

OFFICIAL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

APRIL 12, 2019

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session in the Commission Meeting Room of the Sublette County Courthouse in Pinedale, Wyoming on this date at 9:00 A.M. with David Burnett, Mack Rawhouser, Tom Noble, Doug Vickrey, and Joel Bousman present. Also present were State Senator Dan Dockstader, State Representatives Albert Sommers and Jim Roscoe; Sam Sumrall, Dave & Molly Nemetz, and Richard Thomas from Hoback Ranches, Deputy County Attorney Matt Gaffney, Sheriff KC Lehr, Holly Daab representing the Pinedale Roundup, Mike Henn, Mike Jackson, Eric Sackett, Deputy Clerk Andrea Jean and County Clerk Carrie Long.

Chairman Burnett led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Burnett explained the purpose of the meeting was to facilitate discussion among the Board regarding the Hazard Mitigation Grant the County had filed on behalf of Hoback Ranches Special Improvement District. He explained to the Board and to the public the Board found out prior to the April 2 Commission meeting that part of the grant process involved providing a number of assurances the Board wasn't prepared to address. No action was taken at that meeting in order to ascertain the options available for moving forward with the grant. Chairman Burnett explained he and Commissioner Bousman had met with Melinda Gibson in a telephone conference earlier in the week and in the course of the discussion developed three possible scenarios. The first option is to do nothing and the grant would not move forward. The second option is to develop an MOU with Hoback Ranches detailing their responsibility in the administration of the grant. The third option is take on the responsibility of the grant in its application, funding and administration from start to finish. Chairman Burnett invited the other Commissioners to give their comments.

Commissioner Bousman reiterated Chairman Burnett's synopsis of events adding that Hoback Ranches did not qualify to apply for the grant because they had not participated in a structured mitigation process.

Commissioner Vickrey agreed with Commissioner Bousman and added he would like assurances from Hoback Ranches they would participate in the next mitigation process. Commissioner Rawhouser said he wanted to make sure the public understood the county would be receiving 75% of the money spent back into the county coffers.

Dave Nemetz said he had no prior knowledge of the mitigation process. Sam Sumrall added he had contacted the Emergency Management Coordinator, Jim Mitchell, and the District will participate in the next mitigation process.

Commissioner Bousman made a motion that Sublette County submit all necessary documentation to the Wyoming Department of Homeland Security to apply for the proposed grant under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Commissioner Rawhouser seconded the motion. Motion carried with Chairman Burnett recused from the vote.

Commissioner Noble made a motion for Sublette County to assume the sole financial responsibility for the HMGP grant. Commissioner Bousman seconded the motion. Motion carried with Chairman Burnett recused from the vote.

Commissioner Rawhouser made a motion for Sublette County to oversee and administer all aspects of the HMGP grant. Commissioner Vickrey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bousman made a motion to designate the Sublette County Clerk as point of contact for the HMGP grant. Commissioner Noble seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUBLETTE COUNTY, WYOMING

/s/ David Burnett, Chairman

Attest:

/s/ Carrie S. Long, County Clerk