

Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of the Proceedings - Final

Historic Courthouse
310 W 19th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82001



Tuesday, July 2, 2019

3:30 PM

Commissioners Board Room

Roll Call/Call to Order

Present: Chairman Linda Heath, Vice Chairman Amber Ash, Commissioner K. N. Buck Holmes, Commissioner Gunnar Malm, Commissioner Troy Thompson

Minutes

1. Consideration of the Minutes of Proceedings for June 18, 2019.

[19 - 269](#)

Attachments: [Draft of the June 18, 2019 Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Malm, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Heath, Ash, Holmes, Malm, Thompson

Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Heath, Ash, Holmes, Malm, Thompson

2. Consideration of an appraisal service contract between Laramie County, WY, and Thomas Y. Pickett & Company, Inc.

[19 - 264](#)

Attachments: [TY Pickett & Co. Appraisal Service Contract](#)

This agenda item was approved.

3. Consideration of a malt beverage permit submitted by The Arc of Laramie County for The Arc of Laramie County Oktoberfest Fundraiser at The Archer Complex on September 21.

[19 - 268](#)

Attachments: [The Arc of Laramie County 24-hour Malt Beverage Permit September 21](#)

This agenda item was approved.

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4. Consideration of nine malt beverage permits submitted by The Knotty Pine Saloon at the Archer Complex for the Bulls and Barrels, July 5 and 12; Laramie County Fair Events: Ranch Rodeo, July 13; Car Show and Heartland Truck and Tractor Pull, August 3; Demolition Derby, August 4; Pig Wrestling, August 7; Team Roping, August 8; Barrel Race, August 9; Rubber Check Race, August 10. [19 - 267](#)

Attachments: [The Knotty Pine Saloon 24-hour Malt Beverage Permits July 5, 12, 13, August 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10](#)

This agenda item was approved.

5. Consideration of a eleven-day malt beverage permit submitted by Wyo Campground to provide malt beverages to patrons of the campground at 4066 Co Rd 211, July 19 through July 29. [19 - 274](#)

Attachments: [Wyo Campground 24-hour Malt Beverage Permit July 19-29](#)
[Wyo Campground 24-hour Malt Beverage Permit July 19-29 - Additional Receipt](#)

This agenda item was approved.

6. Consideration of the ratification of a malt beverage permit submitted by Perry Kinard, dba PK and C.A.M.P. Intermountain Speedway, to provide malt beverages to spectators at the speedway located at 4820 S Greeley Highway on June 28, 2019. [19 - 266](#)

Attachments: [Intermountain Speedway 24-hour Malt Beverage Permit June 28, 2019](#)

This agenda item was approved.

7. Consideration of the following fees collected by various County entities for May 2019: County Clerk, \$146,230.28; Sheriff, \$152,153.19; Clerk of District Court, \$13,771.36; Shooting Sports, \$15,136.52; Planning & Development, \$126,220.72; Circuit Court, \$44,735.00; DUI Court, \$410.00; Drug Court, \$664.00. [19 - 270](#)

Attachments: [May Fees 2019](#)

This agenda item was approved.

8. Consideration of the following part-time salaries in the amount of \$34,974.71 for June 2019: Planning, \$320.00; Shooting Sports, \$5,070.91; Events Department, \$3,000.25; Buildings/Maintenance, \$14,390.35; Sheriff Operations, \$1,690.99; Detention, \$7,055.93; District Court, \$2,625.00; Drug/DUI Court, \$821.28. [19 - 271](#)

Attachments: [June Part Time Salaries 2019](#)

This agenda item was approved.

9. Consideration of warrants in the amount of \$4,159,494.37 for June 2019. [19 - 272](#)

Attachments: [June Warrants 2019](#)

This agenda item was approved.

10. Consideration of a service agreement between Laramie County, WY, and Rocky Mountain Trane for the purpose of providing service and maintenance of Laramie County's HVAC systems as described in Attachment A. [19 - 276](#)

Attachments: [Rocky Mountain Trane Service Agreement - HVAC](#)

This agenda item was approved.

11. Consideration of an agreement between Laramie County, WY, and Foundations, LLC, to provide substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, drug testing, and other services to the Laramie County Drug Court program in the amount of \$179,021.40. [19 - 278](#)

Attachments: [Foundations, LLC Agreement 2019-2020](#)

This agenda item was approved.

Report & Public Petitions

12. Presentation of an update on Christensen Road from the City of Cheyenne. [19 - 277](#)

Wes Bay, Deputy City Engineer for the City of Cheyenne, gave the Board of County Commissioners a brief update on the Christensen Road project. The project will connect US Hwy 30 to I-80 which will be completed by the end of summer 2020. Bridge construction will begin in 2019. Mr. Bay noted the project is being funded from the 6th Penny project on the 2012 General Election ballot. Mr. Bay further noted the City is evaluating other options instead of a roundabout. Mr. Bay spoke of closing E Pershing Blvd and said the closure should not extend past late October.

Commissioner Holmes said he was concerned about the effect on residents and detours to US 30. He said a memorandum of understanding needs to be created. Mr. Bay did not feel WYDOT would allow US 30 to be closed because of the high traffic volume. Commissioner Holmes requested Mr. Bay contact the County's Public Works Director Dave Bumann.

Commissioner Thompson asked if all of Right-of-Way Acquisitions have been acquired. Mr. Bay informed the Board that not all Right-of-Way Acquisitions have been accomplished. Commissioner Thompson inquired about the status of negotiations with landowners. Mr. Bay spoke of the process and stated the offer to property owners should be within a week after the necessary City approvals.

No action was required on this item.

Resolutions

13. Consideration of a request, pursuant to W.S. 18-8-108 and 18-8-301 for the consent and approval by the Board of County Commissioners, by Cheyenne Regional Medical Center to close its Transitional Care Unit.

[19 - 263](#)

Attachments: [Resolution to Close TCU](#)
 [CRMC Presentation to Close TCU](#)

Tim Thornell, President and CEO of the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center (CRMC), reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the Transitional Care Unit (TCU). Mr. Thornell noted the TCU is losing \$1.5 million a year. He further stated TCU admissions have declined 9% this year in favor of home health care. Commissioner Ash asked why TCU was experiencing a loss when other companies are not. Mr. Thornell said other companies have a larger capacity to spread costs over more beds.

Mr. Thornell noted that there are qualified local providers offering the same services as the TCU. He said that freeing up resources consumed by TCU will allow improved services and expansion of the Intensive Care Unit and the Mother Baby Unit. Chairman Heath asked if there was an option to move the TCU. Mr. Thornell said the cost would be up to \$4.8 million and TCU would still operate at a loss.

Mr. Thornell requested the Board of County Commissioners approve closing the TCU. He said closure of the unit was in the overall best interest of the health system's resource stewardship and would allow CRMC to focus on services only they can provide in the community.

Commissioner Thompson expressed his concerns for patients who may fall through the cracks. Mr. Thornell said the medical center is obligated to have a safe discharge for patients and there are other companies in the area to provide those services. Mr. Thornell noted home health is more sought after and said if there are no viable options, the hospital will retain patients longer on the acute side. Commissioner Thompson requested the hospital share information on readmission rates with the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Thornell agreed to provide data to Commissioners in the future.

Commissioner Holmes asked for information about home health care capacity. Phyllis Sherard, VP of Population Health/CSO of the CRMC, spoke of the services the hospital provides in terms of capacity and noted the services are provided in Cheyenne, Wheatland, and Torrington.

Commissioner Malm spoke of the need for the County to expand critical services not offered by private sector.

Chairman Heath opened the hearing for PUBLIC COMMENT.

Paula Qualls, resident of Cheyenne, spoke of how the TCU helped her and other family members recover and expressed her concerns about closing the TCU. Bryan Merrell, Senior Executive Director of Cheyenne Life Care Center, spoke of his facility's capacity to serve patients, including accommodating those who would have been served by the TCU. He spoke of the quality care Life Care provides and the fact that it has a five-star rating.

Hearing no further PUBLIC COMMENT, Chairman Heath closed the hearing.

Each of the County Commissioners spoke of the reasons for voting to close the TCU and noted their decision was not taken lightly. Commissioners acknowledged the great services TCU has provided to Laramie County residents and expressed appreciation for residents' input on this issue.

A motion was made by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Vice Chairman Ash, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Heath, Ash, Holmes, Malm, Thompson

- 14.** Consideration of a resolution amending resolution 190521-11 designating a public records person.

[19 - 265](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Amending Resolution 190521-11](#)
[Designation of Public Records Person](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Malm, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Heath, Ash, Holmes, Malm, Thompson

Land Use:Variances/Board App./Plats

- 15.** PUBLIC HEARING regarding a Subdivision Permit and Plat for Jordan Ranch, 1st Filing, a portion of land in the SW1/4 SW1/4, Section 22, T. 15N., R. 66W. of the 6th P.M., Laramie County, WY.

19 - 273

Attachments: [Jordan Ranch, 1st Filing](#)

Marissa Pomerleau, Planning, said the discussed tract is assessed as agricultural and has not yet been developed. The gross acreages of the proposed tracts are 10.04 and 30.04, and meet the minimum density requirements for groundwater recharge based on the AMEC Memo per section 2-1-103(c)(i) of the Laramie County Land Use Regulations. The surrounding area consists of single-family residences with individual water and septic systems to the west, residential vacant tracts to the east and south, and Wyoming state land to the north.

Bobby Allbaugh, Edwards Development Company and representative for the applicant, requested a four-week postponement of the Board's decision because of a delay in meeting one of the conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

Ms. Pomerleau said based on evidence provided, staff recommends approval with the adoption of findings of fact a with the following condition: Applicant shall provide documentation of legal access to the Jordan Ranch, 1st Filing, boundary before recordation of the plat.

Chairman Heath opened the hearing for PUBLIC COMMENT. Hearing no PUBLIC COMMENT, Chairman Heath closed the hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Ash, seconded by Commissioner Malm, to postpone this agenda item as requested by the applicant. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Heath, Ash, Holmes, Malm, Thompson

- 16.** PUBLIC HEARING regarding a Subdivision Permit and Plat for Wild Horse Park Subdivision, located in a portion of Tract 77, Allison Tracts, 2nd Filing, Laramie County, WY.

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Attachments: [Wild Horse Park Subdivision](#)

Nancy Timble, Planning, said the 1.83-acre property contains a single-family residence and associated structures, which will remain on Lot 1, Block 1 of the new subdivision. The property is surrounded by established mobile home parks, all of which are located in the MR - Medium Density Residential Zone District.

Trey Rinne, AVI and representative for the applicant, was available for questions.

Ms. Trimble said based on evidence provided, staff recommends approval with the adoption of findings of fact a and b with no conditions.

Chairman Heath opened the hearing for PUBLIC COMMENT. Hearing no PUBLIC COMMENT, Chairman Heath closed the hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Vice Chairman Ash, to approve the Subdivision Permit and Plat for Wild Horse Park Subdivision, and adopt the findings of facts a and b of the staff report. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Heath, Ash, Holmes, Malm, Thompson

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I, Debra K. Lee, Clerk of Laramie County, do hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Proceedings for Tuesday, July 2, 2019.

Approved by : Debra K. Lee, County Clerk

Reviewed by : Linda Heath, Chairman,
Board of County Commissioners

Reasonable Accommodations

This information is available in alternate forms. If reasonable accommodations are required, contact Laramie County Human Resources at (307) 633-4355 or lchr320@laramiecounty.com at least two business days prior to the meeting.