

SUBDIVISION MEETING January 8, 2004

Chairman Mike Murray called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Varone and Tinsley were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Ron Alles, Sharon Haugen, Keith Hatch, Neil Horn, Art Pembroke, Del Pasha, Fred Smith, Rodger Nordahl, Jason Mohr, and Carole Byrnes.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the pledge.

Bid Opening. The Commissioners opened bids for the construction of a rodeo arena at the fairgrounds. Bids were submitted by:

- Snowy Springs Outfitters, Inc., Essex. The total bid amount is \$52,900. The bid is signed and a detailed list is included.
- Western Ranch Supply, Billings. The total bid amount is \$50,241.55. The bid is signed and a detailed list is included.
- Big R Ranch and Home Supply, Helena. The total bid amount is \$54,000. The bid is signed and a detailed list is included.
- Cattleman's Corner, Alberta. Irregularity in the bid. The bid appears to be lost in the mail and was faxed in at 3:07 p.m. yesterday by the Commission's Executive Secretary. The fax was immediately sealed in an envelope. The total bid amount is \$62,400 U.S. funds. The bid is signed and a detailed list is included.

Commissioner Tinsley moved to take the bids under advisement turn them over to the bid review committee and have them report back to Commission with a recommendation at future public meeting. Commissioner Varone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Speed Study - Smelter Road. Fred Smith reported on the engineer's recommendation for this road. Currently there is no speed limit on this road. Staff recommends approval of the engineer's recommendation of 40 mph to the trailer court. County maintenance ceases at that point. Commissioner Varone moved to approve the recommendation of 40 mph on the Smelter Road as advised by staff. Commissioner Tinsley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Revised Contract with DPHHS. The revised contract with DPHHS will implement the transfer of mental health funds for Medicaid match. The revised amount is \$232,877 up from \$224,575. Staff recommends approval of the amended contract. Commissioner Varone moved to approve the revised contract and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Tinsley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Board Appointments.

Joint Park Board. Commissioner Varone moved to appoint Roger Stone to the joint park board for a three-year term to expire September 30, 2006. Commissioner Tinsley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Library Board – Joint Appointment. Commissioner Tinsley moved to concur with the city's recommendation of appointing Mayor Jim Smith as a joint appointment to the Library Board. Commissioner Varone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Public Comments. Art Pembroke reported that his department has been requested by the U.S. Geological Survey to do annual update of the digital ortho-photography project which will include a fly over for them in the county's project. USGS has agreed to pay the county \$75,000 to incorporate their flights in color. Instead of 57 miles as ITS originally planned, the county will get 300 miles of updated photography in some key areas. The money must be used by September 1. Commissioner Varone moved to approve the agreement with USGS to sign the non-binding contract up to \$75,000 for the additional coverage. Commissioner Tinsley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Letter of Support for Rocky Mountain Development Council. Sharon Haugen reported RMDC would like a letter of support for their tax credit application for Meadowlark Units. By consensus, the Commissioners agreed to sign a letter of support as recommended by staff.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.