


times. Ruby indicated he would follow up with Mr. Kirven at the conclusion of this meeting. Commissioners Perry & Shelley both agreed that a resolution by both parties is in the best interest of all involved.

Chairman Novotny noted there was several people in attendance with interest in this matter so he opened the floor for any public comments specific to this matter. Lynne Young of the Jim Gatchell Museum board came forward and addressed Commissioner Perry. Mr. Young asked Commissioner Perry if he planned to propose a resolution today to close the museum, fire the staff, and remove the entire board of directors to which Perry responded in the negative. Young then asked Perry what the purpose was in making those comments to the museum director the prior day to which Perry declined to comment. Mr. Young continued by stating that he believed that the intent was to intimidate, harass and threaten the workers in their workplace resulting in a hostile workplace. Young indicated it was inappropriate and against the law. He further stated that Perry had violated Wyoming fair employment practices and that he planned to recommend that the museum board report the violation to the County Attorney and the Wyoming Labor Standards Office or other appropriate agencies. Young also stated he planned to recommend that Commissioner Perry be removed as the museum liaison, and that he refrains from entering the museum, or having any contact with the director or staff; he wants the incident investigated and to make a formal complaint. Julie Aubry stepped forward and commented that it's important to remind the people of Johnson County that museum belongs to the citizens of Johnson County and called on the commissioners to protect our museum. Sylvia Bruner commented that the museum's policy regarding gifts to the museum is on their website.

Chairman Novotny called for public comment on any matter and there was none.

Commissioner Shelley moved to adjourn to executive session; Perry seconded and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 10:30 a.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 11:08 a.m. Commissioner Perry moved to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Shelley seconded and the motion carried.



William J. Novotny III, Chairman

Attest: 
Jackie Camino, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting January 2, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was brought to order by Commission Chairman William J. Novotny, III, at 9:00 am on Tuesday January 2, 2024. Attending were Commissioners Jeff Shelley and Bob Perry, Commissioner's Assistant Jody Telkamp, County Civil Attorney Barry Crago, and County Clerk Jackie Camino.

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

Annual Motions: Election of officers: Commissioner Perry moved to reappoint Commissioner Novotny as Chairman of the County Commissioners; Shelley seconded – motion carried. Commissioner Shelley moved to reappoint Commissioner Perry as the Vice-Chairmen of the County Commissioners; Commissioner Perry seconded. Motion Carried. Pecuniary Law – Commissioner Perry move to approve the disclosures presented for designated officials that are in contact with pecuniary funds; Commissioner Shelley seconded. Motion Carried. Investments: Commissioner Perry moved to authorize Johnson County Treasurer, Carla Bishop, to make legal and suitable investments for Johnson County as stated in Wyoming Statutes #9-1-416 & #9-4-831; Commissioner Shelley seconded. Motion carried. Designated Banks: Commissioner Shelley moved to designate First Northern Bank, First Interstate Bank, Bank of Buffalo, and ANB Bank as depositories for Johnson County; Commissioner Perry seconded. Motion carried. Mileage Rate: Commissioner Perry moved to accept the 2024 Internal Revenue Service mileage rate of \$0.67 per mile; Commissioner Shelley seconded. Motion Carried.

Appointment of Board Responsibilities: Chairman Novotny made the following appointments: County Board of Health -All 3 Commissioners; Buffalo Jo Co Justice Center JPB- Novotny and Perry; Big Horn National Forest Steering Committee- Perry; Child Support Authority Board-Shelley; Big Horn Mountain County Coalition-Perry; Kaycee Buffalo Johnson County Economic Development Joint Powers Board-Shelley; North East Wyoming Leaders (NEWY)-Shelley. Commissioner Liaisons to the following boards: Lake DeSmet Advisory Board-Novotny; Airport-Perry; Harold Jarrard Park-Perry; Solid Waste Board-Perry; Lodging Tax Board-Perry; Recycling Board-Perry; Youth Camp Board-Novotny; Planning & Zoning Commission-Novotny; Weed & Pest-Perry; JC Fire District #1-Shelley; Rural Health-Novotny; Cemetery District-Shelley; Powder River Fire District-Novotny; Lake DeSmet Conservation District-Novotny; Powder River Conservation District-Perry; Hospital District-Shelley; Search & Rescue-Perry; Bureau of Land Management-Novotny; National Forest Service-Perry; Tripartite Board-Shelley; WCCA Board of Directors-Novotny. Commissioner Shelley move to approve the appointments; Commissioner Perry seconded. Motion Carried.

Chairman Novotny presented a draft of a Financial Memo of Understanding (MOU) between the Jim Gatchell Memorial Association (GMA) and Jim Gatchell Memorial Museum (JGMM) for approval. County Attorney Ruby prepared the document and provided a detailed explanation on the document indicating the MOU was drafted for the purpose of providing financial support to the JGMM. Ruby explained that there were a few changes from the original MOU outlining that the JGMM would continue to accept annually 5% of the year end market value but would not accept half of the annual fundraiser. Mr. Ruby recommended approval as written. Commissioner Shelley moved to approve the MOU as written; Commissioner Perry seconded and the motion carried.

Appointments of Commissioner Liaisons to the ancillary boards. Chairman Novotny appointed Commissioner Shelley to the Museum Board, Commissioner Perry to the Library Board, and Chairman Novotny to the Fair Board. Commissioner Perry moved to approve the appointments; Commissioner Shelley seconded and the motion carried.

Appointments to the county boards: Fair Board-Reappointment of Laci Schiffer. Perry moved to approve; Shelley seconded, and the motion carried. Lodging Tax Board – Clay Miller-new applicant; Reappointment of Jody Sauers.

Perry moved to approve; Shelley seconded, and the motion carried. Planning & Zoning Board- Reappointment of Jeremiah Wolski. Shelley moved to approve; Perry seconded and the motion carried. Predatory Management Board – Reappointment of Jim Gripp. Perry moved to approve; Shelley seconded and the motion carried. Reappointment of Timothy Peterson. Perry moved to approve; Shelley seconded and the motion carried. Recycling Board-Reappointment of David Smith. Shelley moved to approve; Perry seconded and the motion carried. Solid Waste District- Reappointment of David Iverson and David Smith. Perry moved to approve; Shelley seconded and the motion carried.

Emergency Management Coordinator Marilyn Connolly introduced Jimmy Cataline, hired to be her replacement at retirement. Mr. Cataline provided a brief statement about himself. Connolly presented a draft of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Johnson County and Volunteers of America (VOA). The MOU was drafted at the request of VOA since they are named as a supporting entity in the draft of the Johnson County Emergency Operation Plan. Connolly stated there are some corrections that need to be made. Civil Attorney Barry Crago will amend the document and send it back to the VOA for review. The goal is to have a final document ready for approval by the February 6th meeting.

Chairman Novotny explained the need to certify the expenses Johnson County incurred in our effort to collect delinquent mineral taxes. Commissioner Perry moved pursuant to W.S. 39-13-11 to certify Johnson County’s legal expenses for recovery of delinquent mineral taxes for 2023 at \$172,964.99. Commissioner Shelley seconded; motion carried.

Chairman Novotny presented a catering permit for approval to provide alcohol for the Goni memorial service held on December 30th at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. The application was submitted by Tristan Coltrane of Wahoo Likkers which had to be approved in advance of the commissioner meeting due to the short notice of the event. Clerk Camino confirmed that the application was in order and all fees had been paid. Commissioner Shelley moved to approve retroactively the catering permit. Commissioner Perry seconded and the motion passed.

Clerk Camino presented vouchers in the amount of \$294,604.63. Commissioner Perry moved to approve the vouchers; Commissioner Shelley seconded and the motion carried.

Chairman Novotny called for public comment. Jody Sauer of the Johnson County Tourism Association introduced Toby Carrig as their new marketing director. Paul Sackett Haworth, who is the great grandson of Jim Gatchell provided comments about the issues between the Jim Gatchell Museum Board and the Jim Gatchell Memorial Association, including the trade name. He inquired if any of his concerns previously provided had been addressed. Chairman Novotny indicated that there had been several meetings and work is ongoing to resolve the issues.

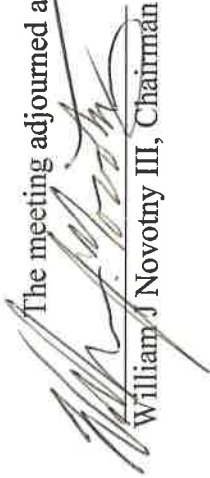
Having concluded all business, Commissioner Perry moved to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Shelley seconded and the motion carried.

The vouchers that were approved for payment are as follows:

Total Wages,Health Ins benefits,deductions-\$698,659.02; A & I Distributors-winter fuel trmt 1,819.55; Ace Hardware-supplies 1,182.85 supplies/materials; Alisco 117.93; Arcasearch 857.58; AT & T Mobility-cell phones 670.11; Axis Forensic Toxicology 564.00; Barker Co 1,320.96; Big Horn Coop – Maint fuel 427.17; Big Horn Coop Marketing-Cardrol-17,559.56; Big Horn Tire-tires & maint 1759.84; Big State Industrial Supply-flags 569.64; Black Hills Chemical-supplies 211.05; Bomgaars -supplies 288.92; Boys & Girls Clubs of The Big Horns- 1% gift 20,000; Buffalo Building Center 141.19;Buffalo Bulletin-ads 2,534.00; Buffalo Computer Consulting-computer equipment 6,178.00; Buffalo Urgent Care – med svcs 300.00; City of Buffalo 3,927.21 water/sewer; C&K Equipment-parts 221.09; Camino Law-legal exp 744.59; Thomas Camino-travel exp 555.10; Capital Bus Systems/Leasing 146.02; Cenex Fleet -fuel 4,838.97; Century Link 2,721.12; Certified Laboratories-supplies 197.90; Child Development Center 2,097.80; Clear Creek Conservation District-Russian Olive mitigation 10,000.00; Clear Creek Printers-supplies 30.00; Clerk of District Court -reimbursement 50.00; Communication Technology -radio repairs 152.20; Cotant Family Denistry PC- prsnr dental care 483.00; County Clerks Association – dues 500.00; Cowboy State Plumbing-repairs 885.00; Digeteks-Contract,supplies, labor 29,471.00; DJ’s Thriftway-Prisoner food 630.52; DNA Irrigation & Landscaping-maint 262.50; Colette Fenster-Cleaning Dec 300.00; First Northern Bank of Wyoming -supplies 583.84; Forensic Consulting LLC- Nov leasing 1,800.00; Geotec Industrial Supply-posts 1,550.00;Gillette Community College District -training 841.50; Great Divide Fabrication- repairs 108.70; Shane Greet-Coroner call 200.00; Dave Harness Dec contract \$1,000.00; Indemia Identity & Security-maint contract 3,973.00; Jake the Shredder Guy 22.50; Jim Gatchell Museum-Reimburse repair/restoration work 36,000.00; Johnson County Aviation Mgmt -Nov Contract-rekeying 2,916.18; Johnson County Clerks -filing fee 15.00; Johnson County Healthcare Center -Healthcare 799.00; Johnson County Justice Office – testing 141.97; JoCo Search & Rescue- reimb expenses 5,858.29; Johnson County-reim office rent prevention-200.00; Johnson Cty Agri Ext Srvc-dues 100.00; Johnson Cty-Prem 500.00; JoCo Emp Health Plan-Reimb 3,505.46; Dawn Jones-reimb exp 19.92; Kaycee,Town of 282.00 Wtr,swr; Kinnaird Keller Law Office – Juvenile court 40.00; Liberty Emblem Co LLC-badges 179.96; Lincoln Nat’l Life Insurance 156.54; Lynn’s Super foods-571.14-Prsnr food; McKesson Medical-Surgical-supplies & vaccine 4,841.10; Sidney Merrill-coroner transport 180.00; Montana Dakota Utilities 5,021.99; Motor Power Equipment 4,565.60; Mountain Auto Supply-supplies 509.63; Neon One-subscription 567.00; Norco -supplies 170.07; Office Shop Inc-copies/annual contract 544.84; Office Shop Leasing – office equipment leases 311.17; Oil Xchange- oil changes 192.98; Peak Pest Solutions – 423.95; Plich & Reed CPA’s- accounting svcs 308.75; Powder River Energy-Utilities 1,536.44; Powder River Heating & A/C-repairs 1,435.00; Prescription Shop-Rx 593.08; Proforce-magazines 436.25; QTPOD – Av gas system 1,195.00; Quadiant Inc-postage 110.90; Quadiant Leasing USA -postage machine lease 284.22; Rad Rides Automotive-parts/supplies 440.71; Range-Telephone-5,017.94; Range RT- E911 423.59; Redwood Toxicology-lab fees 71.25; Redwood Toxicology Laboratory -testing supplies 978.05; RELX Inc-Law materials- 150.00; Paige Rhoads-reim supplies 37.38; Rocky Mountain Oilfield Warehouse-siren install 1,555.04; Rocky Mountain Power 7,612.01; Safeguard-forms 172.99; Shane Schrader-coroner calls 700.00; Dr. Mark Schueler-qtrly health officer 2,500.00; Sheridan County – pub def rent 545.50; Squeaky Kleen Car Wash -washes 124.60; St Francis Animal Shelter-Dec contract 500.00; State of Montana- 1,800.00; Stericycle Inc-Subscription 280.00; Swedes Fire Extinguisher-extinguishers services 931.38; Team Laboratory Chem Corp-road patch 1,078.00; The Foodie Chic Catering-city/city meeting; Dennis Thorson-CPR trng 650.00; Transunion Risk and Alternative-

\$165.00; Trugreen-maint 81.00; TW Enterprises-repairs 501.25; US Food Service – food for jail 5,434.50; Verizon Wireless-Cell-692.70; Visa K9 exp-1,515.03; Visa-Sheriff-Supplies 1,098.66-supplies; Visa-First Bank Card-\$7,760.17 training, dues, postage, meals; Visa-JoCo Detention Center supplies & medical exp 4,949.78; Visa/PHN-supplies & medical supplies 20,150.09; Visionary-Internet-\$476.10; VSP-Vision Care \$2,074.27-premium; James Waller-reimb mileage 32.62; Erica Wallover-reimb mileage 13.10; Water Products Inc-Water, \$41.25 water/cooler rent; Michael B Whitaker-reimb mileage Lake DeSmet Adv Bd meeting 176.85; Kerri White- coroner clerical Oct-Dec 1,000.00; Mark Wilson-mentoring background 28.99; Winsupply of Sheridan-supplies 21.71; Tami Wolf-reimb mileage 60.26; Wyo Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs-dues 350.00; Wyo DEQ/Solid & Hazardous Waste Div- fuel tank registration 600.00; Wyoming Machinery-supplies 306.80; Wyoming Sheriff's Assoc-dues 400.00; Xerox Corp- \$597.94. Prepay: Veto Enterprises-equip install on Sheriff dept trucks 21,126.78.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 am


William J Novotny III, Chairman

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