

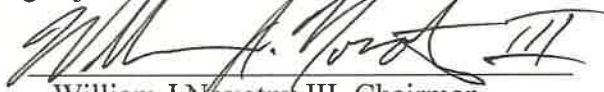
Ruby stated that the agreement had been reviewed by Civil Attorney Barry Crago and that Crago had indicated all was in order. Shelley moved to approve signing the agreement; Perry seconded & the motion carried. Connolly updated the commissioners on the situation with the Code Red that had recently gone out in the middle of the night notifying the public of the interruption and restoration of the 911 system. She indicated there had been some complaints from citizens who were frightened by the middle of the night calls. She explained they are working on possible alternatives to the current timing and method of notification. She introduced Robert Garrison and Garwood Jorgenson of the Buffalo Amateur Radio Klub, Inc who presented information about General Mobile Radio Services (GMRS) and Family Radio Service (FRS). They explained the difference between the two systems, and how they benefit the citizens of Johnson County. They provided examples of how the radio system had been used in the recent Klondike 10K run to communicate and get assistance where needed. Connolly requested approval to provide \$1,000 to purchase a repeater to enhance the system that they use. Commissioner Perry moved to approve the request; Shelley seconded and the motion carried.

Chairman Novotny explained the need to appoint a commissioner to the affordable housing task force that is being formed to address the current lack of affordable housing in Buffalo. He asked Commissioners Perry & Shelley if either was interested in representing the county in that role. Shelley indicated he would like to serve. Perry moved to appoint Shelley to the task force, Novotny seconded and the motion carried.

Chairman Novotny called for any public comment. Carolyn Fox inquired if the issue pertaining to the Bomber Mountain Civic Center and the new fire panel had been discussed at the city/county meeting earlier in the day. Novotny indicated the Buffalo City Council was scheduled to meet later that afternoon for a final vote on the matter.

Having no further public comment, Chairman Novotny called for a motion to adjourn. Shelley moved to adjourn, with Perry seconding the motion; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.


William J Novotny III, Chairman

Attest: 
Jackie Camino, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting September 5, 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 September 5, 2023. Attending were Commissioner Bob Perry, Commissioner's Assistant Jody Telkamp, Civil Deputy County Attorney Barry Crago, and County Clerk Jackie Camino. Commissioner Jeff Shelley was absent.

The attendees recited the pledge of allegiance. Chairman Novotny called for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 1 & August 19, 2023 meetings. Commissioner Perry moved to approve as presented, Chairman Novotny seconded, and the motion carried.

Barb Mueller of the Jim Gatchell Memorial Museum Association (GMA), accompanied by the GMA Chairperson John Lawrence & GMA Treasurer Laura Jane Kessler provided a summary of recent events pertaining to a letter the GMA had received from the Jim Gatchell Memorial Museum Board. The letter notified the GMA that the Museum Board was terminating the current Memo of Understanding that is in place between the museum, the GMA, and the County. The GMA expressed concerns about this communication and is seeking assistance from the commissioners to help find a solution that will bring the two sides together for the benefit of the museum and the community. As the commission liaison to the museum, Commissioner Bob Perry recommended the museum board come to an agreement with the GMA and establish a new MOU. Civil Deputy County Attorney Barry Crago confirmed that the letter from the Jim Gatchell Museum Board does effectively terminate the MOU. Perry is to meet with the Jim Gatchell Museum Board & the GMA to work on a solution and provide an update at the October 3rd meeting. Chairman Novotny called for public comment regarding only this matter. Paul Sackett Haworth, who is the grandson of Jim Gatchell, expressed concern over this situation and asked to be involved in the establishment of a new MOU. His wife Christina also requested to be involved.

Lindsey Belliveau, acting director of the Johnson County Library requested the hiring freeze be lifted to allow her to fill a position that will be open due to the resignation of the Assistant Director. Commissioner Perry moved to approve the request, Chairman Novotny seconded, and the motion carried.

Clerk Camino presented a one-day catering permit to be approved retroactively. The request had been submitted by Carla Harper of the Cowboy Bar for the Basque Festival event which occurred on 8/19/2023 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. Clerk Camino confirmed the request was received prior to the event but after the August 1st commissioners meeting. Camino confirmed that all fees had been paid. Commissioner Perry moved to approve, Novotny seconded and the motion carried.

County Planner Jim Waller requested final approval for the Staghead Minor Subdivision which was approved by the Planning & Zoning Board in April. Commissioner Perry moved to approve the Staghead Minor Subdivision, seconded by Chairman Novotny and the motion carried. Waller also provided a brief update on the planning department and announced the Planning & Zoning Board would be having a work session at 6:00 pm on the land use plan project prior to their regular board meeting tonight.

Chairman Novotny opened the scheduled budget hearing to hear Resolution 711 to amend the current budget for four grants. The grants were National Opioid Settlement for \$11,872.70, Problem Gambling for \$9,125.43, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families for \$61,000, Body Cameras for \$17,726.50, and Mobile Command Radio Trailer for \$5,810.41 for a total amendment to the budget for \$105,535.04. Commissioner Perry moved to approve Resolution 711, seconded by Novotny. Having no public comments, the motion carried and the budget hearing was closed.

Clerk Camino presented vouchers for approval in the amount of \$468,156.46. Commissioner Perry moved to approve the vouchers as presented, Chairman Novotny seconded and the motion carried.

Chairman Novotny requested approval to send out two letters on behalf of the commissioners to the Sage Grouse Implementation Team regarding the Version 3 of the Sage Grouse Map recently released, and to the Public Service Commission regarding the proposed rate increase. Commissioner Perry moved to approve, Novotny seconded and the motion passed.

Chairman Novotny called for public comment. Jody Sauers from the Johnson County Tourism Association Board provided an update, including the status of their hiring a marketing director and announced their next meeting.

Hearing no further public comment, Chairman Novotny called for a motion to adjourn. Perry moved to adjourn, with Novotny seconding the motion; motion carried.

The vouchers that were approved for payment are as follows:

Total Wages, Health Ins benefits, deductions-\$871,037.57; AARMS-guidelines 195.00; Ace Hardware-Supply 604.32 supplies/materials; Alisco 353.79; AT&T Mobility-Cell phones 666.64; Axis Forensic Toxicology 1,128.00; Bald Mtn Sanitation 1,250.00; Barker Co 1,058.47; BF Construction LLC 9,372.50; Big Horn Coop – fuel/supplies 2,377.85; Big Horn Coop Marketing-Cardrol-14,690.26; Big Horn Tire-oil changes, tire repairs 583.49; Big Horn Vet 34.96; Big Horn Electric-installations 1,221.22; Black Hills Chemical-supplies 1,281.11; Bomgaars -supplies 9.57; Buffalo Building Center-supplies 9.12; Buffalo Bulletin-ads 2,796.00; Buffalo Joco Recycling Board-1% operating 200.00; City of Buffalo 11,072.46 water/sewer, reimb Trails vehicle; Buffalo Joco Recycling Board-1% operating exp 60,000; Bullock & Coffman LLP-legal fees 11,257.57; C&K Equipment-supplies 2,007.88; Camino Law 750.13; Capital Bus Systems/Leasing 143.65; Cenex Fleet -fuel 5,645.96; Century Link 2,783.05- Telephone; Clear Creek Printers 383.53; CMI-TECO-supplies 524.00; CNA Surety 4,220.98 bond prem; CODA Glass 385.00 repairs; Communication Technology 220.00; Comtronix-Alarm monitoring 167.70; Cowboy State Plbg 273.00-repairs; D-H Technologies LLC 12,426.00 Deposit 50% WiFi network fairgrounds; Digeteks-Contract, supplies, labor 30,206.00; Donna Dixon -counseling 300.00; DJ's Thriftway-Prisoner food 2,110.56; Colette Fenster-Cleaning Aug 375.00; Forensic Consulting LLC-Aug leasing 1,800.00; Fremont Motor-Sheridan supplies 1,179.08; Kristin Friedrich reimb travel 542.15; Galls LLC -supplies 97.45; Grainger-duct smoke detection 127.56; Great Divide Fabrication LLC-1,644.45 repairs; Gudahl Investigative Security LLC background chk 500.00; Dave Harness July/Aug contract \$2000.00; Bill Hawley-travel exp -mlg 45.85; Hoofprints of the Past -1% allocation 9,486.25; IWORO 9,800.00; JD Power-subscription 414.00; Jake the Shredder Guy 22.50; Jo Co Friend Feeding Friends 1% Allocation 1,308.74; Johnson County Justice Office-Supplies 141.97; Jo Co Library -88,240.00; JoCo Search & Rescue- fuel, op exp, ATV's 29,961.83; Johnson County-reim office rent prevention-200.00; Jo Cnty Emp Disability-Prem 500.00; JoCo Emp Health Plan-Reimb 3,505.46; Kaycee, Town of 283.83 Wtr, swr; KGS LLC-supplies 86.59; Robin King-reimb mlg 183.40; L&H Industrial Inc- equip 3,900.00; Lake Desmet Ditch Co-annual pmt 1,373.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co-Prem 484.76; Lyle Signs Inc-Supplies 71.39; Lynn's Super foods-403.09-Prsnr food; MCI Comm Svc-9.30; Bryce McKenzie – reimb fuel/lodging State Fair \$1,617.06; McKesson Medical-Surgical-supplies 95.38; Montana Dakota Utilities 1,453.02; Mountain Alarm-monitoring 66.05; Mountain Auto Supply – supplies 472.30; MTR Feeds-supplies 87.75; Nelson Engineering- prof svcs 1,282.00; Norco 543.19-supplies; Bill Novotny-reim travel 213.53; O'Reilly Auto Parts-145.60 parts; Office Shop Inc-copies 976.18; Office Shop Leasing- Lease 311.17; Peak Pest Solutions – 423.95; Powder River Energy 2,090.29-Utilities: Prescription Shop-294.65 Rx; Quadient Finance USA-1,293.25; Rad Rides Automotive-parts/supplies 2,057.27; Range-Telephone-5,025.32; Redwood Toxicology 508.69; RELX Inc-Law materials-150.00; Paige Rhoads-mileage 59.74; Ken Richardson--coroner call 200.00; Rocky Mountain Equip Brokers 977.82; Rocky Mountain Fire Sysms 402.50; Rocky Mountain Power 8,141.29; RT Communications 409.81-phones; Secretary of State-Notary 60.00; Serrall-rugs 136.25; Sheridan County – Aug pub def rent 545.50 Sheridan Co Public Health-744.11; Sheridan Media.com – employment ad 576.00; SHI International-4,763.23-annual licenses; Squeeky Kleen Car Wash -washes 144.15; St Francis Animal Shelter-August support \$300.00; Stericycle Inc-med waste \$564.20; Summit Fire Protection-kitchen inspection 282.75; Superior Towing & Recovery LLC -tow \$776.32; Survival Armor -body armor \$1,099.41; Swedes Fire Extinguisher-extinguishers \$1,037.50; Tank Management Services -fuel system svcs \$2,443.40; Team Laboratory Chem Corp-Road patch \$1,075.50; Tedesko Repair-diagnostic \$109.20; Transunion Risk and Alternative-\$165.40; TruGreen-lawna treatment \$1,012.00; Tyler Technologies-tech support \$195.48; University of Wyoming Cooperative Ext-conference fee \$75.00; US Food Service – food for jail 4,578.86; Verizon Wireless-Cell-637.59; Visa K9 exp-854.87; Visa-Sheriff-Supplies \$748.65-supplies; Visa-First Bank Card-\$4,672.17 training, dues, postage, meals; VISA-Public Health \$9,396.50-supplies; Visionary-Internet-\$226.50; Volunteers of America \$2,612.50-therapy; VSP-Vision Care \$1,322.48-premium; Wages Group \$302.47; James Waller-mileage \$227.39; Erica Wallover mileage \$94.32; Water Products Inc-Water, \$96.25-water/cooler rent; Mark Wilson – reimb mileage \$79.90; WY Dept of Health-Public Health Nurse Q 2-4 \$43,130.85; Wyoming Construction Materials-Road base \$7,647.36; Wyoming Livestock Roundup-subscription \$35.00; Wyoming Machinery-parts & repairs \$3,663.50; Xerox Corp-\$589.17 copier lease/maint & copies; Charlotte Yemney \$384.00.

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 am


William J. Novotny III, Chairman


Jackie Camino, County Clerk