelley seconded and the motion carried. After further discussion, commissioners determined we needed to have a motion to have the chairman draft a hold-harmless letter to Vestor Logic relieving them of responsibility if our website were to be compromised. Perry moved, Shelley seconded and the motion was approved.

Voucher were presented for approval in the amount of \$459,598.39. Perry moved to approve payment of the vouchers, Shelley seconded and the motion carried.

Novotny called for additional county business or public comment. County Attorney Ruby who had joined the meeting. provided comment about additional opioid funds that will be available from another source. The funds have to be applied for. Ruby asked for approval for Johnson County to participate. Shelley made a motion to approve the request for Johnson County to participate in this new opioid settlement, Perry seconded and motion passed.

Novotny asked for any additional public comment. Having none he called for a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss a personnel issue and pending litigation. Perry so moved, Shelley seconded and motion carried at 10:39 a.m.

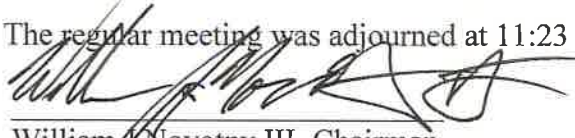
Regular session reconvened at 11:22 a.m. Novotny asked called for any additional business or public comment. Hearing none, he called for a motion to adjourn. Shelley moved to adjourn, Perry seconded and motion approved.

The following vouchers were paid:

Total Wages,Health Ins benefits,deductions-\$674,679.99;AARMS- jail guidelines195.00;Ace Hardware-Supply 856.67;AT&T Mobility-Cell phones669.16;Axis Forensic Toxicology282.00;Bob Barker Co-Supplies4,442.40;BF Construction -plowing3,240.00Big Horn Coop-Fuel4,278.90; Big Horn Coop Marketing-Cardrol-10,416.15;Big Horn Surveying & Engineering1,932.50;Big Horn Tire-,oil change/repairs1,190.26;Black Hills Chemical 690.97; Bomgaars 46.35; Boys & Girls Club of The Big Horns-4th qtr TANF5,391.31;Buffalo Building Center34.28;Buffalo Computer Consulting1,589.00;Buffalo Bulletin-Ads1,482.00;Buffalo Childrens Center-4th Qtr TANF2,301.63;Buffalo EMS-batteries742.54;Buffalo Golf Club-1% funds15,000.00;Buffalo Small Engines LLC5.85;Buffalo Urgent Care-Prisoner care900.00;City of Buffalo-8,694.84;Camino Law749.14;Capital Business Systems, Inc-Maint100.94;Cenex Fleet card-Fuel5,843.63;Century Link-Telephone 2,722.43;Civicore-Neon-mentor program567.00;Clear Creek Printers-Supplies1,118.22;CMI-TECO-repairs1,688.39;Coda Glass-Windshield320.00;Communications Technology-Equip-1,091.86;Compass Center for Families 4th Qtr TANF4,500.00;Croell Inc2,192.50;Desert Mtn Copr-ice slicer6,630.30 Digetek-Contract,supplies, labor30,572.14;DJ's Thriftway-Prisoner food 2,117.95;Drivers License Guide Co31.95;Eaton Sales & Serv LLC2,192.75;Ensemble Health Partners3,501.40;Colette Fenster-Labor375.00;First Northern Bank-payroll 100.00;Kristin Friedrich-mlg reimb 34.06; Gated Solutions-parts 117.16; Grainger-Parts1,997.34;Granite Pass Dental-prisoner dental 857.00; Great Divide Fabrication-maint 5,386.82; Heartland Kubota LLC-parts 198.39 Honnen Equipment Co-parts531.69;Savannah Jackson RD-dietician jail 45.00;Jake the Shredder Guy-Labor15.00;Jim Gatchell Museum-1% allocation25,715.67;Johnson County Aviation-Contract5,200.00;Johnson County Justice Office-Supplies94.65;Jo Co Search & Rescue-supplies,repairs,reimb & fuel 6,557.70;Johnson Co Reimb-Rent400.00;Jo Cnty Emp Disability-Prem 1,000.00;JoCo Emp Health Plan-Reimb7,010.92; Kaycee,Town of-Wtr,swr280.58;KBJ Economic Development booth fee50.00;Liberty Emblem Co LLC50.98;Lincoln National Life Insurance Co-Prem969.52;LSJ Concrete & Exc-prkg lot const28,922.74;Kristin Lipp-reimb mileage206.89;Lynn's Super foods-Prsnr food652.79;Main Street Diner-city/county mtg144.00;MCI Comm Service-Kaycee1.20;McKesson Medical-Surgical prisoner med exp185.04;Montana Dakota 3Utilities-Utilities9,644.29;Morrison-Maierle42,721.03;Motorola Solutions-Svc contract1,200.00;Mountain Auto Supply-Parts667.22;Nelson Engineering Bypass Tr project2,772.00; NORCO-Supplies186.08;Northern Wy Mental Health2,513.10;Bill Novotny-travel exp legislature/NACO 1,143.44;Office Ally-insurance billing Jan 35.00;Office Shop Inc-copies274.59;Office Shop Leasing- Lease 860.95;Peak Pest Solutions-pest control 829.40;Pivotol Data Solutions-Firewall annual fee 4,030.00;Plansource-annual fees 6,215.32;Pomps Tire Serv-tires 1,526.16;Porter Muirhead Cornia Howard-audit 55,000.00;Powder River Energy-Utilities1,996.99;Prescription Shop-Prsnr Meds614.23;Quadiant Inc Pstge meter100.82;Rad Rides Garage-Parts15.49;Radar Shop-radar recertification 1,001.00;Range-Telephone-5,083.11;Redwood Toxicology Lab-Supplies233.50;RELX Inc-Law materials-150.00;Paige Rhoads-mileage/meals 168.13;Rock Emm Design-repairs 1,549.76; Rocky Mountain Power-Utilities7,632.53;RT Communicati-repairs,phones423.18;Mark Schueler-Health Officer\$7,400.00; Pete Schumacher-reimburse shelving 265.01;Servall-Supplies135.13;Sheridan County-Rent 527.00;SHI International-annual Microsoft license31,197.10;Squeeky Kleen Car Wash-Washes68.25;St Francis Animal Shelter-Contract-3 mos 900.00;Stanley Sanitation-airport gargage150.00;Josh Stensaas-reimb travel exp 289.32;Summit Fire Protection-kitchen hood/fire suppression svcs 1,088.75;Summit Psychological Svc-prisoner evaluation 1,500.00;Supplyhouse.com-supplies301.58 Swedes Fire Extnguisher-supplies388.75;TK Elevator Co-annual serv contract 9,696.00;Transunion Risk & Alternative-Data166.00;Tri-County Gas-propane 30.00; US Food Service-

Prsnr food, supply 8,188.59; Verizon Wireless-Cell-926.57; Visa K9 exp-1,345.06; Visa-Sheriff-Supplies 954.42; Visa-First Bank Card-Parts, supply, equip, ldging, meals, fuel, orientation-8,771.80; VISA/JC Detention-fuel, lodging, supplies, training exp-2,611.88; VISA-Public Health-Supplies 4,110.42; Visionary-Internet-454.26; VSP-Vision Care-Premium 1,963.58; Jim Waller-Mlge 165.45; Water Products Inc-Water, water/cooler rent 191.25; Mark Wilson-mileage 60.26; WLEA-ADVTMG-detention basics 821.50; WY Brand Industries-Road sign 32.13; Wyoming Behavioral Institute-Title 25-3,770.00; Wyoming Dept of Workforce Svcs-Unemployment ins-457.39; Wyoming Machinery Co-Parts 769.35; Xerox Corp-Copies, maint 571.82.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.


William J. Novotny III, Chairman

Attest:


Jackie Camino, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting March 21, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was brought to order by Chairman William J. Novotny, III at 9:00am on Tuesday March 21, 2023. Attending were Commissioners Jeff Shelley and Robert Perry, Commissioner's Assistant Jody Telkamp, County Attorney Tucker Ruby and County Clerk Jackie Camino.

The Commissioners discussed funds being allocated by the Wyoming Department of Health that represent money collected from gambling activities in the state. Based on the formula, Johnson County's share would be \$9,125.43. Attorney Ruby commented that there is a benefit and we should move forward. Ruby reviewed the document to request the funds and recommended signing. Shelley moved to approve signing the agreement to accept the funds. Perry seconded. Novotny called for public comment – hearing none, motion carried.

The Commissioners considered appointment to the Lake DeSmet Advisory Board. Applications were received from Erin Litton and Kevin Michelena. Perry moved to appoint Michelena to the board. Shelley called for more discussion which resulted in Perry rescinding his motion. After discussion, Shelley moved to appoint Erin Litton to the Lake Desmet Advisory Board. Perry seconded the motion. Novotny commented that Michelena likely would qualify for the open environmental seat so he could still have an opportunity to serve on the board. Motion carried w/ Perry abstaining from voting.

Chairman Novotny called for an update of the liquor license matter for The Johnson County Moose Lodge. Clerk Camino explained that the Moose Lodge had withdrawn their application and their \$300 license fee has been refunded. However, we had retained the \$60 they had paid for advertising because we had incurred that expense. Ruby confirmed that this had been handled properly and the matter could be considered closed.

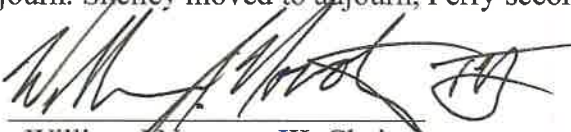
Commissioners Assistant Jody Telkamp gave a presentation on the new website and took suggestions on items to include that may have been missed.

The upcoming budget process was discussed. Shelley made a motion to set Johnson County's final bill pay for the end of the fiscal year on June 27th from 9:00am to noon. Perry seconded; motion was approved. Perry moved to set adoption of Johnson County's Fiscal Year 23/24 budget on July 17th at 9:00 a.m. Shelley seconded and the motion carried. Shelley moved to consider 1% allocation requests on April 18, 2023, at 9:00 am. Perry seconded and the motion carried.

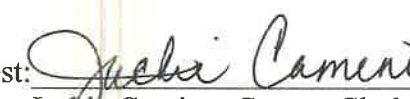
Attorney Ruby updated the Commissioner on the lawsuit regarding the boat ramp at Lake DeSmet. Trial was set for March but parties settled the matter in mediation. The settlement provides for a payment of \$125,000 to Johnson County. Johnson County will in turn grant approval for the party's private ramp at Lake Desmet. Ruby felt like it was a good settlement for the county and would be a benefit residents and visitors. Novotny called for a motion to accept & sign the settlement agreement and easement. Perry moved; Shelley seconded. Novotny called for public comment. Jerry Spiering questioned if anyone could put in a private ramp. Ruby replied in the negative and explained that this particular property holds different rights than other properties around the lake. Novotny called for a vote on the motion – motion carried.

Chairman Novotny called for additional county business or public comment. Clerk Camino asked if we should have a correction of the 1% funds allocated because at the previous meeting Treasurer Bishop had recommended we stay in line with prior years allocation, but the previous allocation was inadvertently stated as \$200,000 when it was actually \$165,000. Novotny confirmed there was an error but the amount had already been sent to the 1% committee.

Chairman Novotny called for any additional business or public comment. Hearing none, he called for a motion to adjourn. Shelley moved to adjourn, Perry seconded and motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.


William J. Novotny III, Chairman

Attest:


Jackie Camino, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting April 04, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was brought to order by Commission Chairman William J. Novotny, III at 9:00am on Tuesday April 04, 2023. Attending were Commissioners Jeff Shelley and Robert Perry, Commissioner's Assistant Jody Telkamp, Civil Attorney Barry Crago, and County Clerk Jackie Camino.

The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Novotny presented the minutes from the regular meetings of March 7, and March 21, 2023. Commissioner Perry moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Commissioner Shelley. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Scott Pehringer presented two resolutions. Pehringer confirmed that the public had been noticed in the paper of record, the Buffalo Bulletin for three weeks. Chairman Novotny called for further discussion or public comment. Hearing none, Novotny read Resolution 698 to County Road 308, known as Fairgrounds Road. Commissioner Perry moved to approve Resolution 698; Commissioner Shelley seconded; motion carried. Chairman Novotny read Resolution 699 to create County Road 309, to be Cowboy Trail. Commissioner Shelley moved to approve Resolution 699; Perry seconded the motion and the motion carried.