Greenough moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:05am. Perry seconded, motion carried.

Commissioner Meeting October 15, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was brought to order by Chairman William J Novotny, Ill at 9:00am on Tuesday October 15, 2019. Attending were Commissioners Linda Greenough and Robert Perry, Commissioner’s Assistant Sheila Newcomb, County Clerk Vicki Edelman and Deputy County Attorney Barry Crago. Perry moved to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2019 regular meeting. Greenough seconded, motion carried.

Claudia Todd Facilities Coordinator at Bomber Mun Center gave her year in review report to the Commissioners on updates to the center as well as upcoming scheduled events and marketing plans. The following tax corrections were presented by Assessor Robinson and approved by a majority vote: #3057 Talking Waters Cattle Co, 2019 reduction $420.54; #3054 Talking Waters Cattle Co, 2019 reduction $162.77; #3055 Muddy Creek Cow Camp Assn 2019 reduction $55.16; #3056 Muddy Creek Cow Camp Assn 2019 reduction $36.97; #3057 Muddy Creek Cow Camp Assn 2019 refund $291.29; #3058 Robert Ross & Claudia M Elliot 2019 reduction $261.87.

Perry moved to approve the 2019 HLS Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant in the amount of $11,393.71 contingent upon review by Deputy County Attorney Barry Crago. Greenough seconded, motion carried.

Greenough moved to approve the following appointments to the Advisory Committee to the Natural Resource Plan: County Planning James Waller, City Planning Craig Cope, Power River Conservation Anita Bartlett, Clear Creek Conservation Zach Byram, Lake DeSmet Lake Todd, Cattlemen Barry Crago, Sheep Kirby Camino, Outdoor Recreation Kelly Norris, Northern public at large Rod Litzel, Southern public at large Nathan Williams, Timber Joe Landsiedel, Environment and public lands Rick Pallister. Perry seconded, motion carried. Sheila reported the Board of Health meeting is cancelled because of the lack of a quorum and the JP meeting will be held at 1:30. The regular meeting adjourned at 9:38 and reconvened at 1:30. The Justice Center JP meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum.

Commissioner Meeting November 5, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was brought to order by Chairman, William J Novotny, Ill at 9:00am on Tuesday November 5, 2019. Attending were Commissioners Linda Greenough and Robert Perry, Commissioner’s Assistant Sheila Newcomb, County Clerk Vicki Edelman and Deputy County Attorney Barry Crago. Perry moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2019 regular meeting. Greenough seconded, motion carried.

County Attorney Tucker Ruby gave his year in review report to the Commissioners.

Greenough moved to authorize Chairman Novotny to sign the Cooperative Agreement between the Wyoming Department of Transportation and the Johnson County Commission to allow participation in the hot plant mix overlay of .7 miles on Hazelton Road with a total cost to Johnson County of $150,610.00. Perry seconded, motion carried. Also discussed with Scott Pehringer Road & Bridge Supervisor were traffic counts on Deadhorse and Schoonover roads in Johnson County, Airport parking lot, upcoming county road repair and reconstruction and preparation of an agreement with WYDOT to plow the parking lot on Hazelton Road.

Sylvia Bruner Director of the Jim Gatelle Museum along with Bill Payne and Sharon Miller Board Members met with the Commissioners to give their year in review report. Kelly Norris and Jacob McCartney with State Forestry met with the Commissioners to give updates on the Western Spruce Budworm problems in the southern Big Horn Mountains. They reported this is an intensifying epidemic and affects all sizes of the Douglas Fir Trees; reportedly 12,000 acres in 2019 on State, Private, USFS and BLM lands in the southern Big Horn Mountains. They have completed thinning projects on private and state land and are working on commercial timber sales in the affected areas.

The following tax corrections as presented by Assessor Robinson were approved by a majority vote of County Commission: #3059 Prima Exploration Inc, 2019 tax year, refund amount $1,746.73; #3060 Anadarko E&P Onshore, LLC, 2017 tax year, refund amount $4,077.08; #3061 Anschutz Exploration, 2016 tax year, refund amount $2,796.56.

Paul Dempie Chief Executive Officer for Northern Wyoming Mental Health and acting County Manager Jennifer White met with the Commissioners to give a report on the status of operations in Johnson County, Buffalo and Kaycee. Paul Dempie reported that they are moving forward with the JOP between the Johnson County Sheriff’s Office, NWMH and the Dept of Corrections for the jail compliance. He also reported they have several upcoming interviews for replacement of the positions in Johnson County. They have hired a firm to help with recruitment and a consultant to help understand the cultural issues. Chairman Novotny commented they need discussion on their staffing issues and need to understand skypping is not acceptable for participation in drug court; also saying maybe they need to look at contracting with local people who can focus on the community mental health as well as for Kaycee. Susan Carr, Director for Compass Centers for Families said their service to clients in Sheridan was excellent but the families they serve in Johnson County have no help with mental health