

March 15, 2005
Green River, Wyoming

The Board of County Commissioners met this day in Regular Session with all members present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Pallesen asked for any Commissioners' Business to discuss.

Commissioner Johnson stated that he would like to commend the Hospital Management Search Committee, on which Chairman Pallesen serves, for considering several different options on how the hospital should be managed. He also stated that the Library Board that he sits on is trying to decide what needs to be done with the HVAC system in the Community Fine Arts Center. He said that the county participates in a cost share with the City of Rock Springs for maintenance on the building and will be approached when the repair costs are determined.

Commissioner Oldfield advised the other Commissioners that the Yellowstone Road-Signal Drive road project has been held back a year and that he feels that the county should therefore complete the JY Road this year. He said that this could relieve some of the pressure when the Yellowstone Road project is undertaken next year. He stated that he has County Engineer John Nelson working on the cost estimate for the JY Road project.

Chairman Pallesen stated that the Hospital Management Search Committee is taking a hard look at hiring a management firm to run the hospital. He said that the decision on this will be made after the committee has analyzed the assessment of needs that is being compiled. Commissioners Oldfield and Johnson voiced their support for the management firm concept for the hospital.

Chairman Pallesen suggested that the Board write a letter to the Coalition of County Governments suggesting that another leg of the Coalition study include travel, tourism and economic development. Commissioner Johnson stated that the Runyan study made for the State of Wyoming included these topics and that he would get a copy of the study for the chairman.

The Commissioners signed the newspaper advertisements soliciting applicants for county boards. Commissioner Johnson stated that he would also like radio advertisements, adding that county boards are extremely important and that he would like to encourage more citizen involvement.

In response to a request from the Sweetwater County Historical Society, Commissioner Oldfield made a motion to approve a letter to the Wyoming Parks and Historic Sites Agency requesting that an application be submitted to the Federal Highway Authority to fund repairs at the Point of Rocks Overland Stage Station. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson and carried unanimously.

At this time, Chairman Pallesen asked for any County Residents' Concerns. Sweetwater County Home and Landowner's Association President Kenny Wolff presented a letter from the organization and a letter from Attorney Richard Honaker. The letters contend that the Planning & Zoning UDC workshop held at the White Mountain Library on March 8, 2005 was not conducted in a manner acceptable to the public. Mr. Wolff contended that the public could not hear what was being discussed and that the projector screen image was too small to read. He asked that future P&Z meetings be held in the County Commissioners' meeting room.

Mr. Wolff reviewed the letter from Attorney Richard Honaker that stated that the P&Z Commission meetings should be conducted in such a way that the public attending the meeting can hear the discussion of public business. Mr. Honaker's letter also cited statutes that the County Clerk shall serve as secretary to the P&Z Commission, that the County P&Z Commission is an agency that operates under the public meeting law and that the public has certain rights while in attendance at a public meeting.

Mr. Wolff also told the Commissioners that the P&Z Commission was misinterpreting the comments that were given at the UDC Public Hearing. He asked that the public be allowed to clarify their comments at the P&Z workshops.

In closing, Mr. Wolff stated that the proposed UDC was in violation of constitutional rights and that the P&Z Commission was not following state statutes. He added that members of his organization will not allow their constitutional rights to be violated.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the Publication of Employment Categories for Sweetwater County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oldfield and carried unanimously.

Chairman Pallesen stated that at the last meeting, the Commissioners had increased the Events Complex Board to seven members and that the two new members were listed as having five year terms. He stated that the terms of these new members needed to be staggered and suggested that the Board select one of the two new members to have a four year term. Charles Barnum was picked by lot to serve a four year term on the Events Complex Board.

Commissioner Oldfield made a motion to approve the amendment and resolution to allow the county to comply with the automatic rollover requirement of the IRS for the deferred compensation program through VALIC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Oldfield made a motion to re-appoint Brian Hunsaker, DDS and Jeanine Cox to four year terms on the District Health Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson and carried unanimously.

Chairman Pallesen stated that Shannon Griffin has resigned from the Sweetwater County Weed & Pest Control Board and that Robert McMurry of Eden has submitted the necessary nomination petition to be considered for the Board. Commissioner Oldfield made a motion to appoint Robert McMurry to an unexpired term on the Sweetwater County Weed & Pest Control Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson and carried unanimously.

All monthly reports received from various county departments were approved and placed on file.

The following Bonds were approved and placed on file:

Michael F. Chadey	Sweetwater County – District Court Magistrate	\$5,000.00
Susan Carnes	Town of Wamsutter - Clerk Treasurer	\$50,000.00
John B. Erramouspe	Sweetwater County Predatory Animal Board – Treasurer	\$5000.00

The following Reduction to Taxes were approved and placed on file:

Reduction to Taxes

Company	Tax Change	Company	Tax Change
Enervest Operating	-286.18	Elk Street Motel	-35.20
Elk Street Motel	-30.24	Texaco Exploration & Pr	-2,402.58

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2005 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oldfield and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve voucher warrants 0532873 thru 0533130 in the amount of \$252,925.77. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oldfield and carried unanimously.

WARR#	NAME	DEPT	TOTAL
532873	Lincoln County	Gen Accts	10,000.00
4	McLeodusa	Commiss, Clk, Treas, Assess, Shrf,	-
		Co Atrny, Co Crt, Courthouse,	-
		Computer Dpt, Coroner, Agric,	-
		Dist Crt	1,505.32
5	McLeodusa	Rd & Brdg, Maint Shop, Elect,	-
		Comm Nursing, Planning, R S Offices,	-
		Emergncy Mgt, Fire Marshal,	-
		Animal Cntrl, Health Dept, WIC	1,273.80
6	Wells Fargo Bank	Shrf, Jail/Dspatch	158.92
7	Wells Fargo Bank	Shrf, Gen Accts, Jail/Dspatch	412.80
8	Wells Fargo Bank	Shrf, Gen Accts, Jail/Dspatch	1,186.33
9	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	42.15
532880	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	30.00
1	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	120.00
2	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	30.00
3	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	42.15
4	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	42.15
5	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	42.15
6	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	30.00
7	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	168.60
8	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	120.00
9	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	30.00
532890	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	42.15
1	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	42.15
2	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	54.30
3	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	201.00
4	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	120.00
5	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	265.80
6	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	30.00
7	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	42.15
8	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	30.00
9	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	42.15
532900	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	70.50
1	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	120.00
2	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	42.15
3	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	168.60
4	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	42.15
5	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	48.60
6	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	30.00
7	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	30.00
8	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	42.15
9	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	42.15
532910	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	30.00
1	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	168.60
2	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	168.60
3	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	42.15
4	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	30.00
5	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	42.15
6	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	42.15
7	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	42.15
8	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	42.15
9	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	120.00
532920	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	42.15
1	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	30.00

2	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	282.00
3	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	30.00
4	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	30.00
5	Jury Witness Fees	Dist Crt	42.15
6	Alsco-American Linen Divi	Maint Shop	38.16
7	Canon Financial Services	Agric	284.69
8	City Of Green River	Courthouse, Health Dept, Co Crt, Rd & Brdg	- 1,551.84
9	City Of Rock Springs	Rd & Brdg	15.00
532930	Communication Technologie	Rd & Brdg	90.00
1	Culligan Bottled Water	Courthouse	94.00
2	Dave's Appliance Service	Health Dept	65.00
3	David E Arnold Law Office	Dist Crt	1,095.00
4	David E Arnold Law Office	Dist Crt	1,880.00
5	G & K Services	Rd & Brdg	204.75
6	Golden Hour Senior Citize	Gen Accts	13,287.08
7	Harton P C, Steve	Dist Crt	895.00
8	Hatch MD, Francis J	Coroner	1,900.00
9	Herne RN, Julie	Comm Nursing	1,132.71
532940	Hitching Post Inn	Assess	55.00
1	IBM Corporation	Computer Dpt	45.00
2	Johnson, Wally J.	Commiss	187.24
3	Lee, Daniel J	Rd & Brdg	24.41
4	Oldfield, Joseph L.	Commiss	68.04
5	Pacific Power	Courthouse, Health Dept, Gen Accts	1,854.99
6	Page One	Courthouse, Coroner	81.00
7	Pitt Roofing & Construction	Courthouse	385.00
8	Pizza Hut #232	Dist Crt	88.46
9	Plainsman Printing & Suppy	Clk, Dist Crt	1,371.40
532950	Questar Gas	R S Offices	2,933.22
1	Qwest	Co Atrny	51.26
2	Qwest	Health Dept	36.53
3	Rauzi, David M	Assess	175.00
4	Rock Springs Muncpal Uti	Fire Marshal, Rd & Brdg, Maint Shop, R S Offices	- 2,036.07
5	Romero-Caron, Virginia	Agric	432.69
6	Schofield, Frank D.	Shrf, Gen Accts	181.79
7	Smith, Lola Ellen	Dist Crt	63.24
8	Smyth Printing	Clk	527.28
9	Sterling Communications	Rd & Brdg	582.60
532960	Tegeler & Associates	Gen Accts	50.00
1	Union Telephone Company	Elect	47.34
2	West Payment Center	Dist Crt	1,115.50
3	Wyoming Environmental Serv	Rd & Brdg	94.17
4	Wyoming State Bar	Commiss	125.00
5	Wyoming Trucking Associate	Rd & Brdg	137.00
6	Wyopass	Planning	450.00
7	1-Step Detect Associates	Co Crt	90.25
8	Ace Hardware	Maint Shop, Emergency Mgt, R S Offices, Courthouse	- 181.16
9	Ace Hardware	R S Offices	36.95
532970	Ace Hardware #11263-C	Courthouse, Commiss, Planning	399.55
1	Automotive Profit Systems	Maint Shop	280.00
2	Barnes Distribution	Maint Shop	164.97
3	Bruco Inc	R S Offices	582.12
4	City Auto Sales	Maint Shop, Fire Marshal	436.01
5	City Auto Sales	Maint Shop	583.80
6	Corporate Express Inc	Planning	207.43
7	CSK Auto Inc	Maint Shop	177.09
8	Cummins Rocky Mountain LI	Rd & Brdg	249.90
9	Ed Sidwell	Maint Shop	146.18
532980	F B McFadden Wholesale Co	R S Offices, Courthouse, Dist Crt, Rd & Brdg	- 257.67
1	Freedom Oil Field Service	Rd & Brdg	1,200.00
2	Fremont Motor Rock Spring	Maint Shop	368.40
3	Govconnection Inc	Planning	102.14
4	Grainger	Courthouse, Shrf	347.51
5	HSBC Business Solutions	Rd & Brdg	623.35
6	Hy-Ko Supply	R S Offices	149.46
7	Jester Signs & Graphics	Rd & Brdg	250.00
8	K-Motive & Sports	R S Offices	67.00
9	Lawson Products Inc	Maint Shop	340.84
532990	Lyle Signs Inc.	Rd & Brdg	2,200.20
1	Macy's Truck Repair Inc	Maint Shop	97.50
2	Mantek	Maint Shop, Rd & Brdg	736.29
3	Monsen Engineering Inc	Planning	137.19
4	Mountainland Bus Sys.INC	Planning	269.00
5	Mountainland Fire Protect	Rd & Brdg	92.59
6	Nutech Specialities Inc	Maint Shop, R S Offices, Courthouse	1,627.48
7	Peterbilt Of Wyoming - Ca	Rd & Brdg	109.06
8	PM Autoglass Inc	Maint Shop	787.73
9	Redi Industrial Services	Rd & Brdg	5,955.00
533000	Regional Supply Inc	Assess	92.06
1	Rock Springs Winnelson Co	R S Offices	237.64
2	Ron's Ace Rentals	Rd & Brdg	124.50
3	Skips Tire Service	Maint Shop	1,109.28
4	Snap-On Tools	Maint Shop, Rd & Brdg	116.70
5	Standard Batteries Of Sal	Maint Shop	134.41
6	Superior Lumber Company	R S Offices	220.14
7	Surfaces Inc.	R S Offices	1,255.50
8	Sweetwater Ford	Maint Shop	193.48
9	System Id Warehouse	Computer Dpt	1,828.00
533010	The Tire Den Inc	Maint Shop	556.00

1	Toms Wyoming Glass Co	Rd & Brdg	627.10
2	Trans Equipment & Supply	Gen Accts	6,413.77
3	Truck & Industrial Supply	Rd & Brdg	18.76
4	Whisler Chevrolet Company	Maint Shop	147.15
5	White Mountain Lumber	Courthouse	117.26
6	Xergon	Maint Shop	580.79
7	Zanetti Prestige Collisio	Maint Shop	928.70
8	Zee Medical Service	Courthouse, Rd & Brdg	320.90
9	Airgas Intermountain Inc	Maint Shop	73.25
533020	Alcohol & Drug Testing Se	Gen Accts, Shrf	116.00
1	Alpine Office Supply	Agric, WIC	1,021.75
2	Barnum P C, Charles L.	Gen Accts	300.00
3	Big Sky Racks Inc	Shrf	562.90
4	Bridger Valley Electric A	Rd & Brdg	138.62
5	Burgin, Patty	Human Resorc	323.52
6	Canon Financial Services	Co Atrny	625.00
7	Carrier Corporation	Courthouse	6,972.16
8	Casper Star Tribune	Gen Accts	594.00
9	Castle Rock Hospital Dist	Jail/Dspatch	502.30
533030	Castle Rock Hospital Dist	Jail/Dspatch	640.00
1	Castle Rock Hospital Dist	Gen Accts, Jail/Dspatch	13,100.00
2	Center For Education	Planning	124.95
3	Chemsearch	Courthouse	122.95
4	College Hill Women's Heal	Co Atrny	1,500.00
5	Colorado State University	Agric	17.95
6	Communication Technologies	Emergncy Mgt	200.00
7	Conocophillips	Maint Shop	108.16
8	Conocophillips	Maint Shop	344.63
9	Copier & Supply Co Inc	Co Atrny, Dist Crt, Gen Accts, Planning, WIC	- 1,122.88
533040	Copyex LLC	Shrf, Co Atrny, Planning, Agric	260.25
1	Corral West #5	Jail/Dspatch	22.91
2	Crook County 4-H Council	Agric	60.00
3	Culligan Bottled Water	Co Atrny	39.75
4	Danka Office Imaging	Gen Accts	422.84
5	Davis & Cannon Law Firm	Gen Accts	250.00
6	Desert Hawk Publications	Gen Accts	400.95
7	Division Of Criminal Inve	Gen Accts	15.00
8	Electrical Connections, I	R S Offices, Courthouse	1,134.73
9	FedEx	Co Atrny, Planning	84.53
533050	Globalstar Usa	Coroner	34.95
1	Great Western Autoplex	Maint Shop	14.16
2	Green River Star	Gen Accts	156.00
3	Hampton Inn-Thornton	Co Atrny	320.00
4	Hart, Mike T	Computer Dpt	78.82
5	High Security Lock & Alarm	Emergncy Mgt, Shrf	108.00
6	Holdings Little America -	Dist Crt, Human Resorc	275.00
7	Holiday Inn - Downtown SI	Gen Accts, Planning	168.44
8	Holiday Inn - Rock Spring	Co Atrny	212.94
9	Homax Oil Sales, Inc.	Maint Shop	950.93
533060	Industrial Supply	Gen Accts	94.54
1	James Mines And Sons Inc	Rd & Brdg	141.92
2	Jobs Available	Planning	29.95
3	Johnstown Family Physician	Gen Accts	104.00
4	K-Mart Store 7107	Agric	18.77
5	Kemmerer Dental	Jail/Dspatch	35.00
6	Kone Inc	Jail/Dspatch, Courthouse, R S Offices	- 2,449.20
7	Kroger - Smith Customer C	Agric	60.92
8	Lamb, Gale B.	Gen Accts	174.15
9	Lane, Tina R	Co Atrny	178.65
533070	Lujan, Catalina F	Dist Crt	30.00
1	M Lee Smith Publishers	Planning	287.00
2	Mannikko, Randy	Gen Accts	52.65
3	McKee Medical Center	Coroner	384.05
4	Microfilm Service Corpora	Gen Accts	3,140.00
5	National Sheriffs Association	Jail/Dspatch	342.00
6	Nelson Pc, George Scott	Gen Accts	600.00
7	Nielsen D.S.W., Eric	Gen Accts	450.00
8	North Park Limited Partner	Animal Cntrl	2,500.00
9	Office Products Dealer	Planning	3.99
533080	Omni Corpus Christi Hotel	Human Resorc	569.25
1	One On One Promotionals	Emergncy Mgt	941.25
2	Pacific Power	Animal Cntrl, Gen Accts	4,047.79
3	Page One	Emergncy Mgt	156.00
4	Public Agency Training Co	Co Atrny	495.00
5	Quality Services	Gen Accts	41.00
6	Questar Gas	Courthouse, Co Crt, Gen Accts, Elect, Rd & Brdg	- 9,298.73
7	Quinlan Publishing Group	Planning	156.81
8	Qwest	Computer Dpt	402.77
9	Qwest	Co Crt, Courthouse, Computer Dpt, Agric, Dist Crt, Rd & Brdg, Maint Shop, Elect, Comm Nursing, Planning, Gen Accts, R S Offices, Emergncy Mgt	- - - - 62.66
533090	Qwest	Commiss, Clk, Treas, Assess, Shrf, Co Atrny, Fire Marshal, Animal Cntrl, Health Dept, Courthouse	- - - 1,459.53
1	Qwest	Commiss, Computer Dpt, Agric, Dist Crt, Courthouse, Rd & Brdg, Elect, Comm Nursing, Planning,	- - -

		Gen Accts, Emergncy Mgt,	-
		Health Dept, Sr Citizens	71.97
2	Qwest	Clk, Treas, Assess, Shrf, Co Atrny,	-
		Co Cr, Courthouse, Gen Accts,	-
		Computer Dpt	1,293.93
3	Qwest Interprise America	Gen Accts	125.00
4	Red Horse Oil Company Inc	Rd & Brdg	9,300.00
5	Roccabruna, Diane	Gen Accts	1.94
6	Rock Springs Newspapers I	Gen Accts, Rd & Brdg	782.37
7	Romero-Caron, Virginia	Agric	255.42
8	Sage Creek Bagels	Co Atrny	123.82
9	Salinas, Koral J	Planning	11.47
533100	Society For Nutrition Edu	Agric	170.00
1	Southwest Counseling Serv	Gen Accts	92.00
2	Squad Room Emblems	Shrf	326.01
3	Staks T-Shirts	Fire Marshal	35.00
4	Sterling Communications	Fire Marshal	110.00
5	SWEDA	Gen Accts	6,371.56
6	Sweetwater Cable Television	Jail/Dspatch, Fire Marshal	222.94
7	Sweetwater Co Child Develop	Human Resorc	19,684.09
8	Sweetwater Trophies	Computer Dpt, Planning, Clk,	-
		Dist Cr	102.48
9	Taser International Inc	Jail/Dspatch	41.80
533110	U S Tech	Co Atrny	29.95
1	Union Telephone Company	Agric, Coroner, Courthouse,	-
		Fire Marshal, Assess, Health Dept,	-
		Co Atrny, Commiss, Planning,	-
		Computer Dpt	971.46
2	Vaughn's Plumbing & Heating	Courthouse, Maint Shop	147.96
3	Walmart Community	WIC	162.57
4	Wamsutter Conoco Service	Rd & Brdg, Maint Shop	109.25
5	Wamsutter Sinclair	Rd & Brdg	151.88
6	Washam, Dennis G	Fire Marshal	193.56
7	Washam, Dennis G	Fire Marshal	2,117.88
8	Waxie Sanitary Supply	Courthouse	16.00
9	West Payment Center	Planning	189.47
533120	West Side Water & Sewer D	Gen Accts	1,538.10
1	Western Wyoming Community	Emergncy Mgt	125.00
2	Western Wyoming Family Pl	Human Resorc	1,592.56
3	Wyoming Dept Of Transport	Planning	142.50
4	Wyoming Embroidery	Shrf	333.00
5	Wyoming Environmental Ser	Animal Cntrl, R S Offices	139.60
6	Wyoming Fire Academy Found	Fire Marshal	75.00
7	Wyoming State Bar	Gen Accts	63.00
8	Wyoming Worker's Compensa	Gen Accts, Fire Marshal, Co Cr,	-
		Health Dept, Comm Nursing, WIC,	-
		Human Resorc	14,157.18
9	Young At Heart Senior Cit	Sr Citizens	20,886.21
533130	Youth Home Inc	Human Resorc	20,500.00
			-
		GRAND TOTAL	252,925.77

County Grants Coordinator Krisena Marchal told the Commissioners that the Stansbury Coal Mine CDBG Grant money would have to be de-obligated because the company cannot meet the time limit to expend the funds. The county and the company can re-apply for grant funds at a later date. After discussion, Commissioner Johnson made a motion to allow the Chairman to sign a letter to the Wyoming Business Council to de-obligate CDBG Grant Funds for improvements to County Road No. 66 to the Stansbury Coal Company. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oldfield and carried unanimously.

Sweetwater County Conservation District Directors Mary Thoman and Jean Dickinson came before the Commissioners to update them on the district's activities. Ms. Thoman reviewed current Conservation District priorities including the Districts Land Resource Use Plan, the Bitter Creek and Killpecker Creek monitoring program, cooperating agency involvement on Federal Land Planning processes, the Sweetwater County digitized soil survey and the Jack Morrow Hills Project. She also reviewed grants that the district has obtained and the district's involvement in the Coalition of County Governments.

Jean Dickinson gave an in depth review of the Bitter Creek/Killpecker Creek Water Quality Assessment and Watershed Plan. She is Co-Chair of the Bitter Creek and Killpecker Creek Watershed Advisory Group. She asked the Commissioners for continued assistance for the project by County Engineering and the Planning and Zoning Department.

Ms. Dickinson stated that segments of Bitter Creek and Killpecker Creek were listed on the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality's (WDEQ) list of water bodies with water quality impairments. The district's board initiated a historical review and assessment to determine the levels of fecal coliform/e-coli and dissolved chlorides in the two creeks. Participation of all of the affected parties will be necessary to develop an effective watershed plan. The district has been identified as one source of assistance to lead efforts for improving water quality using a voluntary and incentive based approach.

Ms. Dickinson stated that a locally led watershed planning process provides the best defense from federal over-regulation, land use controls or the improper use of water quality data. The watershed plan must be completed by June 30, 2006 to prevent the initiation of the WDEQ derived strategy for watershed quality improvement for the two waterways. The water quality concerns within Bitter Creek and Killpecker Creek will be addressed locally by writing a comprehensive watershed plan. The plan will need to be approved by the WDEQ. The Commissioners thanked the district representatives for their presentations.

Chairman Pallesen asked that the scheduled lateral entry policy discussion be postponed until the afternoon session to allow him time to review the material. The other Commissioners agreed to this request.

Young at Heart Senior Citizen's Director Jeanine Cox and center board members came before the Commissioners to discuss the possibility of being considered for a one quarter cent sales tax for the construction of a new senior facility. The current building is inadequate for the number of seniors that are using it. Also, the present facility has ventilation problems, flooding, a bad furnace and a dishwasher that needs to be replaced. Ms. Cox stated that she knows that a list of project priorities is being compiled by the County and that she wanted to make sure that the new senior citizens building was on the list.

Chairman Pallesen stated that the county is working with the Chamber of Commerce to conduct a survey of what projects that county residents would be willing to support. After the survey is complete, anyone wishing to request the use of the sales tax initiative would be required to prepare an application that will be presented to a selection committee for review. A list of projects will then be considered for inclusion on a sales tax initiative question to the voters.

Chairman Pallesen also advised Ms. Cox in regards to an Attorney General's opinion that stated that a non-profit agency cannot apply for a tax initiative by itself. The non-profit agency must piggy back with a government agency such as the City of Rock Springs or Sweetwater County to qualify. He stated that the City of Rock Springs would be the most appropriate governmental agency for the center to piggy back with.

Bridget Giovale, Southwest Counseling Service Prevention Specialist, presented Wyoming First Lady Nancy Freudenthal's underage drinking initiative to the Commissioners. She said that the initiative involves a media campaign geared towards raising adult awareness and to encourage adults to take responsibility in helping to prevent underage drinking. Ms. Giovale stated that a local advocacy group is working to address underage drinking problems. She handed out posters that the Commissioners agreed to put up in the courthouse.

Ross Youngberg, Hansen, Barnett & Maxwell Certified Public Accountants, came before the Board to present the county audit for 2004. He reviewed the audit report for the Commissioners. Mr. Youngberg told the Commissioners that the report is late because the firm had trouble getting information in a timely manner from several county agencies. County Clerk Bobbi Bailiff added that the audit is not a high priority with some of the agencies and suggested that the Commissioners send a letter to the agencies advising them that the audit is a very high priority to the County. The Commissioners agreed to this request.

After discussion, Commissioner Johnson made a motion to accept and approve the Sweetwater County Audit Report from Hansen, Barnett & Maxwell for the period ending June 30, 2004. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oldfield and carried unanimously.

Emergency Management Coordinator Judy Valentine presented for Board approval the Emergency Management Program Grant that requires a 50% match of the coordinator's annual base salary. Ms. Valentine told the Commissioners that the county already provides more than the 50% match required. Commissioner Oldfield made a motion to approve the EMPG grant allocation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson and carried unanimously.

SWRC Interim CEO Nena Kessner and SWRC board members came before the Board to give a status report and to request \$250,000 in funding assistance from the county. Ms. Kessner told the Commissioners that SWRC has reduced expenses, cut administrative costs, reduced overtime, are not filling non-direct personnel vacancies and have pursued private and corporation funding.

Ms. Kessner stated that they have looked at all contingencies and are establishing contracts with companies to provide basic service such as vehicle washing. She said that they have followed all of the county directives but need \$250,000 to provide stability to SWRC. This will allow SWRC the necessary time to become self supporting again. She proposed an exchange of services for the \$250,000 that included, county road clean up, vehicle cleaning and free advertising.

Chairman Pallesen stated that he has no question about the value of the service to SWRC clients, but that he is concerned about the stability of the agency and is not sure that the agency can survive even if the county gives SWRC the money that it has requested.

Commissioner Johnson agreed with Chairman Pallesen adding, that there are a lot of unanswered issues that need to be resolved including the union issue. He said that although SWRC has solved some of the issues, he was not sure that a one time monetary award from the county would save SWRC in the long run. He said that granting this request would not be fair to the taxpayers in the county.

Commissioner Oldfield stated that he felt that the Commissioners should give SWRC the opportunity to survive and he made a motion to appropriate \$250,000 to SWRC. The motion died for the lack of a second.

Steve Mulaney, Black Butte Coal, came before the board to request help to upgrade the company's road to its mine. He stated that if the road was upgraded that the mine could increase capacity and possibly add jobs. He stated that the present road could not handle the truck traffic that will be required if the mine expanded its production for companies that want their coal delivered by trucks.

SWEDA Director Pat Robbins told the Commissioners that she is willing to make an application to the Wyoming Business Council for grant funds for the road but that she cannot do this because the road is owned by Black Butte. She said that the road would have to be accepted as a county public road before any grant

funds could be applied for. She asked the Commissioners to let her look at options to try to find a workable solution.

Chairman Pallesen stated that the county might consider the road if Black Butte was willing to put money into the project, but that the county has a prioritized list of road projects that goes through 2009. He said that the Commissioners would take the road issue under consideration at a road workshop that will be scheduled in the near future.

After discussion, Commissioner Johnson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2005 Wildland Fire Management Annual Operating Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oldfield and carried unanimously.

Blue Cross Representative Shane Allen came before the Board with the County Insurance Stop Loss Carriers proposals. Mr. Allen recommended that the County purchase its Health Insurance Stop Loss through Allianz with a \$100,000 stop loss limit.

After discussion, Commissioner Johnson made a motion to accept the Allianz Stop Loss Policy with a \$100,000 stop loss limit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oldfield and carried unanimously.

Bob Decker, Covenant Insurance Group Consultant, made a proposal to the Board to become the County Health Insurance Consultant/Benefit Manager. Mr. Decker stated that he has negotiated an agreement with Allianz to reduce the County Stop Loss Insurance by 5% if the county retains him as its County Health Consultant/Benefit Manager. Also he is recommending that the county eliminate the \$1.00 aggregate accommodation fee on the Allianz bid. He stated that when adding up the savings associated with the reduction in stop-loss rates and the elimination of the aggregate accommodation charge, that the cost associated with hiring him as the County Consultant and Benefit Manager would not cost the County any additional amount. Mr. Decker reviewed the services that he would provide to the county if he was retained.

After discussion, Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve Bob Decker as a Consultant/Benefit Manager for Sweetwater County's self funded health insurance per his proposal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oldfield and carried unanimously.

City of Green River Councilman Dan Beckerman and City Administrator Barry Cook came before the Board to discuss the purchase of county property in First Springs Canyon. They told the Commissioners that before the land could be subdivided for the construction of a hotel that the city needed to acquire the 1.1 acre of county property.

Chairman Pallesen stated that the Commissioners have discussed the issue and are proposing trading the First Springs Canyon parcel valued at approximately \$10,000 and releasing the city from the agreement on the property that the city owns that was traded for the museum property. The agreement stipulates that the county would be entitled to the difference between the selling price of the property and the appraisal price of the museum property valued at \$119,000. The County conducted a market analysis of the property that valued it at up to \$350,000. This would entitle the county to \$231,000 plus \$10,000 for the First Springs Canyon property for a total of \$241,000.

Chairman Pallesen stated that the county is willing to trade the city the above amount in exchange for the county's remaining lease to the city of \$47,000 for the Roosevelt School property. He said that this is a real good deal for the city that the county is willing to do to accommodate the city's First Springs Canyon Project.

Councilman Beckerman said that he is in agreement with the exchange but that it would have to be approved by the full council. He said that he would make the proposal to the council for consideration.

The next order of business was the update on the status of the Reliance Sewer District. Representatives Bill McGarvey and Mike Sposit were present to discuss the issue of whether the district has legal status to enable it to apply for a grant to repair the aging system.

Mr. Kot stated that he has researched the records and found a 1967 court decree for the formation and organization of the Reliance Sewer District. He said that he also found a 1978 letter to the County Assessor requesting that the County Commissioners not levy any taxes on the property within the district which leads him to believe that the district was a legal and viable district that had a levy at that time. Mr. Kot added that district formations would have been filed with the Secretary of State in 1967 and that he has requested that office to research its records to see if the district's formation and by-laws are filed. Mr. Kot stated that he will meet with the Commissioners again as soon as he hears from the Secretary of State's office.

Chairman Pallesen stated that the district's boundaries need to be looked at to determine if the district's lines would need to be expanded. Commissioner Johnson also suggested that the district increase its fees to try to remain solvent.

BJ Christiansen from the Coal Bed Methane Coalition (CBMC) came before the Board to give an update on Coal Bed Methane activity in the county. Mr. Christiansen gave a summary of the Luca Technologies presentation held in Casper. The company is studying the feasibility of bacteria living, within coal beds and oil shale deposits, that has the ability to produce methane gas. Mr. Christiansen also reviewed the oil and gas production maps for Sweetwater County and gave an update of the CBMC review of the BLM Great Divide RMP for Carbon County. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Christiansen for his presentation.

County Planner Mark Kot asked the Board to approve funding for two Planning & Zoning Commission Board members and one Planning & Zoning staff member to attend the Rocky Mountain Land Use District seminar in Denver at the cost of \$1,000 per person. The Commissioners agreed to this request.

Mr. Kot also asked the Board to approve funding for two Planning and Zoning Commission Board members and one Planning & Zoning staff member to attend the Road and Access Law in Wyoming seminar in Cheyenne at a cost of \$650 per person. The Commissioners agreed to this request.

Sheriff Dave Gray presented to the Board for consideration, the 2005 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Agreement Resolution with the City of Rock Springs. The Sheriff stated that this is a renewal of an existing grant and that he is in agreement with the formula derived to split the grant funds between the two entities.

After discussion, Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the 2005 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Agreement per Resolution No. 05-03-CC-03. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oldfield and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 05-03-CC-03

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING AND SWEETWATER, WYOMING

2005 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM AWARD

This agreement is made and entered into this 15th day of March, 2005, by and between The County of Sweetwater, acting by and through its governing body, the Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as County, and the City of Rock Springs, acting by and through its governing body, the City Council, hereinafter referred to as City, both of Sweetwater County, State of Wyoming, witnesseth:

WHEREAS, each Governing Body, in performing governmental functions or in paying for the performance of governmental functions hereunder, shall make that performance or those payments from current revenues legally available to that party; and

WHEREAS, each Governing Body, finds that the performance of this Agreement is in the best interests of both parties, that the undertaking will benefit the public, and that the division of costs fairly compensates the performing party for the services or functions under this agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City agrees to provide the County a share of the Joint Application Award Amount from the JAG award for the program; and

WHEREAS, the City and County believe it to be in their best interests to reallocate the JAG funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County and City Agree as follows:

Section 1.

The City agrees to pay County a total dollar share of JAG funds to be determined by the following formula:

Where: "a" is the total grant award in dollars

"x" is the total number of Part One Violent Crimes committed in the City of Rock Springs for the period related to the grant, and

"y" is the total number of Part One Violent Crimes committed in the City of Rock Springs which have been cleared either through an arrest or court adjudication for the period related to the grant

Sweetwater County shall receive the amount represented by: $\frac{ay}{2x}$

Example: If the total grant award was \$130,000.00, 400 Part One Violent crimes occur during the period related to the grant, and 75 were cleared either by arrest or court, then Sweetwater County would receive \$12,187.50, of the Federal Block Grant Funds that were designated for Sweetwater County and Rock Springs.

Section 2.

County agrees to use the share of Joint Award Dollars for the JAG Program until the funds are totally expended or the end of the grant award period.

Section 3.

Nothing in the performance of this Agreement shall impose any liability for claims against County other than claims for which liability may be imposed by the Wyoming Tort Claims Act.

Section 4.

Nothing in the performance of this Agreement shall impose any liability for claims against City other than claims for which liability may be imposed by the Wyoming Tort Claims Act.

Section 5.

Each party to this agreement will be responsible for its own actions in providing services under this agreement and shall not be liable for any civil liability that may arise from the furnishing of the services by the other party.

Section 6.

The parties to this agreement do not intend for any third party to obtain a right by virtue of this Agreement.

Section 7.

By entering into this Agreement, the parties do not intend to create any obligations express or implied other than those set out herein; further, this Agreement shall not create any rights in any party not a signatory hereto.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SWEETWATER COUNTY, WYOMING

John D. Pallesen, Chairman

Attest:

County Clerk

Sheriff Gray asked the Commissioners to consider a notice of claim from Louis H. Stanton, Jr. for \$440.00. Mr. Stanton is making the claim against the county contending that his property was lost while he was in the Sweetwater County Jail. Sheriff Gray stated that the claim was forwarded to the county LGLP liability insurance and to the County Attorney's office. Deputy County Attorney Jason Petri advised the Commissioners that the claim was not submitted on the proper form according to the Wyoming Governmental Claims Act.

After discussion, Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the claim of Louis H. Stanton Jr. in the amount of \$440.00 subject to approval by Deputy County Attorney Jason Petri that the proper forms have been filed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oldfield and carried unanimously.

Human Resource Specialist Garry McLean presented a resolution to the Board that would amend the County Pay Plan to allow lateral entry into the County Pay Plan for all county personnel. He stated that he had prepared the resolution per Board directive at the last Commissioner's Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Oldfield made a motion to approve amending the County Pay Plan for Lateral Entry for all County Personnel per Resolution No. 05-03-CC-04. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-03-CC-04

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE COUNTY PAY PLAN
TO ALLOW LATERAL ENTRY INTO THE COUNTY PAY PLAN
FOR ALL COUNTY PERSONNEL TO WHICH THE PAY PLAN APPLIES

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is authorized to set salaries for all County personnel;

WHEREAS, the Board has chosen to set salaries for certain County personnel through the adoption and implementation of a County Pay Plan;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the need to hire qualified, trained and experienced personnel and to develop a diverse and capable workforce;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that experienced and trained personnel can immediately be productive, whereas new hires require substantial training time before they can perform effectively;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that hiring trained and experienced personnel can result in substantial cost savings because such employees often require less training before being productive;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that there exists, both currently and in the foreseeable future, a significant labor shortage in the local labor market, making recruitment and retention difficult;

WHEREAS, the current pay plan policies do not allow prior service credit (lateral entry) for personnel who have prior applicable work experience;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the lack of lateral entry provisions in the County Pay Plan results in a diminished ability to recruit, hire and retain experienced personnel;

WHEREAS, the Board approved a lateral entry provision in the County Pay Plan for sworn peace officers on January 18, 2005;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that:

1. With this resolution, the Board nullifies and makes void resolution number 05-01-CC-02, RESOLUTION AMENDING THE COUNTY PAY PLAN TO ALLOW LATERAL ENTRY INTO THE COUNTY PAY PLAN FOR SWORN PEACE OFFICERS:
2. Effective March 1, 2005, The Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes, adopts and implements the following amendment to the Sweetwater County Pay Plan to permit prior service credit (lateral entry) for personnel covered by said pay plan, subject to the following policies and procedures; and
3. **Policies**
 - a. Lateral entry consideration would only be given to full-time Sweetwater County personnel, subject to the Sweetwater County Pay Plan and hired after **August 1, 2003**.
 - b. Lateral Entry service credit would only apply for purposes of placement in the County Pay Plan and would not apply for purposes of determining accruals, retirement, or any other years of service based benefit or purpose.
 - c. All lateral entry candidates would have to successfully work in the department six (6) months before being considered for lateral entry pay recognition. In essence, this period would serve as type of probationary period.
 - d. **0 – 5 YEARS OF APPROVED EXPERIENCE** – For personnel being hired with prior experience, their first five (5) years of approved experience would be recognized by one (1) year of service credit for each one (1) year of approved prior experience. This is basically recognizing year-for-year service credit for the first five (5) years of service.
 - e. **5-15 YEARS OF APPROVED EXPERIENCE** – For personnel being hired with prior experience in excess of five years, the first five (5) years will be credited as above, while the next ten (10) years of approved experience will be recognized by one (1) year of service credit for each two (2) years of approved experience.
 - f. **15 YEAR MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF SERVICE CREDIT** – For personnel being hired with prior experience in excess of 15 years, there will be no additional service credit recognition. In other words, the most prior service credit that may be earned is ten (10) years (5 for the first 5 years + 5 for then next 10 years = 10 Total).
 - g. **SERVICE CREDIT RECOGNIZED BY POSITION** – Currently the County Plan recognizes the minimal amount of prior experience required for the position. As such, that amount shall be deducted from the months of prior service being considered for lateral entry consideration.
4. **PROCEDURES** –
 - a. The department head shall be responsible for submitting, to the Human Resources Office, a lateral entry request and supporting documentation for lateral entry consideration.
 - b. Upon receiving the request, the Human Resources Office will verify that lateral entry service credit is merited.
 - c. After determining that lateral entry consideration is merited, the Human Resources Office will complete a lateral entry worksheet, illustrating the approved level of prior service. This process will be nearly identical to the process currently being used to provide service credit to part-time employees who become full-time.
 - d. After the lateral entry worksheet is complete, a copy of the completed worksheet, along with a completed payroll change notice will be forwarded to payroll by the Human Resources Office to inform them of the correct pay grade, step and pay rate.

Adopted and approved this 15th Day of March, 2005

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SWEETWATER COUNTY, WYOMING

ATTEST

John D. Pallesen, Chairman

Joseph L. Oldfield, Member

Loretta Bailiff, County Clerk

Wally J. Johnson, Member

Commissioner Oldfield asked that property acquisition by the county resulting from the offer authorized at the March 1, 2005 Commissioner's meeting be placed on the April 5, 2005 agenda. The Commissioners agreed to this request.

County Clerk Bobbi Bailiff asked to address the Board regarding health insurance rates. She said that even though the stop loss rate is lower than last year, she would like to keep the premium rates at the current level. The two reasons cited to keep the current premium rates were to increase the reserve and because of the increased liability of the County by going to a \$100,000 Specific Stop Loss Limit. The \$25,000 increase in Specific Stop Loss is the reason that the Stop Loss carrier reduced the rate to the County. The Commissioners agreed to leave the health insurance rates at the current levels.

There being no further business to come before the Board this day, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

This meeting was taped and tapes are on file in the County Clerk's office at the County Courthouse in Green River, Wyoming.

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